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# BASIC PRINCIPLES

## **Purpose of Farm Bureau**

Farm Bureau is a free, independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization governed by and representing farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity, environmental awareness and social advancement, and thereby, to promote the national well-being.

Farm Bureau is local, statewide, national, and international in its scope and influence, and is non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-secretive in character.

## **Farm Bureau Beliefs and Philosophy**

America's unparalleled progress is based on freedom and dignity of the individual, sustained by basic moral and religious concepts. Freedom to the individual versus concentration of power, which would destroy freedom, is the central issue in all societies.

We believe that since the beginning of time, man's ability to provide food, fiber, and fuel for himself and his dependents has determined his independence, freedom, and security.

We believe that a strong and viable agricultural industry is one of the most important cornerstones in the foundation of our national security, and the importance of that role in society must never be taken for granted. Economic progress, cultural advancement, ethical and religious principles flourish best when men are free, responsible individuals. The exercise of free will, rather than force, is consistent with the maintenance of liberty. Individual freedom and opportunity must not be sacrificed in a quest for guaranteed "security."

We believe that America's system of private ownership of property and the means of production has been, and is, one of the major foundation stones of our republic. This element of our economic system and the personal rights attendant to private property, including grazing and water rights, must be maintained and protected.

Ownership of property and property rights are among the human rights essential to the

1 preservation of individual freedom. The right to own  
2 property must be preserved at all costs.

3 We will take every opportunity to publicize,  
4 defend and promote our position, and we will stand  
5 firm on basic constitutional rights.

6 We believe in government by law, impartially  
7 administered, and without special privilege.

8 We support agricultural programs and  
9 organizations that give equal opportunity for  
10 developing skills, knowledge, and leadership ability.

11 We believe in the representative form of  
12 government; a republic as provided in our  
13 Constitution; in limitations upon government power;  
14 in maintenance of equal opportunity; in the right of  
15 each individual to worship as he chooses; and in  
16 freedom of speech, press, and peaceful assembly.

17 The U.S. Supreme Court imposed one man one  
18 vote rule should be overturned and return the United  
19 States to the republican form of government that  
20 was envisioned by the framers of the Constitution.  
21 Individuals have a moral responsibility to help  
22 preserve freedom for future generations by  
23 participating in public affairs and by helping to elect  
24 candidates who share their fundamental beliefs and  
25 principles.

26 We oppose the use of public funds for financing  
27 political campaigns. People have the right and the  
28 responsibility to speak for themselves individually or  
29 through organizations of their choice without  
30 coercion or government intervention.

31 We believe in the right of all individuals to  
32 choose their own occupation; to be rewarded  
33 according to their contribution to society and to save,  
34 invest, spend, or convey their earnings to their heirs.

35 These rights are accompanied by the  
36 responsibility that all individuals must meet the  
37 financial obligations they have incurred.

38 We support a society free of drug abuse.

39 We support English as the official language of  
40 Idaho and the United States.

41 We support English as the language that  
42 students should learn and use in public schools.

43 We support public schools starting the day by  
44 reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 45 **The Constitution**

46 Stable and honest government with prescribed  
47 and limited powers is essential to freedom and  
48 progress. The Constitution of the United States was  
49

1 well designed to secure individual liberty by a  
2 division of federal authority among the Legislative,  
3 Executive and Judicial branches. The Tenth  
4 Amendment assures that liberties are further  
5 secured for the states and the people through the  
6 retention of those powers not specifically delegated  
7 to the federal government. The constitutional  
8 prerogatives of each branch of government should  
9 be preserved from encroachment.

10 We support the Constitution as the supreme law  
11 of the land. Changes should be made only through  
12 constitutional amendments, not by federal policy or  
13 regulation. One of the greatest dangers threatening  
14 our republic and system of private, competitive  
15 enterprise is the socialization of America through the  
16 centralization of power and authority in the federal  
17 government. The centralization of power and  
18 responsibility in the federal government violates  
19 constitutional purposes. It has usurped state  
20 sovereignty and individual freedom and should be  
21 reversed.

22 In defense of our Constitution, and of the  
23 sovereignty of the U.S.A., we oppose the  
24 centralization of power worldwide into one world  
25 government.  
26

### 27 **State's Rights and Sovereignty**

28 We support the protection and defense of states'  
29 rights and state sovereignty over all powers not  
30 otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal  
31 government as specified in the 10th amendment to  
32 the constitution. The federal government must  
33 respect state laws and state agencies. All lands  
34 within the boundaries of Idaho, excluding those  
35 lands as allowed by Article 1, Section 8, Clause 17  
36 of the U.S. Constitution and ceded to the federal  
37 government by the Idaho Legislature, shall be  
38 subject solely to the laws and jurisdiction of the  
39 state.  
40

### 41 **Religious Life**

42 Our Nation was founded on spiritual faith and  
43 belief in God. Whereas the Constitution of the United  
44 States was founded on moral and Judeo-Christian  
45 religious principles, moral, ethical, and traditional  
46 family values should get equal support and  
47 consideration in the public schools as do the  
48 atheistic and humanistic views.

1 We support the right to have religious beliefs  
2 and symbols of those beliefs presented in our  
3 communities.

4 We vigorously support retention of:

- 5 1. "So Help Me God" in official oaths;
- 6 2. The phrase "In God We Trust" on our coin;
- 7 3. The fourth verse of the "Star Spangled Banner;"
- 8 and
- 9 4. The phrase "Under God" in the Pledge of  
10 Allegiance.

## 11 **Family Values**

12 We believe God has ordained the family as the  
13 foundational institution of human society.

14 We believe the definition of marriage is a union  
15 between one man and one woman.

16 We believe in the sanctity of innocent human life  
17 from conception until natural death. We must protect  
18 the right to life to preserve the rights to liberty and  
19 property.

20 We oppose abortion. In the event the mother's  
21 life is in danger, we support all measures aimed  
22 directly at saving the life of the mother.

23 We oppose euthanasia (intentionally ending a  
24 life) and physician-assisted suicide.

## 25 **Capitalism - Private Competitive Enterprise**

26 We believe in the American capitalistic, private,  
27 competitive enterprise system in which property is  
28 privately owned, privately managed, operated for  
29 profit, individual satisfaction, and responsible  
30 stewardship.

31 We believe in a competitive business  
32 environment in which supply and demand are the  
33 primary determinants of market prices, the use of  
34 productive resources, and the distribution of output.

35 We support the continuing freedom of the  
36 people of Idaho to manage, develop, harvest and  
37 market the useful products of our natural resources.

38 We believe in man's right to search and  
39 research to select the best ways of maintaining  
40 quality production of food and fiber.

41 We believe every individual in Idaho should  
42 have the right to a job without being forced to join or  
43 pay dues to any organization.

44 Government operation of commercial business  
45 in competition with private enterprise should be  
46 terminated.

1 We also believe that no element of society has  
2 more concern for, understanding of, or a greater  
3 stake in, the proper husbandry of poultry, livestock,  
4 fur-bearers, game animals and aquaculture than the  
5 producer.  
6

## 7 **Economy in Government**

8 We consider the proliferation of government with  
9 its ever-increasing cost to the taxpayer a major  
10 problem.

11 State expenditures and growth of personnel on  
12 the public payroll should not be allowed to expand  
13 faster than the population and should be compatible  
14 with the percentage of economic growth of the state.

15 We believe that Article 8, Section 1, "Limitation  
16 of Public Indebtedness" of the state Constitution is  
17 the main reason for the healthy financial condition of  
18 Idaho's government. We will oppose any attempt to  
19 amend this section of the Constitution.

20 Tax exemptions granted by the state Legislature  
21 that reduce county income should at the same time  
22 require appropriation of sufficient funds to replace  
23 county revenue losses caused by such exemptions.

24 We support economy at all levels of  
25 government.  
26

## 27 **Education**

28 We believe that agricultural education is critical  
29 in creating and maintaining a strong and viable  
30 agricultural industry.

31 We believe education starts with the parent or  
32 guardian and is extended to the schools as a  
33 cooperative partnership in which parents and  
34 guardians have the right to review any and all  
35 methods and materials used in the educational  
36 processes of school systems.

37 We believe parents have the right to choose  
38 how best to direct the upbringing and education of  
39 their children.

40 We believe local school boards must be elected  
41 by the people to maintain control of public school  
42 systems and must have authority to establish policy  
43 for dress standards, personal conduct standards,  
44 testing standards, fiscal controls and curriculum.

45 We believe all school systems must be  
46 accountable to provide opportunities for all students  
47 to obtain proficiency in the basics of reading, writing  
48 and mathematics. Parents and guardians must be



1 kept informed by the school system of the  
2 educational progress of their children.

3 We believe parents and guardians have an  
4 inherent right and obligation to discipline their own  
5 children.

6  
7 **Political Parties**

8 Strong, responsive political parties are essential  
9 to the United States system of elective government.

10 We recommend that Farm Bureau members  
11 support the political party of their choice.

12 We believe that government should in no way be  
13 involved directly in the political process but should  
14 lay down certain rules to assure fair and proper  
15 elections.

16 We strongly favor retaining the county central  
17 political committees composed of county precinct  
18 committee people and their existing functions within  
19 the party structure.

20 We are opposed to shifting the functions of  
21 county committees to a district committee.

# IFBF POLICIES

# 1 COMMODITIES

## 3 1. Agrichemicals/Pesticides

### 4 We support:

- 5 1. Increased research and labeling for minor-use  
6 pesticide registrations;
- 7 2. The continued use of approved pesticides and/or  
8 related products until conclusive scientific  
9 evidence proves there is an unacceptable risk;  
10 and
- 11 3. Compliance with federally approved label  
12 instructions absolving farmers or commercial  
13 applicators from liability claims of environmental  
14 pollution.

### 15 We oppose:

- 16 1. Establishment of zones of agricultural land in  
17 which any kind of legal application or storage of  
18 agricultural chemicals is curtailed without sound,  
19 scientifically validated evidence to warrant  
20 curtailment; and
- 21 2. Fumigant buffer zone limitations proposed by the  
22 EPA without research giving substantial evidence  
23 that current practices are negatively affecting  
24 bystanders.

## 25 2. Commodity Diseases

### 26 We support:

- 27 1. The quarantine of all sources of the potato wart  
28 virus;
- 29 2. Active research and the dissemination of  
30 information to all interested parties related to  
31 rhizomania and urge that any imposed  
32 restrictions be based on scientific data;
- 33 3. The rewrite of the Idaho Plant Pest Act to include  
34 language to protect growers from being subject to  
35 unnecessary search and seizure without probable  
36 cause, and advanced warning to enter premises;  
37 and
- 38 4. A federal and state PCN (Pale Cyst Nematode)  
39 program that is based on good science,  
40 stakeholder participation, and minimal impact to  
41 grower operations.
- 42 5. We urge the Idaho State Department of  
43 Agriculture to do all within its power to prohibit the  
44 importation of Anthracnose virus into Idaho.

### 3. Commodity Commissions

We support having commodity commissions in Idaho.

#### **We support commodity commissions having:**

1. Self-governing status with no political influence;
2. Boards solely elected by the growers/producers;
3. Uniform provisions to run referendums;
4. Commissioner districts representing even areas of production;
5. The right for legal entities to cast votes in elections;
6. Nominations held for a month-long period followed by a month-long voting period so that all growers can be represented and participate; and
7. Uniform provision for refunds for all or a portion of the commodity tax.

### 4. Commodity Sales

We support expansion of Idaho agricultural markets, domestic and foreign. We also support trade missions abroad to better inform our producers and the hosting of foreign delegations to our state in efforts to increase our market share.

We support changes to crop insurance that truly reflect a safety net.

We oppose double discounts by grain dealers.

We support licensing and bonding of all commodity brokers by the State of Idaho.

We support amending the Idaho Pure Seed Law to fully disclose the contents of all seed lots by requiring the tag or label to list each plant species therein by name and rate of occurrence.

We support the state having one statewide licensing program to allow for the sale of meat in bulk to individual people and/or their families.

### 5. Environmental Studies

We recommend that any individual or group doing environmental studies be held accountable for claims or assertions of damage by agricultural practices to the environment. Claims or assertions should be treated with skepticism until they have been subjected to critical peer review and tested by practical application.

### 6. Fair Trade

We support strict adherence to bilateral and multilateral trade agreements to which the United States is a party to prevent unfair practices by

1 competing nations and to assure unrestricted access  
2 to domestic and world markets. All trade agreements  
3 should be continuously monitored and enforced to  
4 ensure they result in fair trade.  
5

## 6 **7. Field Testing Biotechnology Products**

7 We support effective field testing of new  
8 biotechnology products to promote commercial use  
9 of products that will benefit agriculture and the  
10 general public.

