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**Idaho Wolf Depredation Prevention Program GS23**

**Background**

The Idaho Governor’s Office of Species Conservation (OSC) has received funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Project in order to implement preventative measures aimed at reducing wolf livestock conflict. A request for proposal (RFP) is available below to apply for these funds. *A requirement for receiving these federal dollars is a 50% match by the applicant.* Match can be in the form of cash or in-kind contributions.

OSC has a window from November 21st – February 15th to receive proposals. The review board will review the proposals received through the late winter/early spring and make initial award decisions in April of 2023. Proposals submitted outside this period will be considered on a case-by-case basis, based on available funds.

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**Eligible Applicants**

Interested producers and nongovernmental organizations are eligible for funding. Funding is limited, so every proposal might not receive funding. OSC will work with applicants to provide technical assistance to ensure the highest probability of success when implementing proactive techniques/preventative measures.

**In Kind Match**

*Matching Funds:*Cash or "in-kind" support contributed to carry out the project.

*In-Kind Contributions:*The value of non-cash contributions provided. Non-cash contributions can be in the form of charges for personal services, real property, non-expendable personal property, and/or the value of goods and services directly benefiting and specifically identifiable to the project. Included in the form below is a list of standard rates used for labor and various types of equipment.

**Review Process**

Proposals submitted will be reviewed by a panel consisting of an individual from the OSC, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services, Idaho Cattle Association, and the Idaho Wool Growers Association. The reviewers will rank proposals based on the Evaluation Criteria listed in the form below. Upon selection, OSC will send an award letter/agreement for final signatures to the grant recipient.

**Eligible Expenses**

- Guard dogs

- Visuals such as fladry and fox lights

- Range riders, increased human presence

- Trail Cameras

**-** Other effective non-lethal prevention measures

**Required Documentation**

1. Completed Proposal (3 forms)

A. Basic Information, pg. 1

B. Project Proposal/Match, pg. 2

2. Signed IRS W – 9 Form

3. Signed Award Letter/Agreement.

**OSC is accepting proposals for Grazing Season 2023 through February 15th.** Please submit documentation to:

State of Idaho, Office of Species Conservation

Attention: Austin Terrell Or email to: Austin.terrell@osc.idaho.gov

1224 Washington Ave. #101

Sandpoint, ID 83864 208-571-2052 (PH)

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**Basic Information**

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**Applicant Information**

Name of Livestock Owner/ Organization:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (if available):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you had wolf conflict in the past? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**What kind of livestock do you maintain and how many? Mark an (X) in the appropriate box.**

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| **Livestock** | **0 -50** | **50 – 100** | **100 – 500** | **500 – 1,000** | **1,000 +** |
| Cow-Calf Pairs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yearlings |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sheep |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |  |  |

**Where do you plan to incorporate your prevention activities in association with your livestock?** **Public, State, or Private Ownership?**

*(if applicable, specify which public agency: USFS, BLM, etc; allotment name/#, etc.)*

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| **Ownership** | **Allotment Name/#** | **Ranger District/Field Office** | **# of Livestock** |
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**Project Proposal and In – Kind Match**

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**What is the total amount of funds you are requesting? $**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*The italicized sections* are examples of the level of detail needed. List the activity, description of activity, number of units, cost per unit, and total cost of each activity, as well as your projected In – Kind Match Contribution (In Kind Standard Rates are included on the next page)

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| **Name of Activity** | **Description of Activity**(Where on property, approx., # of range rider hrs, etc.) | **# of Units** | **Cost per Unit** | **Total Cost** |
| *Trail Cameras* | *Reconyx HYPERFIRE 2 Cellular - 4G LTE Verizon - Placing cameras in known wolf hotspots to monitor for wolf presence when cattle are near those locations to focus human presence when most needed.* | *6 cameras* | *$599.00/camera* | *$3,599.54* |
| *Security Enclosures* | *Reconyx HYPERFIRE 2 Security Enclosure – to ensure wildlife/people do not disturb camera* | *6 Units* | *$49.99/unit* | *$299.99* |
| *Reconyx Data Plan* | *Includes access to Verizon network so you can remote access the camera’s live feed from a mobile device and save images online.*  | *6 months* | *$45.00/month* | *$270.00* |
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| **In Kind Activity** | **Description of Activity** | **# of Hours** | **Rate** | **In Kind Total** |
| *Checking on Cameras* | *Check on the cameras every other day for 4 months, 60 days. Download pictures, identify wolf activity, move cattle when needed.* | *120 hours* | *$31.12/hour* | *$3,734.40* |
| *Additional Riding* | *Ranch hand takes horse and checks on livestock more frequently if cameras detect wolf activity to increase human presence.*  | *120 hours**15 days* | *$25/hour (rider)**$56/day (horse)* | *$1,200.00* |
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**I certify that the information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

*Signature of Claimant Date*

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**Match Rates and Evaluation Criteria**

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|  | **Idaho Wolf Depredation Prevention Program** |  |
| **Standard Rates for In-Kind Contributions** |
| **Item** | **Description** | **Rate** |
|  | **Dollars** | **Per Unit** |
| ATV |  | $125.00 | DAY |
| ATV TRAILER |  | $25.00 | DAY |
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| LIVESTOCK | HORSE | $56.00 | DAY |
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| VEHICLES | TRUCKS, 4X4, 1 TON OR LESS | $95.00 | DAY |
| VEHICLES | TRUCKS, GREATER THAN 1 TON | $135.00 | DAY |
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| Owner/Manager | STANDARD CHARGES (BLS Code 11-9013) | $31.12 | HOUR |
| Ranch Hand/Rider | STANDARD CHARGES (BLS Code 45-2093) | $25.00 | HOUR |
| **Notes:** |
| 1. Use these rates to calculate in-kind contributions, unless you can demonstrate that an alternative rate is valid for your circumstances (bids, quotes, local standard rates). |
| 2. Vehicle and ATV rates were adapted from figures obtained from an average of commercial rates available. |
| [3. Worker rates were determined using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, State Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, Idaho, May 2020.](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_id.htm) |
| 4. Other rates were determined using rental or cost quotations as a guide. |

**Evaluation Criteria**

Since funds are limited, this grant is competitive. Reviewers will use a scoring system using the table below in order to better prioritize and rank each application.

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| **Evaluation Item** | **1 points** | **2 points** | **3 points** | **4 points** | **5 points** |
| Completeness of application | Not Complete | Partially complete, hard to read/ and or understand | Everything complete, but parts unclear | Does not leave many questions in the mind of the reviewer | No question about what the funds are being used for  |
| Effectiveness of tactics | Tactics proposed are outside the scope of the grant | Tactics may be within scope, but are poorly described | Tactics are in scope, partial descriptions | All tactics are within scope of the grant, descriptions are adequate. | All tactics are listed with very accurate descriptions.  |
| Cost Efficiency | Sufficient cost information not provided | Costs are not reasonable for work proposed | Some costs are reasonable, but others are not | Costs are reasonably good estimates | Costs are clearly in line with proposed work |
| Proximity to Designated High Conflict Zones | No proximity to designated high conflict zones | Project area is adjacent to a designated high conflict zone | Project area is within a designated high conflict zone | Within DHCZ, confirmed or suspected wolf depredation has happened  | Within DHCZ, confirmed and suspected wolf depredation happens frequently every season |