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## Foundation Accepts Land Gift

Wildlife and those who love the outdoors will both benefit from a generous land donation in Elmore County.

The Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation, in partnership with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, recently accepted a 40 acre parcel along the Snake River.

The land was gifted by brother and sister, Ken and Wilma Jones, whose parents, Frank and Virginia Jones, were long-time residents of the area. Jones commented, "Our family wanted a lasting legacy to our grandparents who homesteaded the land in the early 1920's."

The river front property, near the town of King Hill, is downstream from the family's 1995 donation of five acres to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

This land provides valuable habitat for mule deer, upland birds and waterfowl. In addition, this contribution allows continued public access to the Snake River for boating, hunting, or wildlife viewing opportunities in the King Hill area.

A dedication ceremony is scheduled for September. A plaque will be erected on the property recognizing the Jones family for their care and conservation of the land.



Ken Jones donated this 40 acre stretch of land to IFWF and IDFG.

photo by Tom Parker, IDFG



## 2002 Radio Auction

Bidders across southern Idaho bought some adventures that are available only through the annual Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation radio auction. The March 5<sup>th</sup> event aired live on KIDO-AM 630 in Boise, KID-AM 590 in Idaho Falls, KWIK-AM 1240 in Pocatello and KLIK-AM 1310 in Twin Falls.

IFWF raised \$7,190 to be applied toward construction of a hunter and aquatic education building in southwest Idaho; reestablishment of spawning grounds for cutthroat trout in the Magic Valley; and support of a wildlife awareness kiosk in southeast Idaho.

Listeners competed for trips that included a three-day stay at the Stonebraker Ranch during restoration of that facility, sturgeon fishing and research in Hells Canyon and many similar back country trips involving Fish and Game work.

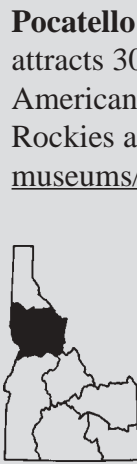


## Check It Out

In your summer and fall travels throughout the Gem state, you might want to “check out” some of these outdoor spots in Idaho. We have selected these locations because IFWF funding helps support them.



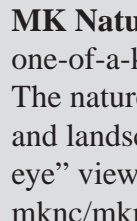
**Harriman State Park:** established over 20 years ago, this is a place where wildlife abounds. Elk, moose, beaver, muskrat, eagles, osprey, swans and other waterfowl all call this park home. You can also enjoy world famous fly-fishing on the Henry’s Fork, which winds its way through the park’s meadows. [www.idahoparks.org/parts/harriman.html](http://www.idahoparks.org/parts/harriman.html)



**Pocatello Zoo:** this facility serves all of southeast Idaho and attracts 30,000 visitors a year. The zoo focuses on native North American wildlife, specializing in the ecosystems of the Northern Rockies and the Intermountain West. [www.museumsusa.org/data/museums/ID/67804.htm](http://www.museumsusa.org/data/museums/ID/67804.htm)



**Lewiston Wildlife Habitat Area:** this seven-acre site is open for self-guided tours allowing visitors to learn about Idaho wildlife and the habitat necessary to sustain it. Contact Idaho Fish and Game office in Lewiston 208-799-5010.



**MK Nature Center:** this Boise favorite opened in 1990 offering a one-of-a-kind fish and wildlife experience near downtown Boise. The nature walk and indoor visitor’s center explore Idaho’s wildlife and landscape. The underwater viewing windows provide a “fish-eye” view of the world. [www2.state.id.us/fishgame/info/education/mknc/mknc.htm](http://www2.state.id.us/fishgame/info/education/mknc/mknc.htm)



**Idaho Bird Observatory:** research and education programs are conducted each fall, when large numbers of migrating raptors and songbirds visit the Boise Ridge near Lucky Peak. Four-wheel drive or high-clearance vehicles recommended. Fall migration occurs from early August through late October, but September is best! [www.boisestate.edu/biology/ibo](http://www.boisestate.edu/biology/ibo)

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photo by Catherine Butler



## Getting to Know Gayle Valentine, IFWF's Executive Director

***You became the foundation's executive director in 1999. What attracted you to the position?***

After almost 14 years with Idaho Public Television, I wanted to work for another state agency that knew controversy and continued its mission in spite of the politics. Whenever I would read an article about IDFG, I felt awed by the sense of commitment toward wildlife. I even researched the original IDFG mission statement from the early 1930's. When reading their commitment to preserve and protect wildlife, I knew I was "hooked."

My experience with foundations had been limited to applying for grant money for various projects. I thought it would be intriguing to work with a foundation board and help contribute money for worthwhile wildlife and habitat projects. I had also done some volunteer work for the MK Nature Center in the early 1990's and knew this was one of the first projects of the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation. What a privilege to be connected with such a group!

***What are your top priorities for the foundation?***

Top priorities include working with board members to increase IFWF membership throughout Idaho. It is only through partnership with the public that the board can accomplish its goals to help protect and preserve Idaho's natural resources. Another priority is to grow and expand the annual radio auction.

I would like to see the foundation establish a strong presence in Idaho's environmental community through involvement in educational conservation projects targeted to Idaho's youth and adult population.