11 We oppose any law or regulation requiring  
12 registration of agriculture producers who use or sell  
13 biotech-based products or commodities.

14 We oppose any law or regulation requiring  
15 registration or labeling of agricultural products  
16 containing GMOs (Genetically Modified Organisms).

17 We oppose attempts to restrict or prohibit  
18 planting of biotechnology crops on either a statewide  
19 or county by county basis.

20 We support scientifically accurate consumer  
21 education about the safety and benefits of  
22 genetically engineered crops.  
23

## 24 **8. Food Safety/Government Accountability**

25 We strongly believe a government agency  
26 making public health decisions that result in product  
27 recalls, product seizures or destruction of perishable  
28 goods must be held accountable when such  
29 decisions prove false. Such agencies must be  
30 required to compensate or indemnify individuals and  
31 companies for the monetary losses that occur  
32 because of poor or false regulatory decisions.

33 We support laws and regulations that exempt  
34 farmers and ranchers from liability from food  
35 contamination when best practices or food safety  
36 programs have been followed and no gross  
37 negligence has been shown.  
38

## 39 **9. Lien Law**

40 We oppose any attempt to alter the system of  
41 centralized filing or first-in-time, first-in-right system  
42 of lien priorities, either in revised UCC Article 9, or  
43 any other legislation.

44 We oppose delivered feed being encumbered by  
45 a blanket lien from a financial institution until the  
46 grower/supplier is paid in full.

1 **10. Seed Indemnity Fund**

2 We support aligning the financial reporting  
3 requirements for the Seed Indemnity Fund and the  
4 Commodity Indemnity Fund.

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6 **LIVESTOCK**

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8 **11. LIVESTOCK**

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10 **I. Care**

11 **We support:**

- 12 1. The rights of owners and producers to raise their  
13 animals in accordance with commonly accepted  
14 animal husbandry practices;  
15 2. The role of a licensed veterinarian in the care of  
16 animals and support current licensing standards  
17 for veterinarians;  
18 3. The Idaho Veterinary Practice Act and oppose  
19 any efforts to weaken it or the licensing  
20 standards; and  
21 4. Punishments for those with non-service animals  
22 who attempt to portray them as service animals.

23 **We oppose:**

- 24 1. Any legislation, regulatory action or funding,  
25 whether private or public, that interferes with  
26 commonly accepted animal husbandry practices  
27 and livestock harvesting;  
28 2. Legislation that would give animal rights  
29 organizations the right to establish standards for  
30 the raising, marketing, handling, feeding, housing  
31 or transportation of livestock and production  
32 animals and any legislation that would pay  
33 bounties to complainants;  
34 3. Any livestock and production animal care  
35 legislation that would impose a stricter penalty  
36 than the 2016 law;  
37 4. The creation of an Idaho livestock care standards  
38 board;  
39 5. Requiring a licensed veterinarian for docking,  
40 dehorning, castration, pregnancy checking and  
41 any other routine livestock healthcare  
42 management practices; and  
43 6. Comfort animals having the same rights and  
44 privileges as service animals covered by the  
45 Americans with Disabilities Act.

## 1 II. Diseases

### 2 **Bovine Tuberculosis**

3 We support an ISDA surveillance testing program  
4 for Bovine Tuberculosis and its continued funding.

### 5 6 **Brucellosis**

#### 7 **We support:**

- 8 1. Regulations requiring the appropriate state and  
9 federal agencies to control and eradicate this  
10 disease in wildlife.
- 11 2. The National Park Service eradicating brucellosis  
12 in Yellowstone and Grand Teton Parks.

#### 13 **We oppose:**

- 14 1. All efforts to eliminate the mandatory vaccination  
15 law and require its complete enforcement.
- 16 2. Separating the state into zones for definition of  
17 brucellosis-free status.
- 18 3. The establishment of any herds of free roaming  
19 buffalo outside of Yellowstone National Park.

### 20 21 **Foot and Mouth/BSE disease**

#### 22 **We Support:**

- 23 1. Stringent controls to protect Idaho's livestock  
24 industry from foot and mouth disease and BSE  
25 (bovine spongiform encephalopathy).
- 26 2. Allowing entities to voluntarily test all slaughtered  
27 animals for BSE in order to ship products to  
28 countries that require individual tests.

#### 29 **We Oppose:**

- 30 1. Importation of live cattle over 30 months of age  
31 until sound science proves this does not  
32 threaten to spread BSE to the United States.

## 33 34 III. Grazing

35 We believe grazing to be an effective tool in  
36 maintaining sustainable rangeland, forests,  
37 improving watersheds, wildlife habitat, reduction of  
38 wildfire potential, and supporting ranchers and rural  
39 community economies.

#### 40 **We support:**

- 41 1. The protection of grazing on public lands as a  
42 viable economic solution for managing agencies  
43 of rangeland by reducing forage minimizing costs  
44 for fighting catastrophic wildfires;
- 45 2. "Best Management Practices" by all State and  
46 Federal agencies, land grant colleges and  
47 research facilities on how grazing affects habitat  
48 for all wildlife including sage grouse leks;

- 1     **3.** “Rangeland Management Plans” that use current  
2     science-based information developed by the  
3     Idaho Department of Lands, BLM, Forest Service,  
4     and NRCS including the development of a  
5     certification process recognized by these  
6     agencies which would allow grazing permit  
7     holders to submit voluntary forage monitoring  
8     data to be used in the creation and development  
9     of said plans;
- 10    **4.** Range management plans should be developed  
11    in careful and considered consultation,  
12    cooperation, and coordination with local  
13    government, permittees, lessees and landowners  
14    involved;
- 15    **5.** The Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission, the  
16    Experimental Stewardship Program, and the  
17    Coordinated Resource Management Program  
18    encouraging producer control and supporting  
19    fees;
- 20    **6.** Our local NRCS “Grazing Land Conservation  
21    Initiative” (GLCI) and the “Conservation Reserve  
22    Program” (CRP) and its programs of intermittent  
23    grazing which pay producers to set aside  
24    marginal ground to enhance soil health;
- 25    **7.** Grazing fee formulas for AUM’s currently used by  
26    Idaho Department of Lands, BLM, Forest Service,  
27    and (PRIA) which are based upon forage  
28    monitoring by agencies and permittees under the  
29    “Federal Land Policy and Management Act” of  
30    1976 (FLPMA);
- 31    **8.** The current grazing permit holder to have first  
32    right of refusal when land is sold and when there  
33    is no permit holder, the adjacent landowner  
34    should be given the first right of refusal based on  
35    appraised value;
- 36    **9.** All holders of grazing preference be fairly  
37    compensated when federal land is sold, traded,  
38    or exchanged and any entity acquiring property  
39    from the federal government to compensate  
40    grazing preference holders;
- 41    **10.** Requiring any entity which acquires property  
42    from the federal government to compensate  
43    grazing preference holders for loss of their  
44    property rights if that entity does not continue to  
45    maintain and protect those rights;
- 46    **11.** Funding from both federal and state  
47    governments for the operation and research of  
48    the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois;



- 1 **12.** A grazing preference right being transferred from  
2 one base property to another base property, if the  
3 transferor shall own or control the base property  
4 from which the grazing preference right is being  
5 transferred and file with the authorized officer a  
6 properly completed transfer application for  
7 approval to the respective agency;
- 8 **13.** Selling of a permit by a holder to another  
9 interested party that will continue using the permit  
10 for its original intended purpose;
- 11 **14.** The new "Outcome Based Grazing  
12 Authorizations" of 2017, which is designed to  
13 offer a more coordinated approach to resolve  
14 disputes between the BLM and its partners within  
15 the livestock grazing community when issuing  
16 trading authorizations; and
- 17 **15.** All stakeholders being a part of the vetting  
18 process when curtailment, termination, or fee  
19 increases of any existing grazing permits or  
20 allotments are proposed;
- 21 **16.** A minimum grazing usage for all public land  
22 grazing allotments/leases. They shall be grazed  
23 at a minimum of 75% the stocking rate at least  
24 every third year.

25 **We oppose:**

- 26 **1.** The reduction or curtailment of any grazing  
27 activity for the creation or recognition of wildlife  
28 corridors;
- 29 **2.** The U.S. Forest Service ruling that will prevent  
30 transferring grazing permits for 25 head or less;
- 31 **3.** The termination of grazing permits for  
32 administrative errors or omissions of the land  
33 managing agency;
- 34 **4.** Mandatory forage monitoring by livestock  
35 permittees on federal lands as proposed by the  
36 Federal Land Management Policy Act;
- 37 **5.** The termination or curtailment of permittees  
38 because of livestock proximity to bighorn sheep,  
39 bison, and sage grouse; and
- 40 **6.** The purchase or retirement of grazing permits or  
41 allotments by any State or Federal agency,  
42 group, or individual whose sole purpose is to not  
43 allow any further grazing.

44  
45 **Open Range**

46 We oppose any changes to Idaho open range  
47 laws.

1 **IV.State**

2 **CAFO Regulations**

3 **We support:**

- 4 1.Efforts by all livestock associations to create  
5 MOUs with the appropriate state and federal  
6 agencies.  
7 2.Matters pertaining to CAFO regulation other than  
8 siting should be under the jurisdiction of the state.  
9

10 **Meat Inspectors**

11 **We support:**

- 12 1. State certified meat inspectors for small meat  
13 processing plants.  
14 2. State meat inspection program in Idaho which  
15 would allow for the intrastate commercial sale of  
16 meat.  
17 3. More kill facilities in our rural areas of the state.  
18 4. Having large animal veterinarians and other  
19 interested individuals in rural areas becoming  
20 certified meat inspectors under a state meat  
21 inspection program.  
22 5. All mobile butchers and processors to require a  
23 trip permit, brand inspection slip or bill of sale on  
24 all bovine animals they receive and retain those  
25 records for a 3-year period to help monitor theft  
26 and illegal taking and processing of animals.  
27

28 **Veterinarian**

29 **We support:**

- 30 1. The Animal Health Division of the Idaho  
31 Department of Agriculture and believe that it  
32 should be administered by a licensed veterinarian.  
33

34 **Animal ID**

35 **We support:**

- 36 1. Procedures and or equipment for an animal ID  
37 program that makes it possible to trace an animal  
38 back to its original location;  
39 2. The right of the owner to choose among the  
40 acceptable methods of identification and to leave  
41 their animals unidentified prior to movement from  
42 the premises of origin;  
43 3. Having the Idaho State Department of Agriculture  
44 determine acceptable methods of identification,  
45 including hot or cold brands, for the state.

1 **Livestock Brands**

2 **We support:**

- 3 1.The concept that livestock may be left unbranded  
4 at the discretion of the owner except for those  
5 livestock grazing on federal/state managed lands.  
6

7 **Manure Management**

8 We believe that manure and manure/compost are  
9 nutrient-rich residue resources.

10 **We support:**

- 11 1. Research on manure management including such  
12 areas as odor reduction and waste and nutrient  
13 management; and  
14 2. Programs that educate livestock operators on  
15 techniques regarding properly managed organic  
16 nutrient systems, especially if implemented with  
17 consistent Best Management Practices (BMPs)  
18 developed by extension, university, and the  
19 livestock industry.

20 **We oppose:**

- 21 1.Manure being classified as industrial, solid, or  
22 hazardous waste or as raw sewage.  
23

24 **Data Confidentiality**

25 **We support:**

- 26 1.The confidentiality of data collected on farms and  
27 feedlots. Only final reports or conclusions should  
28 be made a matter of public record. No data  
29 collected from individual operations should be  
30 made public.  
31

32 **V. Riparian Management**

33 Proper multiple-use management of riparian  
34 areas is essential. Highly productive areas can be  
35 properly harvested with modern forest or livestock  
36 Best Management Practices (BMPs) and still  
37 improve riparian habitat for all uses.

38 **We support:**

- 39 1.Forage utilization requirements of riparian areas  
40 being managed separate from the entire grazing  
41 allotment; and  
42 2.The concept that all existing roads along streams  
43 be given grandfather rights approval.

1 **VI. Domestic Cervidae**

2 **We support:**

- 3 1. The right of domestic cervidae owners to breed,  
4 raise, harvest, and market all members of the  
5 cervidae family indigenous to Idaho that can be  
6 legally acquired.  
7

8 **VII. Equine**

9 **We support:**

- 10 1. Construction of new slaughtering facilities and/or  
11 use of existing processing facilities in Idaho to  
12 slaughter equines without duress;  
13 2. The right of individuals and nongovernmental  
14 organizations to save horses from slaughter as  
15 long as they take possession of the horses and  
16 are responsible for their care and feeding;  
17 3. The continued classification of equines as  
18 marketable livestock and oppose any efforts to  
19 classify them as pets or companion animals;  
20 4. When an equine is in the custody of a government  
21 agency and an adoption has not been able to  
22 take place within six months, that equine should  
23 be harvested or euthanized with minimal stress  
24 and without delay; and  
25 5. Funding for USDA food service inspectors in  
26 facilities that harvest horses.

