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GENERAL MANUAL
180 – CONSERVATION PLANNING AND APPLICATION
AMENDMENT ID5 (Part 409)

SUBJECT: Part 409 – IDAHO AREAWIDE PLANNING POLICY

Purpose: Transmits Idaho amendment to 180-GM, Amendment 15, July 1999.

Effective Date: Upon receipt.

Explanation of Changes: This amendment explains the procedure to be used for Areawide Planning in Idaho.

Significant Changes: This policy allows a field office or division to develop an areawide-planning document with a level of review and approval that is commensurate with the scope and details of the plan. The rationale behind the policy change is attached to Idaho Bulletin ID-180-1-1 as an appendix. In addition, section 409.11 requires all wetland restoration plans be sent to the state office Technical Services staff for approval.

Filing Instructions: Remove the Idaho index, 409-i and pages 409-1 to 409-7 from General Manual – 180, Conservation Planning and Application, Part 409 – Planning Policy. File the new Idaho index, 409-i behind the National index. File the Idaho Amendment 5, pages 409-1 to 409-11 after Part 409-Conservation Planning Policy (180-GM, Amend. 15, July 1999). As all of the wording from the national policy is contained in the Idaho Amendment, you may want to make a note to disregard the national policy and look only at the Idaho Amendment.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard W. Sims". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Enclosure

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