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OFFICE OF SPECIES, MINERALS & ENERGY COORDINATION

Idaho Wolf/Grizzly Bear Conflict Prevention Program FY28

Background

The Idaho Governor's Office of Species, Minerals, and Energy Coordination (OSMEC) has funding available to implement preventative measures aimed at reducing wolf and grizzly bear conflict. A request for proposals (RFP) is available below to apply for these funds.

Proposals will be accepted between November 5, 2026 – February 15, 2027. Proposals received during this period will be reviewed and initial award decisions will be made by April of 2027. Proposals submitted outside this period will be considered on a case-by-case basis, based on available funds.

Eligible Applicants

Interested livestock producers located within or near wolf or grizzly bear habitat are eligible for funding. Funding is limited, so some proposals based on ranking may receive partial or no funding. OSMEC will work with applicants to provide technical assistance to ensure the highest probability of success when implementing proactive techniques/preventative measures.

Review Process

Proposals submitted will be reviewed by a panel consisting of multiple agencies and industry partners. The reviewers will rank proposals based on the Evaluation Criteria listed in the form below. Upon selection, OSMEC will send an award letter/agreement for final signatures to the grant recipient. If selected, applicant must be willing to become a vendor with the State of Idaho to receive funding.

Eligible Expenses

- Electric fencing
- Game cameras
- Visuals such as fladry and fox lights
- Range riders, increased human presence
- GPS livestock ear tags
- Secure storage of attractants
- Other proven non-lethal prevention measures

Please submit completed application by February 15, 2027 to:

State of Idaho, Office of Species, Minerals, and Energy Coordination
Attention: Austin Terrell
304 N. 8th St Suite 246
Boise, ID 83702

OR

Email to: Austin.terrell@sme.idaho.gov

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Basic Information

Applicant Information

Name of Livestock Producer/ Organization:_____

Address:_____ County:_____

Phone Number:_____

Email Address:_____

Is this project to protect 4-H or FFA livestock? _____

Are you receiving any other grant funds from the State of Idaho? _____

Have you had Wolf or Grizzly Bear conflict in the past? If so, when and what occurred?

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What kind of livestock are you trying to protect? Mark an (X) in the appropriate box.

Livestock	0 -50	50 – 100	100 – 500	500 – 1,000	1,000 +
Cattle					
Sheep					
Goats					
Chickens					
Other Livestock (bees, llamas, pigs, etc.):					

Where do you plan to incorporate prevention activities in association to protect your livestock?

Ownership	Address, GPS Location, or Allotment

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Project Information

Detailed Project Description

Please provide a short summary about your project (why you chose this area for the project, how you plan to implement the project, give project specifics i.e. linear feet of electric fence, range riding frequency, type of equipment, etc.)

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Project Proposal

What is the total amount of funds you are requesting? $_____

List the activity, description of activity, number of units (fence length for electric fencing or days of range riding), rate per unit, and total cost of each activity.

Name of Activity	Description of Activity (Where on property, approximate # of range rider days, length of fence etc.)	# of Units	Rate per Unit (See table below)	Total Cost

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Standard Rates for Reimbursement

Item	Description	Rate	
		Dollars	Per Unit
PERMENANT ELECTRIC FENCE	5-STRAND PERMENANT PREDATOR ELECTRIC FENCE	$3.39	FOOT
GUARD DOG FOOD	DOG FOOD FOR LIVESTOCK GUARDIAN DOGS	Up to $25	BAG
RANGE RIDING	DAILY RATE FOR RANGE RIDING **(ADDITIONAL TO REGULAR RIDING FOR LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT).**	$200.00	DAY
GAME CAMERAS	GAME CAMERA FOR WOLF/GRIZZLY DETECTION	Up to $100	CAMERA
GAME CAMERA DATA PLAN	DATA PLAN FOR CELLULAR SERVICE ON CAMERAS	Up to $80/Camera	PER FISCAL YEAR
GARMIN IN-REACH	SATELLITE COMMUNICATION DEVICE FOR RIDERS	Up to $300	DEVICE
IN-REACH SUBSCRIPTION	MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION FOR IN-REACH UNIT	Up to $400	FISCAL YEAR
GPS LIVESTOCK EAR TAGS	EAR TAGS TO IDENTIFY LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT AND PREDATOR ACTIVITY.	Up to $75	TAG

Notes:

1. Electric fence rate was determined by using Montana NRCS Payment Schedules
2. Worker rates determined using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, State Occupational Employment/ Wage Estimates, Idaho, May 2025.
3. Other rates were determined using cost quotations and prior purchase history.
4. Rates for other proven conflict prevention methods not listed above will be determined on a per project basis.

I certify that the information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ _____

Signature of Applicant *Date*

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Evaluation Criteria

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Since funds are limited, this grant is competitive. Reviewers will use a scoring system using the table below to better prioritize and rank each application. Total points possible is 14 points.

Evaluation Item	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points
Completeness of application	Not Complete	Partially complete or hard to read, and/or understand	Fully complete and easy to understand		
Effectiveness of conflict prevention techniques	Techniques proposed are outside the scope of the grant	Techniques may be within scope, but are poorly described	Techniques are proven, but most likely will not deter conflicts as proposed	Using one solid proven conflict prevention technique to minimize conflicts.	Using multiple proven prevention techniques to greatly minimize likelihood of conflicts
Recent conflicts and proximity to Designated High Conflict Zones (DHCZ) - (wolves) or recovery areas (grizzly bears)	Project area is adjacent to designated high conflict zones (wolves) or recovery areas (grizzly bears) and has no nearby conflicts.	Project area is within a designated high conflict zone (wolves) or recovery area (grizzly bears) but has not had recent conflict on or near the project area.	Confirmed, possible, or probably conflict adjacent to the proposed project area.	Applicant has had confirmed, probable, or possible conflicts within the last five years.	Applicant has had confirmed, probable, or possible conflicts within the last two years.
4-H or FFA project?	Project is for 4-H or FFA youth				