27 **We oppose:**

- 28 1. Any attempt to eliminate the right of the equine  
29 owner or BLM to the minimal stress slaughter of  
30 their equine for consumption or any other  
31 purpose.  
32

33 **VIII. Law Enforcement Training**

34 **We support:**

- 35 1. Law enforcement officers being trained in open  
36 range laws, proper livestock herding techniques  
37 and how to properly euthanize livestock as part of  
38 the Idaho Peace Officers Standardized Training.  
39 2. Immediate notification by law enforcement or  
40 emergency personnel to landowners when fences  
41 or property sustain damage due to accidents, or  
42 by entrance of emergency personnel.  
43 3. Law enforcement officers being trained in brand  
44 identification.  
45 4. Law enforcement officers being trained to work  
46 with the brand inspector and dispatch to identify  
47 livestock owners.

# 1 WATER

## 3 **12. Aquifer Recharge**

4 We support the beneficial use of managed  
5 basin-wide aquifer recharge with the state being  
6 involved with both financial support and  
7 implementation.

8 We support rules, including water rental pool  
9 rules changes, that encourage recharge using  
10 available water to improve aquifer health, protect  
11 Idaho water, and keep water in Idaho.

## 13 **13. Bureau of Reclamation Reservoirs**

14 Release of water in power head space in Bureau  
15 of Reclamation reservoirs shall be controlled solely  
16 by state water law.

## 18 **14. Cloud Seeding**

19 We support cloud seeding and encourage  
20 continued investment in its application and research.

21 We support the Legislature and the Idaho Water  
22 Resource Board continuing to study and fund cloud  
23 seeding efforts.

## 25 **15. Comprehensive State Water Plan**

### 26 **We support:**

- 27 1. The Governor appointing individuals to the Idaho  
28 Water Resource Board who will protect the water  
29 resources of the State;
- 30 2. Requiring legislative approval before establishing  
31 minimum stream flow, instream flow, reconnect  
32 permits, river basin plans and state water plans;
- 33 3. Amending the Idaho Constitution, Article XV  
34 Water Rights Section 7, State Water Resource  
35 Agency to read, "That any change shall become  
36 effective only by approval of the legislature."; and
- 37 4. Legislative approval for water agreements made  
38 between the state and federal government.

### 39 **We oppose:**

- 40 1. Minimum stream flows until sufficient storage  
41 facilities are built to supply priority needs first.

## 43 **16. Dams**

### 44 **We support:**

- 45 1. The Northwest Power Planning Council focusing  
46 its efforts on issues that will provide the region  
47 with its current and future power needs;

- 1       **2.** The construction, improvement and increased
- 2       size of storage facilities that provide beneficial
- 3       multiple uses of Idaho's water;
- 4       **3.** Municipalities, federal agencies, and tribes
- 5       advocating for and funding additional storage
- 6       projects to help meet the increasing demand for
- 7       water, and avoid taking irrigation water from
- 8       agricultural purposes;
- 9       **4.** The continued existence and current usage of all
- 10      dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. We
- 11      oppose any efforts to destroy or decrease
- 12      production of those dams;
- 13      **5.** Construction of the Galloway Dam on the Weiser
- 14      River; and
- 15      **6.** Raising of the Lost Valley Reservoir Dam.

## 17. Flood Control

18       We support additional storage facilities,

19       increased recharge, and federal land transfers to

20       state ownership to control future flooding.

## 18. Ground Water Districts

23       We support changing the boundaries of local

24       groundwater districts that are directly connected to

25       the underground aquifer to include those who are

26       not currently participating but are of a common

27       ground water source.

28       We oppose any diminishment of authority of

29       local water districts or groundwater districts through

30       creation of a Groundwater Management Area.

## 19. International Water Agreements

33       We support the renewal of the Columbia River

34       Treaty with Canada in such a manner as to maintain

35       its original focus upon flood control and power

36       generation.

## 20. Moratorium

39       We support the current Idaho Department of

40       Water Resources moratoriums on critical

41       groundwater development.

## 21. Non-Ag Water Development

44       We support legislation that would require

45       developers to supply water and water-delivery

46       systems using existing water rights or gray water to

47       new developments.

1 **22. Outstanding Resource Waters**

2 We support the Basin Advisory Groups (BAGs)  
3 and Watershed Advisory Groups (WAGs) process as  
4 it pertains to Outstanding Resource Waters (ORWs).

5 We oppose nominations of ORWs by parties  
6 other than BAGs and WAGs.  
7

8 **23. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)**

9 We support mandating Idaho's Department of  
10 Environmental Quality to conduct an Economic  
11 Impact Analysis of an area's businesses (including  
12 the agri-business and agricultural operations of that  
13 area) before initiating a TMDL process for that  
14 geographic area. The analysis shall be provided to  
15 the Watershed Advisory Group before consideration  
16 is given to develop and implement a TMDL. A copy  
17 of the analysis shall also be provided to the germane  
18 committees of the Idaho Legislature.  
19

20 **24. Transfer of Water Rights**

21 We believe all water in Idaho should be used  
22 beneficially. In the event the BOR or IDWR desires  
23 use of water they would have to negotiate on a  
24 yearly basis for rental-pool water in accordance with  
25 state water law.

26 **We support:**

- 27 1. Re-evaluation of the need for flow augmentation  
28 on the grounds that the science does not support  
29 any biological benefit.  
30 2. IDWR automatically transferring stock water rights  
31 from any federal agency to the allotment  
32 permittee.

33 **We oppose:**

- 34 1. The transfer of water rights to the Bureau of  
35 Reclamation (BOR);  
36 2. The taking of water for fish flushing. Water held by  
37 the Idaho Water Resource Board will be held and  
38 used for purposes intended and in accordance  
39 with state law; and  
40 3. Out-of-basin transfers of irrigation water from  
41 lands enrolled in the federal cropland set-aside  
42 program for use on lands that have not  
43 historically been used for agricultural  
44 development.  
45

46 **25. Waste Management**

47 We oppose mandatory waste management  
48 facility construction without scientific proof of  
49 environmental pollution on an individual basis.

1 **26. Water Quality**

2 **We support:**

- 3 1. The continued management of water quality, both  
4 underground and surface, by utilizing “Best  
5 Management Practices” (BMPs) as contained in  
6 USDA’s “Natural Resource Conservation  
7 Services Field Office Technical Guide” and  
8 Idaho’s “Forest Practices Act.” Changes in these  
9 BMPs should be based only on scientifically  
10 monitored data rather than “best professional  
11 judgement”;
- 12 2. The development of BMPs for recreational uses;  
13 and
- 14 3. The efforts of canal and irrigation districts to halt  
15 unwanted drainage into their water systems.

16 **We oppose:**

- 17 1. The DEQ having the authority to arbitrarily impose  
18 penalties on landowners without first identifying  
19 the problem and giving the landowner an  
20 opportunity to correct the problem. If there is a  
21 difference of opinion concerning the extent of the  
22 problem, a reasonable and cost-effective appeal  
23 process of the DEQ decision should be available  
24 to the landowner; and
- 25 2. Levying fees associated with State NPDES  
26 programs implementation, operation, and permit  
27 issuance on agriculture and aquaculture  
28 producers.

30 **27. Water Quality Standards**

31 Water quality standards must be site specific  
32 and realistically achievable for each water body.  
33 These standards must at least partially support  
34 designated beneficial uses.

36 **28. Water Quality Trading**

37 We support the concept of water quality trading.  
38

39 **29. Water Rights**

40 **We support:**

- 41 1. State ownership and control of Idaho water held in  
42 trust for the residents of the State of Idaho, and  
43 will oppose any policy, program or regulation,  
44 including Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
45 (FERC) relicensing, which would infringe on this  
46 right;



- 1 2. Defining local public interest, under water right  
2 law, to give priority to beneficial uses and  
3 agricultural viability, with local vested interest and  
4 use, a priority;
- 5 3. Sanctions upon any party making frivolous claims  
6 against water right applications;
- 7 4. Permittees on federal land being recognized and  
8 acknowledged as the owners of stock water  
9 rights in their allotments as their livestock provide  
10 beneficial use under state law and the water  
11 rights are an appurtenance of the private base  
12 property;
- 13 5. Requiring that minimum stream flows not  
14 jeopardize water rights and are being financed by  
15 the benefit recipients;
- 16 6. The continued wise development of all Idaho's  
17 rivers and their tributaries as working rivers;
- 18 7. First in time, first in right, and state control of  
19 water issues within appropriate Idaho agencies  
20 without federal regulatory or legislative  
21 intervention;
- 22 8. The privatization of Idaho irrigation canal systems;
- 23 9. The protection of canal and drain ditch easements  
24 from arbitrarily being taken over by cities,  
25 counties, state, federal or private developers or  
26 private landowners and developed into green  
27 belts or bike paths;
- 28 10. The concept of conjunctive-use management  
29 when scientific evidence is available to support  
30 such management;
- 31 11. Efforts by local groundwater districts to provide  
32 supplemental or water bank water to senior  
33 surface water users to prevent curtailment of  
34 junior water rights. Irrigation districts shall have  
35 no net loss of irrigated acres due to growth and  
36 development; and
- 37 12. Idaho water law that denies considering flood  
38 control releases as a beneficial use.

39 **We oppose:**

- 40 1. The Idaho Department of Water Resources  
41 accepting any further applications for water rights  
42 on surface stream water of the state that has  
43 been over-decreed and adjudicated. Adequate  
44 water for domestic and agricultural purposes  
45 should have priority over other uses when the  
46 water of any natural stream is insufficient, as per  
47 Article 15, Section 3 of the Idaho Constitution;

- 1 2. Changing the historical beneficial use of water  
2 rights when that change will have a negative  
3 impact on other water right holders;
- 4 3. The federal government changing the historic  
5 priorities and uses of water storage reservoirs;
- 6 4. Any diminishment of storage fill rights due to flood  
7 control or other discharge prior to season use  
8 including efforts by any entity that would count  
9 flood control releases against the storage rights  
10 of water right holders;
- 11 5. Any federal agencies' use of priority dates, in  
12 regard to water rights, that are not in accordance  
13 with Idaho Water Law;
- 14 6. The adoption of source water protection  
15 plans/ordinances by local government that create  
16 land use policies prohibiting generally accepted  
17 farming and animal agriculture  
18 practices/activities;
- 19 7. Native American tribes and urban interface areas  
20 requiring/requesting water right encroachment  
21 permits on existing water right licenses and/or  
22 permits;
- 23 8. Agreements between water groups that neglect  
24 the first in time, first in right and treat senior,  
25 junior, trust and expansion rights near-equal; and
- 26 9. The 5-year averages that were used to determine  
27 the quantity of water that is allowed to be pumped  
28 by a user in the future.

### 30. **Water Rights Mitigation**

31 We support the state purchasing and holding  
32 water rights for the purpose of mitigation, so water  
33 trade may benefit aquifer recharge and groundwater  
34 conservation.

### 36. **Water Spreading**

37 We support voluntary conservation of water use  
38 by updating irrigation systems. Increases in irrigated  
39 acres (water spread acres) due to redesigning or  
40 remodeling irrigation systems or development of  
41 areas within a recorded water right, should not be  
42 excluded from irrigation. Conservation should not  
43 adversely affect the full use of an irrigation water  
44 right.

45 We support legislation and rulemaking that will  
46 protect the full use of an irrigation water right.

# 1 LAND USE

## 2 3 **32. Government Land Designations**

4 We oppose any infringement upon private  
5 property rights through any designation of land by  
6 any government entity, including highway scenic  
7 byways/corridors, National Heritage Areas, National  
8 Monuments and National Parks. We oppose any  
9 change to federal or state land designation when  
10 there is the potential to harm agriculture.

