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## Outdoor Adventures Await You

**H**ave you ever dreamed of fishing the Florida Everglades? How about the chance to help biologists work with Idaho wildlife? If these sound like great opportunities, then you'll want to tune into the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation's 13th annual radio auction.

This event, co-sponsored by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), is the foundation's largest fundraiser and is sure to attract hunters and anglers as well as hikers and wildlife watchers. Radio listeners phone in bids to compete for the trips. This year's adventures include:

- three days of guided fishing in Florida Everglades National Park
- a two night stay at Ball Creek Ranch Preserve in beautiful Bonners Ferry, Idaho
- a float trip in north Idaho with two nights at the upscale Coeur d'Alene resort
- a Teton Valley getaway which includes an aerial scenic tour

The auction, hosted by Jon Duane and Chris Kelly, will

be broadcast throughout Southern Idaho. You can tune in **March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 PM mountain time on:**

- Boise (KIDO-AM 580)
- Idaho Falls (KID-AM 590)
- Pocatello (KWIK-AM 1240)
- Twin Falls (KLIX-AM 1310)

The number to call to enter a bid in the Treasure Valley is 580-5436. Outside the Boise area call 1-888-580-5436. Beginning February 24, a list of all trips will be available at [www.ifwf.org](http://www.ifwf.org).

### Auction Benefits Wildlife and Habitat

You'll never look at sagebrush the same way again.

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The sagebrush interpretive sign will be installed at the Cherry Springs Visitor's Center.



# New Cutthroat License Plates Available NOW!

*Buy One For  
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## How To Get a Wildlife Plate:

- Plates are available at your local county assessor auto license office.
- Each office has a supply of plates waiting for you and your vehicle.
- Just ask for a wildlife plate.

Personalized wildlife plates may also be ordered by filling out a form at the license office.

**Join the more than 35,000 Idahoans who have chosen wildlife plates.**



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The 2002 radio auction raised over \$7,000 for Idaho habitat and education projects in keeping with IFWF's mission to protect and sustain our state's fishing, hunting and wildlife heritage. One such project will help you see sagebrush in a new light. The Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation, working in partnership with four state agencies, designated auction proceeds to pay for a new interpretive sign highlighting the vital role sagebrush plays in Idaho's environment.

Although it may *seem* Idaho has endless miles of sagebrush, much of it has been converted to cropland, grassland or urban development. The interpretive sign explains the value of this disappearing resource and, because of its high traffic location at the Cherry Springs Visitor Center near Malad, Idaho, this message should reach carloads of Idahoans and visitors entering Idaho on I-15. Here's what you'll learn:

- The sagebrush high desert is home to over 200 kinds of birds and 30 kinds of mammals
- This non-descript plant is actually a highly nutritious, protein-packed food source for big game such as mule deer, elk and antelope
- Sagebrush also provides cover for a variety of animals including nesting birds and pygmy rabbits
- Some species, such as sage grouse, are totally dependent on sagebrush habitat for survival

Total cost of the sign is \$3,500. A portion of the funding also comes from a Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Grant through the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

In addition to IDFG and IFWF, other partners on the project include Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Transportation Department and the Idaho Travel Council. Installation of the sign is expected in spring 2003.

Proceeds from the 2003 radio auction will also support a habitat or educational project and bring new respect to another of Idaho's unsung resources.



*Fishing in Florida with Captain Keith Kiler is one of this year's auction trips.*

**Welcome: new IFWF Board Members John Barker and Irv Caulfield both of Lewiston.**



## 2003 Radio Auction Adventures

These are just a few of the outdoor adventures you can bid on during the annual radio auction March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM mountain time on Newsradio 580 KIDO-AM in Boise and KID-AM in Idaho Falls, KWIK-AM in Pocatello and KLIX-AM in Twin Falls:

### Fishing the Florida Everglades

It's a fly caster's dream! Guided by experienced angler Keith Kiler, this three-day adventure of fishing or sight seeing starts in Flamingo, in Everglades National Park, Florida. The Everglades offers unique fishing in waters that range from salt to fresh. Snook, tarpon and redfish are plentiful, but you might also encounter sea trout, sharks or bass. The fishing can be fast and furious for both fly casters and hardware anglers. Captain Kiler will take you out on his skiff and in his canoe. Kiler has cast his line all over the world and has guided in Alaska and Mongolia, but the Everglades is one of his favorite fishing holes. **This trip, for two people, is valid between April 30–May 10, 2003, or in November 2003 ONLY.** Winning bidder must provide own transportation to and accommodations in Flamingo, Florida. Trip is valued at \$1,050.00.

