IDAHO WOLF DEPREDATION CONTROL BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN FY2027-2030

MISSION STATEMENT

The Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board ("Wolf Board") will direct and manage funds provided for wolf depredation control within the state of Idaho.

GOAL 1: Effectively manage and allocate funds in order to continue the service of wolf depredation control.

Objectives:

- The Wolf Board will review and approve all invoices submitted to the board for payment, following procedures outlined by the Wolf Board.
- The Wolf Board will contract with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture for fiscal services.
- The Wolf Board will contract with the Idaho Office of the Attorney General for legal services.
- The Wolf Board is authorized by statute and may enter into a contract with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services for wolf depredation control work.
- The Wolf Board is authorized by statute and may enter into a contract with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for wolf depredation control work.
- The Wolf Board may consider additional proposals from statutorily authorized entities to perform wolf depredation control activities throughout the State of Idaho.
- The Wolf Board is authorized by statute to pay compensation for damages. The board shall determine the comparable loss for payment based on available funding and use historic livestock loss prior to the 1995 wolf reintroduction as a base.

Performance Measure:

- Distribute available funds to eligible contractors in Idaho to address depredations of livestock and wild ungulates.

Benchmark:

- Up to $350,000 to Wildlife Services
- $300,000 with Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Outcome: The Wolf Board will distribute and track eligible funds provided to eligible contractors and review expense reports received in order to continue the efforts of wolf depredation control in Idaho.

GOAL 2: Conduct the affairs of the Wolf Board in a transparent and appropriate manner.

Objectives:

- Wolf Board members shall abide by all laws governing the affairs of the Wolf Board.
- The Wolf Board will continue to post meeting notices, meeting agendas, and approved meeting minutes in a timely and accessible manner on the Office of the Governor's website.
- The Wolf Board shall follow the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework and implement the Center for Internet Security (CIS) Controls. As a technology customer of the Office of Information Technology Services (OITS) in the Governor's Office, the Wolf Board is using the cybersecurity systems and technical expertise in ITS to fulfill requirements related to Executive Order 2017-02. Staff from ITS were briefed on the NIST Core Framework, CIS Controls 1-5, and their plan for adoption of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. Idaho state employees providing administrative support to the Wolf Board participate in Department of Human Resources (DHR) and ITS administered cybersecurity training, as awareness is a critical component of an effective cybersecurity program.

Outcome: The Wolf Board will follow all applicable laws, rules and Executive Orders to ensure that the activities of the Wolf Board are conducted consistent with the laws, rules, and policies of the State of Idaho.

SUMMARY

The Wolf Board has made every effort to be efficient with the funds it manages and be transparent in its activities. The Wolf Board will continue to distribute available funds with eligible contractors and work with contractors to strategically deploy those resources where wolf depredations continue to cause problems.