11 We oppose Craters of the Moon becoming a  
12 national park.

## 13 14 **33. Government Land Transactions**

### 15 **We support:**

- 16 1. No net loss of private property;
- 17 2. Enactment of legislation to require prior legislative  
18 approval for any state land acquisition on a parcel-  
19 by-parcel basis;
- 20 3. Prohibiting the sale of state land to the federal  
21 government or agencies of the federal  
22 government, except for the purpose of building  
23 federal facilities or structures;
- 24 4. When land is to be sold, the current grazing  
25 permit holder must have the first right of refusal. If  
26 there is no permit holder, the adjacent landowner  
27 should be given the first right of refusal based on  
28 appraised value. When federal land is sold,  
29 traded, or exchanged, all holders of grazing  
30 preference must be fairly compensated;
- 31 5. Requiring any entity which acquires property from  
32 the federal government, to compensate grazing  
33 preference holders on the former federally  
34 administered lands for the loss of their property  
35 rights if that entity does not continue to maintain  
36 and protect those rights;
- 37 6. The enactment of legislation to ensure that none  
38 of the valid existing private rights are lost in any  
39 land exchange between Idaho and the federal  
40 government or in the transfer of federal lands to  
41 Idaho;
- 42 7. Amending the Idaho Constitution to mandate that  
43 any federal land conveyed to the state in any  
44 manner from the date of the passage will be  
45 managed from multiple use and sustained yield;  
46 that all valid existing rights will be honored; and  
47 allow for the sale of the isolated, landlocked, and  
48 uneconomical parcels with the first right of refusal

- 1 going to the adjoining landowner(s) at fair  
2 appraised value; and  
3 **8.** No net loss of tax base with all land exchanges  
4 and sales. Tax obligations must stay with the  
5 property.

6 **We oppose:**

- 7 **1.** Any land exchanges involving publicly owned land  
8 unless there is strong local support; and  
9 **2.** The State purchasing private property for  
10 investment purposes.

11 **34. Government-Managed Lands**

12 **We support:**

- 13 **1.** Multiple-use management of federal and state  
14 lands with protection of the traditional rights of  
15 use;  
16 **2.** A study of the Payment In Lieu of Taxes formula  
17 to determine if it is meeting its purpose and is  
18 equitable in its distribution of funds;  
19 **3.** The equal-footing doctrine and insist on the  
20 passage of legislation to establish a deadline for  
21 complete transfer of public land back to state  
22 jurisdiction and management;  
23 **4.** The Idaho Legislature joining with other states in  
24 the West, in an interstate compact, with respect  
25 to the transfer of public lands;  
26 **5.** The timely salvage of burnt, diseased, or dead  
27 timber from federal lands;  
28 **6.** Legislation that would promote harvest of trees  
29 and forage on federal and state land to help  
30 prevent and control wildfire;  
31 **7.** The use of land-use management plans by county  
32 governments to encourage state and federal  
33 agencies to coordinate and protect the land within  
34 their tax base;  
35 **8.** The legislature and the governor asserting their  
36 authority and taking all necessary measures to  
37 protect the citizens and counties of the State of  
38 Idaho from federal agency overreach; and  
39 **9.** The release of federal, state, and local  
40 government held lands for development or private  
41 use.

42  
43 **35. Idaho Forest Practices Act**

44 We support the Idaho Forest Practices Act  
45 except where it infringes on private property rights.

46 We support the consideration of all facets of the  
47 stream ecosystem within the IDL Forest Practices

1 Act rules, rather than just shade, to better maintain  
2 and enhance fisheries habitat.

3 We oppose The Forest Practices Act  
4 Streamside Retention Rule (Shade Rule) unless  
5 accompanied by fair market appraised value  
6 compensation to landowners for loss of property  
7 rights.

### 9 **36. Landfills on BLM Lands**

10 We encourage the development of new, and the  
11 continued use of existing, county landfills on BLM  
12 lands.

### 14 **37. Mineral Rights**

15 We support legislation that would transfer  
16 government-retained mineral rights to current  
17 landowners (at no expense to the landowners),  
18 where there has been no meaningful mineral activity  
19 for 10 years.

20 We support requiring that property deeds state  
21 the name and address of the person or entity who  
22 owns the mineral rights for each property. If mineral  
23 rights are sold or transferred, the deed should be  
24 updated. The surface owner should be notified and  
25 offered first right of refusal.

### 27 **38. Mining**

28 We support the continuation of mineral  
29 extraction in Idaho as long as the appropriate mine  
30 reclamation and environmental protections are in  
31 place and followed.

### 33 **39. Pest Control**

34 We support enforcement of current laws to give  
35 counties authority to spray and control insect  
36 infestations on private land, with the cost of the  
37 spraying to be assessed to the present owner of the  
38 land.

39 We support safe and effective county and state  
40 pest control programs when landowner property  
41 rights are respected, and commodity production is  
42 not adversely affected by the program(s).

43 We support legislation that requires local, state,  
44 and federal governments to manage lands to  
45 prevent spread of noxious weeds and pests from  
46 their lands to adjoining lands, crops and animals.

## **40. Regulation of Agricultural Practices**

### **We support:**

1. Long-standing sound agricultural practices such as field burning, including grass seed, straw, residue burning, timber slash burning and animal-waste disposal, cultivation and harvest practices;
2. Agricultural and forestry representation on boards created in regard to airshed quality programs; and
3. The farmer's right to farm by being able to carry on sound farming and forestry practices and to be free from environmental regulations that are not proportionately beneficial to the implementation cost.

### **We oppose:**

1. Any legislation or regulations that would segregate any agricultural industry, agricultural crop, cropping practice or geographical area and would impose a higher air quality, water quality or environmental standard than is required of any other person, entity, industry or geographical area within the state;
2. Regulations on agricultural practices that are not validated by sound peer reviewed scientific process and supported by scientific fact;
3. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture having the authority to impose sanctions on livestock operators without first identifying specific problems and giving the operators an opportunity to correct said problems; and
4. Efforts to regulate logging slash burning on private timberlands by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

## **41. Right to Farm**

We support the right-to-farm law, and the concept behind it, and encourage legislative changes to strengthen the law so it can be enforced at the local governmental levels through conditional use permits or other permitting processes.

We support local, state, and federal agriculture exemptions from dust rules.

## **42. State and County Noxious Weed Control**

### **We support:**

1. Strong enforcement of Idaho's noxious weed law by the state and counties, together with appropriate use of special management-zone provisions;

- 1 2. Idaho Transportation Department weed control  
2 policies at both state and district levels be required  
3 to be in compliance with the Idaho Noxious Weed  
4 Law each year by controlling all infestations of  
5 noxious weeds in a timely and effective manner  
6 and by controlling noxious weeds on the full width  
7 of all rights of way;
- 8 3. Enforcement of timely and effective noxious weed  
9 control by all railroads on their rights of ways  
10 within the state; and
- 11 4. The addition of *Venttenata dubia* to the Idaho  
12 Noxious weed list.

### 13 14 **43. Timber Management**

15 We support all efforts by the Department of  
16 Lands to optimize the timber yields and stumpage  
17 prices as mandated by the Idaho Constitution.

18 We oppose actions by the Land Board or  
19 Department of Lands that would inhibit or further  
20 restrict these processes, including, but not limited to,  
21 habitat conservation plans and conservation  
22 easements.

### 23 24 **44. Wilderness and Restrictive Zones**

#### 25 **We support:**

- 26 1. The traditional balanced multiple-use practices on  
27 all federal/state lands and that access to existing  
28 wilderness be free and accessible for everyone;  
29 and
- 30 2. Adding adequate fire breaks in existing wilderness  
31 areas.

#### 32 **We oppose:**

- 33 1. All dedication of land in Idaho for wilderness and  
34 roadless areas and support the release of lands  
35 currently held in Wilderness Study Areas (WSA)  
36 back to multiple-use management. All lands  
37 designated as non-suitable for wilderness must be  
38 immediately released from WSA status;
- 39 2. Designation of lands in Idaho as biosphere  
40 reserves, corridors or buffer zones, using the  
41 Lands Legacy Initiative, the Antiquities Act or  
42 National Monument Declarations by the executive  
43 branch of the government;
- 44 3. Any expansion of the boundaries of the Sawtooth  
45 National Recreation Area (SNRA);
- 46 4. Any reinterpretation of the mandates of the SNRA  
47 which would impose further use restrictions; and

- 1 5. The reduction or curtailment of any grazing or  
2 farming activity for the creation or recognition of  
3 wildlife corridors.

## 4 **45. Wildfire Control**

### 5 **We support:**

- 6 1. Fire-control policy to put out any fire upon arrival  
7 or as soon as safely possible. Local entities (such  
8 as counties, fire districts, and forest or rangeland  
9 protective associations) and private landowners  
10 and individuals being allowed to act as first  
11 responders. When the protection of the health,  
12 safety, and property of the citizens are in jeopardy,  
13 the local protective associations being allowed to  
14 act beyond the first response and initial attack  
15 phase of a fire. Local landowners must be allowed  
16 to protect private property including livestock on  
17 federal and state lands;
- 18 2. Changing state and federal wildfire policy to  
19 require that state and federal fire managers and  
20 incident commanders coordinate with county and  
21 local fire departments and landowners;
- 22 3. A provision that state and federal agencies will  
23 allow forest or rangeland protective associations in  
24 neighboring states, that meet the requirements of  
25 their home state, to enter into mutual aid  
26 agreements with forest and rangeland protective  
27 associations across state lines;
- 28 4. An increase in management activities, such as  
29 thinning and grazing, to achieve federal agency  
30 goals of reducing the potential for catastrophic  
31 wildfires;
- 32 5. A provision that state and federal agencies  
33 maintain a fire break strategically located to  
34 protect private property and to control large  
35 wildfires; and
- 36 6. An aggressive initial attack and suppression on all  
37 forest and rangeland wildfires on public land and  
38 firefighting suppression activities in addition to fire  
39 management, in order to protect our water basins  
40 and watersheds.

### 41 **We oppose:**

- 42 1. Landowners being held accountable for fire  
43 suppression costs except in cases of gross  
44 negligence.  
45



# FISH AND WILDLIFE

## **46. Animal Damage Control**

We support animal damage control programs to control and manage predators, rodents and destructive wildlife.

## **47. Animal Threat and Public Safety**

It shall be the responsibility of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and any state agencies, that manage predatory or proven problem animals, to notify all residences within a five-mile radius using a 9-1-1 reverse calling system of potential conflict in their area.

## **48. Endangered Species Act**

We believe that modern society cannot continue to operate on the premise that all species must be preserved at any cost.

We believe basic requirements of human life have priority over protection of other species, including threatened or endangered (T/E) species. A thorough consideration of all potential adverse impacts to human economic and social welfare should be an integral part of any consideration to list and T/E species.

If lethal action is taken against any threatened or endangered species for the preservation of public safety, all investigations should be conducted by the local officials of the county involved. All applicable state and government agencies are to be notified so as to provide assistance when called upon.

### **We support:**

- 1.** A revision of the ESA to include a more thorough consideration of agriculture, mining, logging and tree farming in such a manner that these activities will be sustained and made part of any recovery plan. Recovery of T/E species should not receive higher priority than human uses or rights;
- 2.** Anadromous hatchery fish and wild fish being treated equally under the ESA. Hatchery fish should be counted toward recovery of the species;
- 3.** Eliminating the marking of hatchery fish.
- 4.** The right of landowners to protect themselves, their families, livestock and properties from all predators including grizzly bears and wolves without legal retaliation;

- 1 5. Congress providing depredation funding for  
2 losses or damage resulting from endangered  
3 species and to mandate responsibility to deal with  
4 such losses; and
- 5 6. Bull Trout being delisted and managed through  
6 state management plans.

7 **We oppose:**

- 8 1. Any effort to create a State Endangered Species  
9 Act (ESA);
- 10 2. Road closures and restrictions imposed on land  
11 and water in the name of critical habitat;
- 12 3. Implementation of the endangered species  
13 pesticide labeling program, other than in critical  
14 habitat;
- 15 4. The listing of the Giant Palouse Earthworm  
16 (*Driloleirus americanus*) and the Greater Sage  
17 Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*) and Slick  
18 Spot Peppergrass (*Lepidium papilliferum*) as an  
19 endangered species;
- 20 5. Listing any species before its critical habitat is  
21 identified within its scientifically established  
22 historical range. Habitat site specific assessments  
23 and recovery plans must include comprehensive  
24 protection of private property rights; and
- 25 6. Any critical-habitat designation until it has been  
26 established beyond scientific doubt that the  
27 species in question is actually present and that  
28 endangered or threatened status is actually  
29 warranted. The data to satisfy the scientific criteria  
30 should meet the guidelines of the Data Quality Act  
31 under federal statutes sections 3504(d)(1) and  
32 3516 of title 44, United States Code. The agency,  
33 organization or individual requesting the critical-  
34 habitat designation must bear the cost of proving  
35 presence of the species and this must be done  
36 through the use of the best available peer  
37 reviewed science.