### North Idaho Fishing and Fun

This guided float trip for two features some beautiful country and fabulous fishing on either Idaho's St. Joe River or the Clark Fork in Montana. Join Joe Roope of Castaway Fly Shop in Coeur d'Alene and

past president of the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Sandy Emerson, for a day of fishing and fun. Joe is a native of North Idaho and says he is blessed



*Float trips are available in the 2003 IFWF radio auction.*

with his "dream job" of chasing fish around the globe. This trip features a picnic style lunch, your fly fishing gear, transportation to and from the river and your guide. Winning bidder and guest must purchase own fishing license. This trip also includes two nights at the upscale Coeur d'Alene resort where you can unwind after a tough day of casting. Resort stay subject to room availability. Value of this

trip is \$1,000. **This trip must be taken by December 31, 2003.**

### Escape the Grind

Get away from the stress of daily life with a scenic two-night stay in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. The Nature Conservancy of Idaho offers this trip, for up to four people, at its Ball Creek Ranch Preserve in the Kootenai River Valley. The ranch features four miles of Kootenai River frontage plus a stream, which support threatened white sturgeon and bull trout. The Kootenai feeds a large wetlands area where you might catch a glimpse of waterfowl, elk, caribou and bear which migrate through the area. The Ball Creek Ranch Preserve guesthouse is fully furnished, but winning bidder provides own food and beverages. **This trip must be taken by December 31, 2003. Bids start at \$500.00.**

Call from 6:00-9:00 PM mountain time March 4<sup>th</sup>

Boise Area: 580-5436

Outside Boise: 1-888-580-5436

To find complete trip details, visit [www.ifwf.org](http://www.ifwf.org) starting February 24th.



## Q & A

### Getting to Know Wes Rose, IFWF Board Member

#### What motivated you to join the IFWF board?

It was an easy choice for me. I have always had a passion for the wonderful outdoor recreation of Idaho; its hunting, fishing and all the critters. I love what we have and the foundation is a way to protect and preserve this heritage in a very positive way. I served on the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for a number of years and it seemed natural to continue in this similar effort.

#### Foundation top priorities and goals:

My top priority is to aid in projects that benefit habitat and natural resources. This can be achieved through conservation easements as well as educational projects tied to fish, wildlife, land and water in each region of the state. Education builds respect for these resources.

#### My professional background:

I practice Optometry with four partners. We have offices in Jerome, Twin Falls, Hailey and Ketchum. I graduated from the University of Utah and the University of California at Berkeley. I received my doctor's degree in 1959. I live in Jerome and have practiced in Idaho since that time. I still enjoy the eye care profession on a full time basis.

#### Hobbies and Interests Include:

I work very hard at hunting, fishing and all outdoor recreation. I enjoy packing into the beautiful Idaho mountains with my mules Lucy, Katie, Latigo and Cummin. Reading, photography and family consume a big part of my free time. Every season gives a unique opportunity to absorb Idaho.

## A Year in Review

### 2002 Highlights

- ☛ **The Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation awarded grants totalling \$20,120 for five conservation, education and habitat projects throughout the state.** These projects are associated with Trout Unlimited, Idaho Bird Observatory, Pocatello Zoo and Boys & Girls Club of the Lewis & Clark Valley.
- ☛ **IFWF, in partnership with the IDFG, accepted a generous land donation of 40 acres along the Snake River.** Brother and sister, Ken and Wilma Jones, whose parents were long-time residents of the area, gifted the land. The land provides wildlife habitat and public access to the river for recreation.
- ☛ **IFWF provided the final step for an outdoor classroom in Salmon.** The foundation purchased 1.3 acres of land adjacent to property already owned by IDFG. The site, totaling more than four acres, includes wetlands where students will study waterfowl, birds and small mammals.
- ☛ **IFWF is one of more than a half-dozen groups supporting a wetland project in Soda Springs.** The Hilda Thompson Wetland Enhancement is restoring habitat to 136 acres of former grazing land. A wildlife viewing area allows visitors to enjoy ducks, heron, cranes, eagles and other birds of prey.
- ☛ **IFWF helped fund a fisheries interpretive display honoring the late Idaho conservationist Jack Hemingway.** The display, along the Harriman Trail in central Idaho, features a quote from Hemingway and information about fishing the area. It was designed by Idaho artist Evelyn Phillips.
- ☛ **IFWF, working in partnership with Trout Unlimited, received final legislative approval for the new cutthroat wildlife license plate.** Proceeds from plate sales support the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's non-game wildlife fund.



# Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation

## *We would like to thank our 2002 donors!*

Your contribution helps protect and sustain Idaho's fishing, hunting and wildlife heritage for present and future generations.

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

- \$1000 Incredible Idaho (*Lifetime Membership*)
- \$500 Mountain Bluebird
- \$250 Cutthroat Trout
- \$100 Monarch Butterfly
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**Your chance to win an outdoor  
adventure in the 2003 radio auction!**