Wouldn't it be wonderful, when traveling throughout our great state, if Idaho citizens recognized the IFWF logo and viewed the organization as an important contributor in making Idaho a great state in which to live—for both humanity and wildlife?

We are on our way—having just funded over \$40,000 in various conservation projects since November 2001. Watch out—here we come!

***Where do you envision the foundation in five years?***

Seeing the Jack Hemingway Conservation Education Center capital campaign completed and the facility becoming "THE SOURCE" for conservation education for adults and children—through distance learning to all of rural Idaho.

***Professional Background:***

I've spent over 30 years fundraising. This included volunteer fundraising for alumni groups, schools, art groups, women's groups and Boise State University. In 1986, I was hired by Idaho Public Television where I had the privilege to work for nearly 14 years. After graduating at the age of 40 with an undergraduate degree in Communication, I became a fulltime employee for PBS and a part-time graduate student. Hopefully, my Master's in Communication will be written and completed by May 2003.

***Hobbies:***

I love to fly fish and WILL become a fabulous fly fisherwoman—as soon as I learn to cast! I love stormy days, traveling, reading, learning, playing, hiking, spending time with Keith, family and friends and working in a beautiful garden—unfortunately not mine!



## Featured Project

### Foundation Buys Property for Outdoor Classroom

Students in Salmon, Idaho will soon enjoy hands-on science education in a new outdoor classroom. The recent purchase of property by the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation is the final step needed to begin work on the project.

The 1.3 acres of land on Bean Lane in Salmon is adjacent to land already owned by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The site, totaling more than 4 acres, includes a wetlands area where students will study waterfowl, birds and small mammals. An amphitheater, parking lot and restrooms will be added.

IFWF board member Hadley Roberts of Salmon introduced this project to the board in August 2001. "This project has strong support from IDFG and the local school district. The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management are also deeply involved, so it's a real community effort," says Roberts.

The outdoor classroom is within walking distance of four of Salmon's five schools.

"We don't have any other good wetlands sites near the school where students can view as many different species of wildlife—ranging from mice to mule deer—on such a small tract. There are also opportunities for kids to get involved in wildlife improvement projects as part of their learning experience."

Construction work will begin this summer and is expected to be completed within the next year.



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photos by Vicky Runnoe, IDFG

### BOARD MEMBERS AT WORK

Kudos to IFWF board member Suzanne Sawyer of Sandpoint for helping to procure two recent grants. A \$30,000 grant from IDFG's Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Program and a \$10,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will help fund construction of a stream, pond, and trail at the Sandpoint Hatchery on Lake Pend Orielle in north Idaho. Ten acres of hatchery land are being developed into the Waterlife Education Center featuring hands-on activities, trails and wetlands.

photo by Eric Stansbury, IDFG



IFWF Executive Director Gayle Valentine and Jenefer Smith of GTECH with winner Brian Homer of Nampa.

## Hunters Win Cash Drawings Big Bucks or a Big Buck?

It pays to apply early! That's what two hunters found out when they submitted applications for Idaho's controlled hunts. Applicants could win in two ways: draw a tag to hunt either deer, elk, antelope or black bear or be the lucky winner of a drawing for cash.

The cash drawing, sponsored by the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation and funded by the GTECH Corporation, is an incentive encouraging hunters to apply early

and avoid overload of computer terminals at license vendors.

Brian Homer of Nampa won the drawing for \$600 while Everett Garrett of Wentzville, Missouri won the \$400 drawing. Both prizes were awarded in a random drawing.

The drawing for fall controlled hunts is conducted by computer and all successful applicants are notified by mail. This is the second year the cash incentive was offered.



photos by Sandy Emerson



IFWF Past President Sandy Emerson, IDFG Program Manager Wayne Melquist and Watchable Wildlife Specialist Beth Paragamian led this year's Osprey Boat Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene. The event, co-sponsored by IFWF, Nature Conservancy, and the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce, gave 160 passengers an opportunity to see osprey in their natural habitat.

## Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation

**MISSION:** To protect and sustain Idaho's fishing, hunting and wildlife heritage for present and future generations.

In support of this mission, the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Inc. is committed to bringing together citizens, businesses, industry, government, conservation and environmental groups, and organizations to:

- promote conservation education about fishing, hunting, habitat and wildlife management
- support projects dedicated to acquiring, preserving and managing fish and wildlife habitat
- create opportunities to experience Idaho's fish and wildlife resources

*"Promote, Educate and Protect"*

The Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation newsletter is published four times per year by its Board of Directors.

If you have any suggestions, questions or comments relating to the issues or projects of the foundation, please write to : Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation, P.O. Box 2254, Boise, ID, 83701-2254, call 208-334-2648 or visit our site at [www.IFWF.org](http://www.IFWF.org)

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# IFWF Membership Enrollment Form

**Please enroll me as a member of the  
Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation:**

- \$1000 Incredible Idaho
- \$500 Mountain Bluebird
- \$250 Cutthroat Trout
- \$100 Monarch Butterfly
- \$40 Flowering Syringa
- Other

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Payment amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to the Idaho Fish and Wildlife  
Foundation

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Gift for: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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