38  
39 **49. Fish and Game Department**

40 **We support:**

- 41 1. The department using good-neighbor  
42 management practices on the land they now own,  
43 including fences, pests, noxious weeds, and  
44 providing sportsmen with guidance and marked  
45 boundaries;
- 46 2. The Fish and Game Department controlling the  
47 concentration of wildlife numbers on all lands and  
48 being prohibited from entering into agreements to

- 1 limit access to any area, without approval of the
- 2 local governing authority;
- 3 **3.** Implementing a requirement for non-resident
- 4 mentored youth hunts where both the non-resident
- 5 mentor and the mentored youth must purchase
- 6 matching species tags. Non-resident tags should
- 7 cost more than resident tags;
- 8 **4.** A Habitat Improvement Program and request
- 9 Idaho Fish and Game Commission to reflect
- 10 strong emphasis on multiple use;
- 11 **5.** Reducing the depredation deductible.
- 12 Compensation by IDFG for crop loss due to
- 13 depredation shall be for actual loss minus the one-
- 14 time deductible and should be expediently paid
- 15 with no pro-rating;
- 16 **6.** Oversight of the depredation account by the Idaho
- 17 Department of Agriculture with technical support
- 18 provided by Idaho Fish and Game;
- 19 **7.** Fish and Game being responsible and pay for
- 20 damages caused by management decisions;
- 21 **8.** Idaho Fish and Game issuing emergency
- 22 depredation permits to ag producers and
- 23 landowners to harvest animals that are causing
- 24 verifiable damage to crops, livestock and property.
- 25 The issuance of these depredation permits by
- 26 IDFG and other actions by IDFG to relieve
- 27 depredation shall be free of conditions that
- 28 landowners must allow hunting on their land.
- 29 Landowners should be allowed to determine who
- 30 hunts and they should be allowed to receive
- 31 compensation for allowing hunts on their private
- 32 property;
- 33 **9.** Creating depredation areas for landowners who
- 34 are annually affected by depredating animals and
- 35 support mechanisms for quicker response in those
- 36 areas;
- 37 **10.** The Landowner Appreciation Program (LAP)
- 38 being made available to anyone owning 320 acres
- 39 or more and recipients of these tags should be
- 40 free to do what they wish with the tags;
- 41 **11.** Investigating transactions between the Idaho Fish
- 42 and Wildlife Foundation and the Idaho Department
- 43 of Fish and Game to determine if there is a conflict
- 44 of interest;
- 45 **12.** The creation of landowner preference tags for the
- 46 exclusive use of non-resident kindred relations of
- 47 the first or second degree for landowners whose
- 48 property exceeds 160 contiguous acres; and

1 **13.** Additional landowner preference tags based on a  
2 pro rata basis for each additional 640 acres of  
3 contiguous ownership.

4 **We oppose:**

- 5 1. The acquisition of additional land by the Fish and  
6 Game Department;  
7 2. Any increase in funding for the Idaho Department  
8 of Fish and Game from either the general fund or  
9 license fees without showing a specific need or  
10 use for the funds;  
11 3. The erection of either permanent or temporary  
12 hunting or viewing blinds within 100 feet of a  
13 developed livestock watering site on public lands;  
14 4. Idaho Fish and Game abdicating responsibility for  
15 year after year losses due to depredation impacts  
16 regardless of other reimbursements;  
17 5. Idaho Fish and Game utilizing animal depredation  
18 claims to count against actual production history  
19 (APH); and  
20 6. The feeding of wild ungulates because of the  
21 consequences to agriculture, municipalities, and  
22 natural habitat.

23  
24 **50. Fish and Game—Prior Notification**

25 The Idaho Department of Fish and Game must  
26 have permission from the landowner before entering  
27 private property.

28  
29 **51. Fish Species Population Management**

30 We support alternative scientific applications to  
31 modify fish species population without affecting  
32 contractual agreements or causing detrimental  
33 effects on flood control, irrigators, recreation, and  
34 economies.

35  
36 **52. Grizzly Bear**

37 **We support:**

- 38 1. The grizzly bear being removed from the  
39 endangered species list and the transfer of all  
40 grizzly bear management to Idaho Fish and  
41 Game;  
42 2. The state-regulated hunting of grizzly bears;  
43 3. Requiring the costs associated with grizzlies,  
44 including triple damages for depredation costs, to  
45 be borne by the federal government, and its  
46 agencies such as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services;  
47 4. Paying compensation to state and local agencies  
48 when any assistance in the management, control,  
49 or defense of the public is needed from such

1 agencies. Compensation to state and local  
2 agencies should be paid regardless of whether a  
3 request has been made by a federal agency for  
4 assistance until such time as the current grizzly  
5 bear policy can be changed to allow less conflict  
6 with humans and livestock; namely the delisting of  
7 the grizzly bear and transfer of management to  
8 individual states' authority;

- 9 **5.** Requiring the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services to  
10 coordinate all grizzly bear related activities with  
11 the Idaho Fish and Game and local county  
12 officials;
- 13 **6.** Enhanced management of grizzly bears, including  
14 relocation from farmsteads, homesteads, and  
15 other public settlements with emphasis on public  
16 notification of problem bears; and
- 17 **7.** Idaho Fish and Game managing grizzly bears with  
18 human safety as the priority; utilizing all tools and  
19 methods available, including removal, and  
20 aversive conditioning.

21 **We oppose:**

- 22 **1.** The reintroduction of grizzly bear into any area of  
23 the State of Idaho; and
- 24 **2.** The relocation of any known problem bear that  
25 has threatened human safety outside a recovery  
26 zone regardless of the number of strikes against it.

27  
28 **53. IDFG / USF&W Responsibility**

29 **We support:**

- 30 **1.** Reform of the Idaho Department of Fish and  
31 Game to create local management of the wildlife  
32 of Idaho. This program should be site specific to  
33 control damage caused from overpopulated  
34 species of both game and non-game animals;
- 35 **2.** Requiring state or federal wildlife personnel to file  
36 an environmental and economic impact statement  
37 before they can release non-native insects or  
38 plants in Idaho or make regulations that affect the  
39 counties and/or the state;
- 40 **3.** The Idaho State Department of Agriculture's ban  
41 on the release of deleterious exotic animals into  
42 the State of Idaho; and
- 43 **4.** Requiring all state and federal agency personnel  
44 going through the elected county sheriff for all law  
45 enforcement.

46 **We oppose:**

- 47 **1.** The relocation of wild game and non-game  
48 species without proper notice being given to  
49 residents and property owners in the area where

1 they are released. Local county officials must  
2 receive official notice at least 30 days prior to any  
3 relocation or release, into the wild, of any species  
4 raised in captivity;

5 **2.** Relocation or release into the wild of wolves or  
6 grizzlies that have been raised in captivity; and

7 **3.** The Idaho Fish and Game Department engaging  
8 in activities that encourage only non-consumptive  
9 uses of fish and wildlife species in Idaho.

#### 10 **54. Introduction of Salmon**

11 We oppose the introduction of salmon above the  
12 Brownlee Dam.

#### 13 **55. Invasive Species**

14 We support efforts to remove Asian clams from  
15 the waters of Idaho.

16 We support adequate state funding for  
17 inspections of all water craft and other vessels to  
18 prevent the spread and infestation of quagga/zebra  
19 mussels in Idaho waters.

#### 20 **56. Prion Disease**

21 We support the continuing research into Chronic  
22 Wasting Disease and its relation to other prion  
23 diseases and public health.

24 We support the continuing development of a  
25 strategy to deal with this dilemma. We expect the  
26 Idaho Fish and Game to cooperate with sampling  
27 and assisting in other efforts to develop a consistent  
28 strategy.

#### 29 **57. Private Reservoir Companies**

30 Fish and Game Department shall pay private  
31 reservoir companies for the use of that reservoir for  
32 fish habitat. The Department should also pay  
33 upkeep assessments on reservoirs in which they  
34 own water.

#### 35 **58. Sage Grouse**

36 We support predator control as a method to  
37 increase sage grouse populations. We encourage  
38 the use of bounties to control all non-protected sage  
39 grouse predators.

40 We support grazing on public lands as a primary  
41 method of increasing sage grouse populations by  
42 controlling the amount of vegetation that fuels  
43 wildfires.

1 We support rearing and releasing of sage  
2 grouse.

### 3 4 **59. Salmon Recovery**

5 **We support the following salmon-recovery**  
6 **alternatives:**

- 7 1. Utilizing new hydroelectric turbine technologies to  
8 achieve the goals of increased power production  
9 and reduced hazards to fish;
- 10 2. Privatizing salmon fisheries for increased  
11 numbers and stronger fish. Net barge  
12 transportation as a safer way of transporting smolt  
13 to ocean;
- 14 3. Ocean predator control during the two-year cycle  
15 from smolt to maturity;
- 16 4. Regulating harvest of offshore and instream  
17 salmon;
- 18 5. Improved dam passage of smolt to ocean and  
19 mature salmon's migration back to spawning  
20 grounds; and
- 21 6. The Federal Columbia River Power System as  
22 one of the largest sources of clean, renewable  
23 electricity in the Pacific Northwest.

24 **We Oppose:**

- 25 1. The removal of Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental,  
26 Little Goose and Lower Granite dams on the lower  
27 Snake River;
- 28 2. The taxpayer funded payments to compensate  
29 entities for lost revenues from dam removal;
- 30 3. The costs associated with the removal of these  
31 four dams;
- 32 4. The loss of Idaho's only seaport in Lewiston  
33 eliminating the most cost-efficient shipping of farm  
34 commodities; and
- 35 5. The power replacement costs paid to business  
36 with a mix of solar, wind, nuclear, and batteries.  
37 (Short term fixes with negative long-term effects)

### 38 39 **60. Snake River Basin Snails**

40 We support the delisting of snail species in the  
41 Snake River Basin and the grouping of snail species  
42 based on taxonomic/biological similarities.

43 We oppose the future listing of new snail  
44 species.

1 **61. Wolves**

2 **We support:**

- 3 1. All methods of year-round wolf control and  
4 population management statewide;
- 5 2. Funding for state agencies tasked with wolf  
6 management and support appropriate  
7 compensation for damages incurred by producers;
- 8 3. Adding wolves to the IDF&G depredation list so  
9 that depredation on livestock can be paid by the  
10 IDF&G Big Game Depredation and Prevention  
11 Fund;
- 12 4. Requiring when possible, all wolf carcasses to be  
13 presented for testing for communicable diseases,  
14 especially the tapeworm *Echinococcus granulosus*  
15 which causes Hydatid Disease in livestock, elk,  
16 deer, and humans;
- 17 5. State law which expands the Idaho Fish and  
18 Game's responsibility of managing this recovered  
19 predator increasing their monetary contribution to  
20 the Wolf Depredation Control Board to \$300,000  
21 annually;
- 22 6. The Wolf Depredation Control Board being able to  
23 enter into agreements with private contractors for  
24 more efficient means of removing wolves; and
- 25 7. Property owner's rights in protecting their property  
26 in a timely manner using any method that has  
27 proven effective.

28 **We oppose:**

- 29 1. Any efforts to relist the wolf as endangered.  
30

31 **EASEMENTS**

32  
33 **62. Conservation / Scenic Easements**

34 We support continuation of conservation  
35 easement agreements and scenic easements or  
36 agreements only if the real property involved  
37 remains on the tax rolls according to use.

38 We oppose the Yellowstone to Yukon  
39 Conservation Initiative (Y2Y).  
40

41 **ENERGY**

42  
43 **63. Affordable Energy**

44 **We support:**

- 45 1. Transparency in how energy monopolies plan to  
46 incur expenses and make investments that are  
47 passed on to ratepayers;



2. Thorough, fair, and publicly involved process for evaluating rate requests and setting rates; and
3. Increased focus on removing barriers to widely available and affordable sources of energy.

## **64. Alternative Energy**

### **We support:**

1. The development of cost-effective alternative energy;
2. County control in the siting of these projects;
3. Sales tax incentives to assist in the development of alternative energy projects of less than one megawatt constructed on or by existing agriculture operations; and
4. Alternative energy should not receive subsidies beyond the bulk market rate. Any such contracts shall be allowed to expire.

### **We oppose:**

1. A broad moratorium on alternative energy projects.

## **65. Bonneville Power Administration Credit**

We support some type of BPA credit that allows all citizens of Idaho to benefit from the BPA's use of Idaho water for power generation.

## **66. Electrical Energy**

### **1. Hydroelectric Dams:**

#### **We support**

- 1.1. The continued careful use of water as one of our renewable natural resources through existing and the construction of new hydro projects, as future demands for electrical energy increase;
- 1.2. The adaptation of hydro projects to generate power for sale; and
- 1.3. The relicensing of dams, including Hells Canyon Complex, using a least cost mitigation plan reflecting the desire for the customers to have a reliable power source at reasonable rates.

