



## ***ACCESS YES!*** **LANDOWNER PARTICIPATION**

*Access Yes!* is a voluntary landowner incentive program where landowners receive compensation for providing sportsmen access to or through their land. Landowners specify conditions of access that best meet their needs. In addition, the program: 1) provides access to wildlife that may cause depredation problems, 2) improves relationship between landowners and sportsmen, and 3) improves hunter ethics.

Landowners participating in the *Access Yes!* Program are covered by the state recreational liability statute (36-1604), which provides a liability shield to landowners who allow recreation on their property. The liability shield applies to landowners that provide recreational opportunities without charge or have entered into a cooperative lease agreement with the state.

**STEP 1:** for participating in the program is to contact the Landowner Sportsman Coordinator in your Region

- Panhandle Region - 208-769-1414
- Clearwater Region - 208-799-5010
- Southwest Region - 208-634-8137
- McCall Subregion - 208-634-8137
- Magic Valley Region - 208-324-4350
- Southeast Region - 208-232-4703
- Upper Snake Region - 208-525-7290
- Salmon Region - 208-756-2271

**STEP 2:**

Complete a Bid Application with the assistance of the Regional Landowner Sportsman Coordinator. This application must include: 1) proof of property ownership, 2) the name of the enrollee authorized to receive *Access Yes!* compensation, 3) description or size of property in the program, and 4) habitat conditions. The person enrolling the property must provide the required supporting documentation to include:

- A copy of the deed.
- The most recent tax assessment (describing property and listing landowner name[s]).
- If the person enrolling the property is not the landowner, they must have notarized written authorization from the landowner.
- All bids are to be submitted on the *Access Yes!* Landowner Bid Application form.
- Applicants should attach maps, photographs and other supportive documents to help evaluate their proposal.
- Most agreements will be annual, but multi-year contracts will be considered.

The proposal should describe the property including location, land use, hunting and/or fishing resources available, landowner's terms of access to be allowed, and the type and amount of compensation. Bid proposals may not be modified after they have been submitted.

Bid Applications must be received at the Regional IDFG office by  
***February 15 of the current calendar year.***

After an initial assessment by the Landowner Sportsman Coordinator, Bid Applications will be provided to a Sportsmen's Review Committee for review. These regional Committees will recommend which bids the Department should accept.

***Competition between bid proposals is expected to be tight due to limited funding.***

Cooperative lease agreements will be prepared after bids are selected. The Regional Landowner/Sportsmen Coordinator will notify successful landowners to review terms and sign the agreements by ***March 31 of the current calendar year.*** Compensation to the landowner can be in the form of: 1) direct monetary payments, 2) habitat improvement projects, 3) access development projects, or 4) other forms. For direct monetary payments, 1/2 of the payment will be issued July 1 with the remaining 1/2 issued December 31 of the contract year (unless other arrangements are agreed upon).

**IDENTIFICATION OF ACCESS YES! PROPERTIES**

A Sportsman's Guide to ***Access Yes!*** will be developed annually providing the location and recreational opportunities available. Properties will be identified with unique signs, provided by the Department, listing the landowner's conditions of access.

**SPORTSMEN REVIEW COMMITTEES**

Each regional Sportsmen Review Committee is comprised of five members with diverse sporting interests including big game, waterfowl, and upland bird hunters, anglers, and trappers. They will be nominated by the Regional Supervisor, approved by the Commission, and will serve at the pleasure of the Director. The Committee will meet to review and evaluate the bids and recommend to the Department which bids should be selected. Committee members cannot be currently enrolled in the ***Access Yes!*** program. Review Committees will base their recommendations on the following criteria:

- Amount of Access
- Diversity of Opportunity (species, hunting, fishing, etc.) Provided
- Cost
- Availability of Wildlife
- Access to Public Land
- Regional Recreational Needs
- Species Management Objectives
- Past Experience with Cooperator
- Past Habitat Improvement Projects on the Property
- Other Considerations

# Landowner Bid Application

**First Time Bids MUST Include:**

- 1) *A copy of the deed for ALL properties.*
- 2) *The most recent tax assessment (describing property and listing landowner names).*
- 3) *If you are not the legal landowner, a notarized and signed letter by the owner authorizing you to participate in the Access Yes! program must accompany this application form.*
- 4) *Map(s) that support the bid application, with an identifying Township, Range or Lat/Long on each map.*

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information (if different from above):**

Name (or Corporation): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

My bid is the same as last year's (please check the box)

*(If your bid is the same as last year's and you've checked the above box, just sign and date the last page of this application and submit. No other information is required.)*

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**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** (Please copy as needed)

Descriptive name of access area [for Web Title]: \_\_\_\_\_

Big Game Management Unit(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: (rangeland/forestland; irrigated cropland; dry cropland; wetland; CRP, other) \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to property or designated parking area: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY ACCESS**

Access will be allowed from \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently allow public access without charge? Yes  No

Check all those that apply:

- Sportsmen numbers are unlimited.
- Access through private land to public land: Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ acres of public lands managed by \_\_\_\_\_ will be available for public hunting/fishing opportunities.
- Sportsmen numbers are limited: Only \_\_\_\_ sportsmen allowed per day or per week (circle one).
- Dates or season is restricted: Access to the public from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Vehicle use only on existing roads and trails.
- Vehicle use only for retrieving game.
- No Vehicle use: walk in or horse access only.
- No Overnight Camping.
- No Open Fires.
- Landowner notification required.

Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

Please check the wildlife species(s) for which you are offering public hunting/trapping or viewing opportunities:

|   |                                      |                                     |                                    |                                   |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Game   | <input type="checkbox"/> Upland Game | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Game | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfowl | <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing<br>Name of lake, stream, or reservoir _____<br>Approximate length of shoreline offered for fishing access: _____ (feet, yards, miles)<br>Please describe any special fishing rules: _____<br>_____ |                                      |                                     |                                    |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |                                      |                                     |                                    |                                   |

**COMPENSATION**

This access for hunting and/or fishing is offered for (please select one):

1) Monetary Compensation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2) Habitat Improvement Project/ Sportsmen Projects

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Include Agreement # \_\_\_\_\_

Valued at \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3) Access Development Valued at \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4) Other Compensation Valued at \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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If my bid is accepted:

1. I agree to allow the property to be identified as participating in the *Access Yes!* Program. This will include signing and inclusion in the online registry for *Access Yes!*.
2. I understand that any payment for big game hunting access may result in a reduction in deprecation claim payments.
3. I understand that in signing this contract, I authorize the State of Idaho to act as my agent in enforcing the rules of access to my property.

I certify that the information provided in this *Access Yes!* application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please attach narrative if more space is needed to explain the bid proposal.

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