### **2. Renewables:**

#### **We Support:**

- 2.1. Utilities operating in Idaho developing economically feasible renewable energy portfolios;
- 2.2. The construction of economically feasible power generation facilities in Idaho, including those that

1 use plant and/or animal residue or logging slash;  
2 and  
3 **2.3.** An annual true-up for net metering rather than a  
4 monthly true-up.  
5

### 6 **3. Regulations:**

#### 7 **We support:**

8 **3.1.** State agencies removing barriers that prevent  
9 utilities from increasing Idaho's power  
10 generation capacity; and

11 **3.2.** Current laws that require coal fired plants be  
12 held to strict standards in the construction,  
13 operation, and retirement of the facility.

#### 14 **We oppose:**

15 **3.1.** Any deregulation, reorganization, merger or  
16 consolidation of power generation or  
17 transmission which could result in loss of water  
18 rights, less service or increased rates; and

19 **3.2.** The sale of any public utility company operating  
20 in the State of Idaho to an entity either partially  
21 or wholly owned by a foreign government.

### 22 **4. Transmission:**

#### 23 **We support:**

24 **4.1.** Upgrades in transmission and distribution.  
25 Routing of utility corridors should be placed on  
26 public land first and then to the areas of least  
27 impact to private property owners;

28 **4.2.** The initiation of on and off ramps in  
29 transmission lines within the State of Idaho; and

30 **4.3.** Using utility transmission corridors established  
31 by the county to lessen the impact on private  
32 property owners.

### 33 **5. PUC Rates:**

#### 34 **We oppose:**

35 **5.1.** Any action by the PUC to move in the direction  
36 of inverted block rates or in any major rate  
37 design revision that would be detrimental to  
38 agriculture.  
39

## 40 **67. Fossil Fuels**

41 We support the mining and drilling of fossil fuels.  
42 We support the legislature ensuring that rules for  
43 oil and natural gas production safeguard the water  
44 aquifers for all citizens and protect property owners'  
45 rights to use their property.

1           If a local government entity bans the  
2 development of mineral rights in its jurisdiction, it  
3 should be considered a property rights “taking” and  
4 compensation should be provided to the property  
5 owner.

## 6 **68. Nuclear Energy**

7           We support the generation of electricity from  
8 nuclear reactors in meeting our future energy needs  
9 and urge the development of permanent disposal  
10 sites for radioactive waste material where it will not  
11 endanger the aquifer in Idaho.

12           We support research and development of further  
13 usage of radioactive waste materials and safer ways  
14 of storage.

15           We support development of the fast burn sector  
16 of nuclear technology which massively reduces or  
17 eliminates the need for nuclear waste disposal.

18           We support the Idaho National Laboratory  
19 providing the lead role in advancing the  
20 development of this technology.

## 21 **69. Power Demand Control Program**

22           We support demand control programs as long  
23 as current water rights and power usage contracts  
24 are protected. These programs must remain on a  
25 voluntary basis.  
26

## 27 **70. Renewable Fuels**

28           We support the promotion and use of alternative  
29 fuels made from agricultural products, as long as  
30 they are driven by open markets and not  
31 economically supported by mandates and  
32 government subsidies.

33           We encourage all state and local governments  
34 to assist in developing renewable fuel projects in  
35 Idaho.  
36

37           We support the availability of low-cost fuels,  
38 including off-road bio-fuels, for the operation of  
39 farms and ranches.  
40

## 41 **71. Utility Companies**

42           Utility companies that damage public roads  
43 should be responsible for restoring roadways to their  
44 original state for at least a period of two years.

45           We support utility companies retaining the  
46 liability when underground utility lines are not at the  
47 required depths.

1 We oppose requiring farmers to call dig line in  
2 order to work their fields for planting, cultivation and  
3 harvesting activities, where underground utility lines  
4 exist.

5 If dig line is required to be used in normal  
6 farming cultivation practices, we support the 21-day  
7 time constraint being extended as long as flags and  
8 or markings for underground utilities are left  
9 untouched.

## 10 LABOR

### 11 **72. Legal Aid**

12 We oppose state funding of Idaho Legal Aid  
13 Services.

14 We oppose the uninvited presence of Legal Aid  
15 personnel soliciting business on private property.

### 16 **73. Minimum Wage**

17 We oppose any minimum wage within the state  
18 that is higher than the federal minimum wage.

### 19 **74. New Hire Reporting**

20 We support changes in the Idaho New Hire  
21 Reporting Law to extend the reporting date to 60  
22 days.

23 We support not having to report seasonal  
24 temporary workers that work less than 45 days in a  
25 year.

### 26 **75. Unemployment Insurance**

27 Eligibility requirements should be made realistic  
28 to reflect agriculture's seasonal employment  
29 practices.

### 30 **76. Workers Compensation**

31 Workers compensation for agricultural  
32 employers should provide:

- 33 1. Cost control measures and fair base rates;
- 34 2. Mediation for agricultural concerns;
- 35 3. Protection from third party lawsuits; and
- 36 4. Employer protection from worker caused injuries  
37 (i.e. drug & alcohol).

38 We support changes in the existing Workers'  
39 Compensation Law that would take into  
40 consideration the employee's responsibility when an  
41 accident occurs.

1 We support having the settlement reduced by  
2 the percentage that was determined that the worker  
3 was responsible.  
4

## 5 TAX 6

### 7 **77. Assessed Value of Ag Production Land**

8 We support ag land being assessed at its actual  
9 use value for taxation purposes.

#### 10 **We support:**

- 11 1. Assessed values being capped at a 5% increase  
12 in any given year;
- 13 2. The retention of five-acre minimum productivity  
14 option and the Bare Land & Yield Option for forest  
15 lands; and
- 16 3. Legislation that allows county commissioners to  
17 appeal an assessment change by the Idaho State  
18 Tax Commission for a category of property.

#### 19 **We oppose:**

- 20 1. The State Tax Commission having power to  
21 equalize county property tax assessments.  
22

### 23 **78. Budget Caps**

24 We oppose the loosening, removal or alteration  
25 in any way or the granting of an exemption from  
26 limitations and restraints placed by present Idaho  
27 law on units of local government, community  
28 colleges, school districts, etc., in increasing local  
29 property taxes.

30 We oppose the creation of additional tax entities  
31 that could be exempt from such limitations and  
32 restraints.  
33

### 34 **79. Fuel Tax**

35 We support the refund of tax paid on fuel used  
36 off-road.

37 We support having non-taxed dyed-fuel  
38 available for off-road use.

39 We support an alternative tax for non-  
40 combustion engine vehicles.  
41

### 42 **80. Funding Local Government and Schools**

#### 43 **We support:**

- 44 1. Gradually reducing the property tax burden to  
45 fund public schools and local government;
- 46 2. Legislation mandating that plant facilities levy  
47 monies can be used only for capital expenditures  
48 related to school operation and maintenance;

- 1 **3.** The creation of standardized mandatory full  
2 disclosure of the school district's revenues and  
3 expenditures that are related to extracurricular  
4 activities; separated into curriculum and athletics,  
5 and budgeted in standard categories of salaries,  
6 transportation, supplies, and capital expenditures;  
7 and
- 8 **4.** Removing the school budget stabilization levy that  
9 was authorized in the 2006 Special Legislative  
10 Session, unless it is supported by a local vote.

11 **We oppose:**

- 12 **1.** Judges being allowed to levy taxes;
- 13 **2.** Indefinite or permanent supplemental school  
14 levies on taxpayers, regardless of the number of  
15 consecutive levies passed; and
- 16 **3.** School districts carrying over plant facilities levy  
17 funds to finance the construction of new buildings  
18 or the acquisition of additional property.

19  
20 **81. Impact Fees**

21 We support local impact fees on new or  
22 expanding developments to pay for the services  
23 required to support growth.

24 We support simplification of current impact fee  
25 rules and procedures.

26 We support schools being included in the  
27 definition of public facilities in order to be eligible to  
28 receive impact fees.

29 **82. Investment Tax Credit**

30 We support retention of the current three  
31 percent investment tax credit provisions, or an  
32 increase in the credit.

33  
34 **83. Local Option Taxation**

35 We support local option taxation when used  
36 specifically for projects that would have been paid  
37 for with property tax dollars.

38  
39 **84. Maximum Levy Rates**

40 We oppose raising the maximum statutory levy  
41 rates for any taxing authority.

42  
43 **85. Personal Tax Privacy Rights**

44 We oppose the county assessor's office  
45 requiring personal tax information to establish land  
46 use.

## 1 **86. Property Tax**

### 2 **We support:**

- 3 1. Limiting yearly property assessment increases to a
- 4 maximum of the state inflation rate;
- 5 2. Legislation that would allow county tax
- 6 assessments and collection on property that has
- 7 been purchased by non-profit groups and placed
- 8 in tax exempt status, such as a tax code that
- 9 covers environmental tax-exempt classification.
- 10 3. Exempting all equipment used in the production of
- 11 agricultural commodities from personal property
- 12 tax;
- 13 4. Efforts to amend the Idaho Forest Tax Law to
- 14 allow forest landowners to designate and maintain
- 15 multiple timberland parcels under respective Bare
- 16 Land and Yield (Category 6) or Productivity
- 17 (Category 7) classifications;
- 18 5. Legislation that would reform the property tax
- 19 budget formula which currently allows county
- 20 budgets to grow more than twice as fast as
- 21 population plus inflation; and
- 22 6. Legislation that prevents the taxes of existing
- 23 residents to unfairly increase and moves us closer
- 24 to growth paying for itself.

### 25 **We oppose:**

- 26 1. Budget increases and foregone balances that
- 27 current Idaho State Law allows for local
- 28 governments;
- 29 2. Shifting property tax to agricultural real estate; and
- 30 3. Local taxing districts shifting the property tax
- 31 burden to business, rental property owners and
- 32 farmers when homeowner's exemption is
- 33 increased.

## 34 **87. Property Tax Replacement**

35 We recommend that a fee in lieu of taxes be  
36 assessed on all lands removed from tax rolls by  
37 state or federal agency management. We favor an  
38 annual fee equivalent to local private property tax on  
39 land.  
40

## 41 **88. Sales Tax**

42 We oppose removing the sales tax exemption  
43 on production items.

44 We support legislation that would exempt  
45 nonprofit organizational fund-raising from paying  
46 sales tax on those receipts.  
47

1 **89. Services Tax**

2 We oppose all tax on services.  
3

4 **90. Special Taxing Districts**

5 We support a requirement that all new taxing  
6 districts must be approved by a 66-2/3% majority  
7 vote of the registered voters within a district.

8 We support legislation allowing special taxing  
9 districts to be funded by a household fee. All taxing  
10 districts that charge fees should be under the same  
11 three percent cap that applies to counties and  
12 municipalities.

13 We support giving library districts the option to  
14 be funded by a household fee rather than through an  
15 ad valorem tax. If the library district chooses the  
16 household fee option, any bonds they pass must  
17 also be paid through household fees.

18 We support a 10-year sunset on all special  
19 taxing districts, after which they would require re-  
20 authorization by the voters to continue.  
21

22 **91. State Budget**

23 We support zero-based budgeting.

24 We support a constitutional amendment limiting  
25 state spending to a calculation determined by  
26 population growth and economic growth of the state.

27 We oppose balancing budget shortfalls by any  
28 tax increase.  
29

30 **92. Super Majority**

31 We support retaining the 66-2/3% majority vote  
32 as required in the Idaho State Constitution for bond  
33 levies.

34 We oppose circumventing the required two-  
35 thirds majority by creative financing options.  
36

37 **93. Tax Refund Extension**

38 We support income tax assessments and  
39 income tax refunds having the same statute of  
40 limitations.  
41

42 **94. Taxing Districts Sharing Administrators**

43 We encourage similar taxing districts to share  
44 administrators and secretaries on a county-wide or  
45 multi-district basis to help ease the tax burden of  
46 administration.



1 **95. Urban Renewal Districts**

2 We support the repeal of urban renewal laws.

3 **LOCAL AFFAIRS**

4  
5 **96. Annexation**

6 We are opposed to areas adjacent to a city  
7 being annexed into the city unless a two-thirds  
8 majority of those owning property in the area  
9 proposed for annexation vote in favor of the  
10 annexation.

11  
12 **97. County Commissioners**

13 We encourage county commissioners to develop  
14 a Natural Resource Plan per NEPA guidelines that  
15 clearly states the objectives and policies of the  
16 county in regard to management of the natural  
17 resources located on public lands in their county.

18 We encourage county commissioners to invoke  
19 the “coordination mandate” of Congress set forth in  
20 federal statutes with the public land management  
21 agencies plans and actions that may negatively  
22 impact the county’s economy, culture and heritage.

23 We support the formation of a formal ANRAC  
24 (Agriculture & Natural Resources Advisory  
25 Committee) or NRAC (Natural Resources Advisory  
26 Committee) within each county.

27 We support county commissioners being elected  
28 by the voters who live in the district which they  
29 represent.

30  
31 **98. Distribution of Federal Fines**

32 We support legislation that would require public  
33 notification of the distribution of fines collected by  
34 the governmental agencies in that county.

35 We support legislation that would require federal  
36 agencies to return a portion of federal fines collected  
37 in the county where the infraction occurred.

38  
39 **99. Elections**

40 **We support:**

- 41 1. Allowing Idaho residents who own real property in  
42 a taxing district to vote on any tax proposal in that  
43 district;
- 44 2. Consolidation of all elections, including school  
45 bonds/levies to the May and November elections;

- 1 **3.** Requiring a minimum of 30% voter turnout if a
- 2 school bond/levy election occurs on March or
- 3 August dates;
- 4 **4.** A Mandatory pre-registration requirement to be
- 5 eligible to vote in all local bond elections;
- 6 **5.** Requiring photo identification, proof of residency
- 7 and proof of U.S. citizenship for new voter
- 8 registration;
- 9 **6.** Pay raises for elected officials only taking effect
- 10 after the official stands again for election; and
- 11 **7.** Changing the number of members of the Idaho
- 12 redistricting commission to 7 with the majority on
- 13 the commission reflecting the current partisan
- 14 makeup of the legislature; and
- 15 **8.** Absentee ballots with verification of identity and
- 16 signatures.

17 **We oppose:**

- 18 **1.** Unsolicited mail-in voting and vote harvesting
- 19 practices.

20

21 **100. Emergency Response Fees**

22 We oppose the imposition of a “crash tax” to

23 cover the cost of cleaning up spills at the site of an

24 accident.

25 We favor reducing regulatory burdens which

26 prohibit low-cost clean-up solutions.

27

28 **101. Public Hearings**

29 Public hearings that affect a given area of the

30 state must be held in the area that is affected, at a

31 reasonable time and date for those impacted.

32

33 **102. Zoning**

34 County commissioners should control all zoning

35 in the county. Zoning should be site specific within

36 the county.

37 We oppose the use of blanket zoning

38 ordinances, including sustainable development and

39 smart-growth initiatives.

40 We recognize and encourage the use of

41 planning tools allowed under state law to encourage

42 planned and orderly growth in or near agricultural

43 areas.

1 EDUCATION

2  
3 **103. Ag in the Classroom**

4 We support Ag in the Classroom in school  
5 curriculum to increase student literacy of agriculture.

6 We support an increase in funding for Ag in the  
7 Classroom.

8 **104. Career Technical Education**

9 We support enhanced funding for Idaho's  
10 Career & Technical Education, Agricultural Science  
11 and Technology courses and programs.  
12

13 **105. Contracts for Teachers**

14 School teachers should have the option of being  
15 able to negotiate their own contract with the school  
16 district as a private contractor.  
17

18 **106. Knowledge of Constitution**

19 We support requiring students graduating from  
20 Idaho schools to have a thorough understanding of  
21 the Constitution and the form of government that it  
22 gives us in accordance with the original intent of the  
23 founders.  
24

25 **107. Local Control of Education**

26 We encourage the State Board of Education  
27 and the Idaho Legislature to refuse federal funds  
28 aimed at promoting control of educational programs  
29 in public schools by the federal government.

30 We support the repeal of the federal education  
31 program, Common Core and SBAC testing, in the  
32 State of Idaho.

33 We oppose the gathering of personal  
34 information of students that is not related to their  
35 academic education without parental consent.  
36

37 **108. Mandatory Agriculture Education Class**

38 We support state legislation requiring all high  
39 school students to take Ag-Ed in order to graduate,  
40 utilizing current STEM classes already available.  
41

42 **109. No Increase in School Time**

43 We oppose increasing required school hours  
44 beyond 990 hours per year.

1 **110. Parental Choice in Education**

2 **We support:**

- 3 1. The voucher system for education;
- 4 2. The continuing freedom of Idaho parents to
- 5 choose private school, parochial school, home
- 6 school, public charter school or public school as
- 7 prescribed in the Idaho Constitution and in Idaho
- 8 Code;
- 9 3. Optional kindergarten; and
- 10 4. Legislation amending the Blaine Amendment,
- 11 Section 5, Article IX of the Constitution of the State
- 12 of Idaho to provide for an educational system of
- 13 grants or monetary assistance in which the money
- 14 follows the child.

15 **We oppose:**

- 16 1. Public funding of pre-kindergarten.

17

18 **111. Veterinary Students**

19 We support efforts to incentivize vet students

20 studying large food animal medicine to practice in

21 Idaho.

22

23 **STATE AFFAIRS**

24

25 **112. Agricultural Research and Extension**

26 We request the legislature examine the role of

27 the University of Idaho as the land grant college and

28 take steps to ensure the university honors its

29 commitment as our agricultural research facility. The

30 university should be on the same budgeting system

31 as the State of Idaho.

32 We recommend that extension activities assist

33 farm programs on a first-priority basis, including the

34 integrated Farm Management Program.

35 We believe that county agents should be first

36 and foremost county agricultural agents.

37 **We support:**

- 38 1. The University of Idaho Agricultural Research and
- 39 Extension Service;
- 40 2. Any products developed by any research facility
- 41 utilizing state funds for research should be made
- 42 available to Idaho citizens royalty-free;
- 43 3. Expanded research and education in all crop
- 44 areas relative to Idaho. This must also include new
- 45 and improved plant and animal varieties along with
- 46 effective insect, pest, disease and weed controls;
- 47 4. An informational exchange and cooperative effort
- 48 within the tri-state area in agchemical registration
- 49 and research as well as plant/animal variety

1 improvement research. Every effort should be  
2 made by state and county officials and the  
3 University of Idaho to retain an agricultural  
4 extension agent in each county as an extension  
5 service of our land grant university. Strong  
6 pressure must be exerted to revitalize and improve  
7 the agricultural information and education  
8 programs;

9 **5.** The hiring of new extension educators in the  
10 College of Agricultural and Life Sciences with  
11 primary training and experience in commercial  
12 agriculture and forestry; and

13 **6.** Full funding, from both federal and state  
14 governments, for operations and research at the  
15 current U.S. Sheep Experiment Station, including  
16 continuous research on the effects of grazing and  
17 sage grouse habitat, and the relationship between  
18 wildfire and grazing.  
19

### 20 **113. ATV Safety**

21 We oppose the creation of a mandatory class or  
22 special license for the ability to ride an ATV on  
23 private or public land.  
24

### 25 **114. Auction Company Bonding**

26 We support legislation that would require  
27 licensing and bonding of commercial auction  
28 companies.  
29

### 30 **115. Ballot Initiative**

31 We support requiring all ballot initiatives to  
32 collect signatures from 6% of registered voters from  
33 two-thirds of all legislative districts.

34 We support all ballot initiatives requiring a two-  
35 thirds majority vote to pass.

36 We oppose taxes being levied through the  
37 initiative process.  
38

### 39 **116. Bicycle Safety**

40 We support bicyclists using public roadways be  
41 subject to the same laws that motorists must obey.  
42

### 43 **117. Constitutional Defense Fund**

44 We support adding another leadership position  
45 to the existing four-member council when voting on  
46 the distribution of Constitutional Defense Funds.

1 **118. County Fairs**

2 We support the review and revision of all county  
3 fair related state statutes to better reflect current  
4 year-round fairground operations under the  
5 administration of local appointed fair boards even  
6 above the 200,000-county population limit.

7 **119. Cross Deputization**

8 We believe that cross deputization of county  
9 sheriffs and any tribal law enforcement officers  
10 should be voluntary.

11  
12 **120. Definition of Agricultural Buildings**

13 We support changes to Idaho Code to define  
14 agricultural buildings as follows:

- 15 1. They are buildings where agricultural products are  
16 stored, housed or grown;
- 17 2. They are buildings where agricultural equipment,  
18 including licensed vehicles that are used in the  
19 production of agriculture can be fixed, repaired or  
20 stored;
- 21 3. They are buildings that are used for the normal  
22 servicing of an agricultural business; and
- 23 4. They can be used by employees as a place of  
24 employment as well as a place to have meals and  
25 take bathroom breaks as required by GAP (Good  
26 Agricultural Practices).

27  
28 **121. Driver's Privilege Card**

29 We support legislation granting driving privileges  
30 to all persons residing in Idaho who pass the  
31 required traffic and driving testing, pay the required  
32 licensing fees, and provide proof of automobile  
33 insurance. We support this type of legislation only if  
34 driving privilege cards cannot be used as a form of  
35 identification

36  
37 **122. Emissions Testing**

38 We support agricultural producers being allowed  
39 a one-time exemption filing for the life of a vehicle  
40 until that vehicle is sold or disposed of.

41  
42 **123. Executive Branch MOU/MOA**

43 We oppose actions by the governor entering into  
44 Memorandums of Understanding or Memorandums  
45 of Agreement without legislative oversight and  
46 approval.

1 We support granting the legislature the ability to  
2 override a governor's veto after the session is  
3 adjourned.  
4

#### 5 **124. Falsifying Reports**

6 Knowingly filing a false report and/or complaint  
7 to any agency shall be considered a misdemeanor  
8 and the perpetrator should be required to pay  
9 damages and/or expenses to the individual that was  
10 falsely accused as well as the investigating agency.

#### 11 **125. Government Overreach**

12 We oppose vaccine passports and mandatory  
13 vaccinations that disrupt agriculture.  
14

#### 15 **126. Hazardous Waste**

16 We believe that each state should, to the extent  
17 possible, take the responsibility for treatment and  
18 disposal of hazardous waste generated in its state  
19 and that these waste products be disposed of in the  
20 most feasible manner that will not endanger life or  
21 resources.

22 We believe that hazardous material and  
23 hazardous waste should be kept separate in the law.

24 We support a statewide hazardous materials  
25 clean-up day.  
26

#### 27 **127. Health Insurance**

##### 28 **We support:**

- 29 1. Private optional health insurance;
- 30 2. Legislation that permits, promotes, and/or assists:
  - 31 2.1. In individual health savings accounts with tax  
32 free withdrawals for all health insurance  
33 premiums;
  - 34 2.2. In free market solutions to health care costs  
35 and access;
  - 36 2.3. In free clinics funded by local  
37 community/faith-based organizations; and
  - 38 2.4. In development of Direct Primary Care in  
39 Idaho supporting the offering of wraparound  
40 health insurance policies.
- 41 3. Health insurance as a risk management tool by  
42 reducing and/or eliminating the number of  
43 mandated services.

##### 44 **We oppose:**

- 45 1. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
46 and fines for individuals and employers who  
47 refuse to carry health insurance; and

1 2. Any legislation to require employers to carry  
2 health insurance on their employees whether  
3 they are seasonal or full-time.  
4

### 5 **128. Judicial Confirmation**

6 We support the repeal of the “Judicial  
7 Confirmation,” Title 7, Chapter 13, Idaho Code, for  
8 ordinary and necessary expenses.

### 9 **129. Liability and Tort Claims**

10 We support current Idaho Statutes dealing with  
11 liability and tort claims and will resist any effort to  
12 weaken or erode them.  
13

### 14 **130. Marijuana**

15 We support marijuana staying on the class 1 list  
16 of banned controlled substances in the State of  
17 Idaho.

18 We support legislation that will prohibit drug  
19 legalization by citizen initiatives.  
20

### 21 **131. Medicaid**

#### 22 **We support:**

- 23 1. Repeal of Medicaid Expansion;
- 24 2. Informing the taxpayers each year of the cost of  
25 Medicaid expansion and the effect on state  
26 budgets; and
- 27 3. Medicaid expansion being paid for with State of  
28 Idaho general funds.

#### 29 **We oppose:**

- 30 1. County property taxes paying any portion of  
31 Medicaid expansion.  
32

### 33 **132. Mental and Behavioral Health**

34 We support programs and initiatives that  
35 address mental and behavioral health issues that  
36 affect veterans, agricultural and rural communities  
37 statewide.  
38

### 39 **133. One Senator Per County**

40 We support an amendment to change the Idaho  
41 Constitution to allow one senator per county.  
42

### 43 **134. Preserving Agriculture**

44 We support legislation to protect agriculture  
45 land through voluntary agreements and programs  
46 based on incentives



## 135. Property Rights/Eminent Domain

### **We support:**

1. Defining private property to include, but not be limited to, all land, crops, timber, water rights, mineral rights, all other appurtenances and any other consideration associated with land ownership;
2. An Idaho Constitutional Amendment defining public use as found in the eminent domain doctrine to prohibit the condemnation of private property for economic development or any use by private parties. If private property is taken, compensation must be prompt, just and adequate;
3. Compensating landowners in the cases of partial taking of real property, when government-imposed regulations cause a loss in value of private property. Landowners or tenants shall not be held liable for any damages incurred as a result of the condemnation. Entities condemning property shall assume liability for any damages incurred by landowners.
4. The federal and state “takings” law in support of the U.S. Constitution, Article V; and
5. Amending the State Building Code to prevent infringement on private property rights through excessive permit requirements.

### **We oppose:**

1. Landowners having lands adjacent to federal and or state lands should not be forced through coercion or fear of imprisonment to allow new easements across their land for public access to federal and state lands. The taking of property or easements should be permitted only when there is eminent domain;
2. The use of eminent domain for recreational purposes, for private economic development or to expand the land holding of wildlife agencies;
3. Any infringement of private property rights caused by regulations of rivers and dams for endangered species;
4. Infringement on private property rights caused by highway districts and transportation departments; and
5. Governmental taking of private property rights by restriction of use without just and due compensation.

1 **136. Proprietary Information**

2 We oppose laws requiring insurance companies  
3 or other private business entities to provide  
4 proprietary information to state or federal agencies.

5 **137. Public Employees Bargaining**

6 We believe that public employees, when  
7 negotiating contracts, should be separate entities in  
8 themselves, and by statute not allowed to delegate  
9 or reassign their negotiating rights to professional  
10 negotiating forces.  
11

12 **138. Refugees in the United States**

13 We oppose sheltering refugees who do not  
14 agree to uphold American constitutional government  
15 and values.

16 We oppose any refugee program that adds  
17 increased stress to local services. We support any  
18 county that chooses to refuse or remove refugee  
19 programs in their county.  
20

21 **139. Regulation Reform**

22 **We support:**

- 23 1. Complete review of existing regulations to  
24 determine their effectiveness and appropriateness  
25 prior to assigning more restrictive regulations; and  
26 2. Peer review of the existing regulations to  
27 determine their potential to mitigate the problems  
28 they address.  
29

30 **140. Regulatory Fines**

31 The remedy for any violation of federal and  
32 state agency rules should be to fix the problem  
33 rather than to pay fines unless the violation rises to  
34 the level of a felony.  
35

36 **141. Rights-of-Way**

37 Any party who controls or obtains title to a right-  
38 of-way must be responsible for maintaining fences,  
39 drainage systems, all field and road crossings,  
40 controlling noxious weeds and any other agreement  
41 that might have been in existence on any such  
42 acquired rights-of-way before the corridor changed  
43 management.

44 **We Support:**

- 45 1. Access to or through federal lands using RS2477  
46 (federally granted rights-of-way);

- 1 **2.** Allowing county commissioners the ability to  
2 determine the validity of an RS2477 claim, the right  
3 to move an RS2477 when it occurs on private land  
4 and the ability to temporarily close an RS2477 for  
5 resource reasons. To prevent the misuse of  
6 RS2477 claims, we recognize the superiority of a  
7 property's title over RS2477 claims; and
- 8 **3.** Enactment of legislation to require that adjacent  
9 landowners be given priority to purchase at fair  
10 market value lands that have been vacated by  
11 railways, power companies, roadways, etc.

12 **We oppose:**

- 13 **1.** Committing easement rights-of-way obtained by  
14 public or private sectors to any new or additional  
15 purpose, either during their original usage or after  
16 abandonment, without consent of the owner of the  
17 land underlying the easement. Upon abandonment  
18 of railway or utility rights-of-way or leases, all  
19 property and rights associated with such rights-of-  
20 way or leases should revert to the current owner of  
21 the original tract; and
- 22 **2.** The use of RS2477 as a tool for the taking of  
23 private property without just compensation as  
24 prescribed in the Constitution.

25  
26 **142. Right to Bear Arms**

27 We oppose any abridgment of the Second  
28 Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which protects  
29 the right to keep and bear arms.

30 We support current law that allows law-abiding  
31 citizens the right to bear arms and be free from legal  
32 jeopardy when protecting themselves, their families,  
33 and their property.

34 We oppose the retaining of personal records  
35 collected by the FBI as a result of firearms purchase  
36 background checks.

37 We support expanding reciprocity with other  
38 states for concealed carry permits.

39  
40 **143. Road Closures**

41 We believe when any government entity closes  
42 a road, use on these roads for commodity  
43 production should be exempted from the closure.

44 We oppose the closure of any existing roads.

1 **144. Roads on State Endowment Lands**

2 We support the Idaho Department of Lands  
3 hiring or contracting a transportation planner to  
4 organize road infrastructure on endowment lands.

5 **145. State Agencies**

6 **We support:**

- 7 1. The Soil Conservation Commission or successor  
8 entity advising and aiding local Soil Conservation  
9 Districts by providing technical support and  
10 funding at the statutory level;
- 11 2. Representation by an agricultural producer on the  
12 Board of Regents for Idaho's land grant university  
13 and on the Idaho Fish and Game Commission;
- 14 3. Legislation to require that government rules and  
15 regulations, wherever applicable, be based upon  
16 supportive disciplinary peer reviewed scientific  
17 data, balanced with economic feasibility, and that  
18 wherever policies, rules or regulations do not meet  
19 this standard the responsible individual and/or  
20 individuals can be held liable;
- 21 4. When a state law enforcement agency makes an  
22 arrest, there should be a means provided to  
23 reimburse the county for all costs associated in  
24 maintaining the prisoner; and
- 25 5. The legislature reviewing agency rules. In order to  
26 approve a new rule, both the House and Senate  
27 must agree. A rule shall be rejected if either the  
28 House or Senate does not approve.

29 **We oppose:**

- 30 1. Combining, splitting, or changing government  
31 agencies without the approval of users of the  
32 services; and
- 33 2. Regulating any phase of farm and ranch business  
34 by any state agency that does not have an  
35 agricultural representative as a member of its  
36 policy making board or committee.
- 37

38 **146. State Hatch Act**

39 We favor restoring the State Hatch Act, 67-5311  
40 Limitation of Political Activity, to its original form and  
41 content.

42

43 **147. State Historic Preservation Office**

44 We oppose the expansion of the authority of the  
45 SHPO and oppose any state funding.

## 1 **148. State Legal Reform**

### 2 **We Support:**

- 3 1. Reform of the state's civil justice system, which  
4 would cure or substantially solve many of the  
5 problems farmers face with hostile, harassing legal  
6 services lawsuits. Any person or organization that  
7 sues to prevent livestock operation siting, or the  
8 use of agriculture or resource management  
9 practices, should be required to post a bond in a  
10 reasonable amount, which will be forfeited to the  
11 defendant to help defray their costs in the event  
12 that the suit is unsuccessful;
- 13 2. Legislation by the Idaho Legislature that would  
14 require any entity bringing such lawsuits to post  
15 substantial bonds based on the potential harm of  
16 the lawsuit. Individuals who file complaints against  
17 an agricultural operation and request an  
18 investigation must pay a fee to cover administration  
19 costs. Complete names, addresses and phone  
20 numbers are required on each complaint;
- 21 3. Legislation to elect district judges when  
22 appointments are made within one year of the next  
23 election;
- 24 4. Entities from outside the jurisdiction of taxing  
25 districts that file lawsuits against public entities  
26 should be required to pay all legal expenses;
- 27 5. Legislation to amend Idaho state statutes to ensure  
28 that justice and equity prevail in the awarding of  
29 attorney fees;
- 30 6. Idaho courts using only the United States and  
31 Idaho laws in the court system;
- 32 7. As a matter of equity, when a private party must act  
33 in the place of the Attorney General to enforce and  
34 protect the Idaho Constitution and statutes, the  
35 Idaho Legislature must reimburse the party for all  
36 reasonable attorney fees and costs if the courts fail  
37 to do so; and
- 38 8. Requiring judges to inform jurors of the legality of  
39 jury nullification.

## 40 **149. States' Rights and Sovereignty**

41 We support a law stating that Idaho and all  
42 political subdivisions of the state are prohibited from  
43 using any personnel or financial resources to  
44 enforce, administer or cooperate with an executive  
45 order issued by the President of the United States  
46 that has not been affirmed by a vote of the Congress  
47 of the United States and signed into law as  
48 prescribed by the Constitution of the United States.  
49

1 **150. Transportation**

2 **We support:**

- 3 1. Continuation of independent road districts without  
4 oversight by county commissioners;
- 5 2. The Idaho Transportation Department utilizing  
6 revenue sources efficiently to maintain and  
7 construct Idaho roads;
- 8 3. The Idaho Transportation Department increasing  
9 their cost saving efforts;
- 10 4. Increases in gross weights with axle weights non-  
11 changing;
- 12 5. The continued use of long combination vehicles  
13 (LCVs);
- 14 6. The Idaho Transportation Department policy of  
15 issuing oversize load permits for Idaho public  
16 roads;
- 17 7. The continued improvement of Idaho's agricultural  
18 roadways;
- 19 8. Accountability of highway transportation  
20 department's engineers for the cost over-runs  
21 and/or miscalculations for wrongful designs of  
22 highway projects;
- 23 9. Increasing permit fees on loads exceeding 200,000  
24 GVW to be comparable with fees in surrounding  
25 states;
- 26 10. The review of current Idaho Transportation  
27 Department policies regarding economics of  
28 maintenance versus new construction of  
29 roadways;
- 30 11. Expenses for environmental studies and the  
31 expenses required to meet the mandated  
32 environmental standards being calculated and  
33 tabulated on an environmental budget and not  
34 included in the Highway Construction and  
35 Maintenance budget;
- 36 12. Construction and/or improvement of a North-  
37 South Highway to the Canadian border;
- 38 13. Port districts in Idaho that help move agricultural  
39 commodities;
- 40 14. Access of agricultural implements of husbandry  
41 and vehicles to any and all local, county and state  
42 roads/highways in Idaho, and oppose the  
43 imposition of any minimum speed requirements;
- 44 15. Alternative solutions to wildlife overpasses.
- 45 16. The Idaho Transportation Department allowing  
46 axle weight limit violations for livestock and  
47 commodity haulers to be waived as long as the  
48 truck's gross weight is less than or equal to the  
49 maximum weight-limit;

- 1 **17.** 129,000 GVW limits on all highways within the
- 2 state that can accommodate the weight;
- 3 **18.** 115 feet vehicle lengths when the highways can
- 4 accommodate the length;
- 5 **19.** Universal off-track standards for highways within
- 6 Idaho;
- 7 **20.** Increases in automobile liability minimums to a
- 8 level to cover reasonable medical and
- 9 replacement costs; and
- 10 **21.** Stricter penalties for drivers of vehicles without
- 11 insurance.

12 **We oppose:**

- 13 **1.** A tax or fee increase on fuel;
- 14 **2.** A tax or fee increase on vehicles;
- 15 **3.** The removal of the Port of Entry system from the
- 16 Department of Transportation; and
- 17 **4.** Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) wildlife
- 18 overpass construction unless wildlife overpasses
- 19 are the most effective solution.

20  
21 **151. Trespass**

22 **We support:**

- 23 **1.** Programs to educate the public about private
- 24 property rights and about trespass laws.
- 25 Landowners retain the right to refuse access
- 26 within the current law;
- 27 **2.** IDFG making a concerted effort to educate hunters
- 28 about private property rights and the location of
- 29 private property in their hunting regulations and
- 30 maps. It is the hunters' responsibility to know
- 31 where they can hunt, and not the landowners'
- 32 responsibility to mark or post their property;
- 33 **3.** Making it unlawful for any person, representative of
- 34 state or federal agency or organization to enter
- 35 private property to use or attempt to use a camera,
- 36 video recorder, or any other video or audio
- 37 recording device without permission from the
- 38 owner or authorized agent;
- 39 **4.** A law placing the burden of trespass on the
- 40 trespasser instead of the landowner;
- 41 **5.** Mandatory education regarding current trespass
- 42 laws and private property rights in the Hunter
- 43 education program; and
- 44 **6.** Idaho revising state law or the Idaho Constitution
- 45 to reject open-field doctrine.

1 **152. Tribal Jurisdiction on Reservations**

2 We support the requirement that tribes and the  
3 affected municipalities and counties collaborate and  
4 coordinate to ensure that the best interests of the  
5 tribe and the surrounding communities are served if  
6 a tribe submits a retrocession resolution to the  
7 governor.

8 We oppose any act by the State of Idaho to  
9 return to the federal government any jurisdiction  
10 acquired over Indian tribes under Federal Public  
11 Law 280.

12  
13 **153. Unfunded Mandates**

14 All new laws passed by the legislature that put  
15 financial burdens on the counties or cities should be  
16 funded by the state.

17  
18 **154. Welfare Reform**

19 Believing that all people should productively  
20 engage in providing for their own sustainability, we  
21 support elimination of welfare in Idaho replacing it  
22 with work programs.



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