

# Wildlife Summit Report



## IDAHO WILDLIFE SUMMIT



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# From the Director

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**T**he Idaho Wildlife Summit was a watershed event for the future of wildlife conservation in our state. This report is an overview and initial summary of the large amount of input you provided during the three-day event.

With the use of Internet streaming and other technologies, we were able to gather input simultaneously from participants in seven locations throughout the state. At the peak on Saturday, 500 people attended, and 3,000 others watched and participated on-line. This makes the Idaho Wildlife Summit one of the largest public participation events in Idaho's history.

Here's a breakdown of participation by region and date:

	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<b>Coeur d'Alene:</b>	25	26	16
<b>Lewiston:</b>	20	30	12
<b>Boise:</b>	209	190	140
<b>Jerome:</b>	58	56	30
<b>Pocatello:</b>	35	51	34
<b>Idaho Falls:</b>	98	121	71
<b>Salmon:</b>	24	26	19
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>322</b>

In addition, people from 33 other states and six foreign countries watched the live stream online.

The Summit's speakers shared messages about the important role wildlife conservation has played in the history of our state and our nation. The messages were inspiring, thought-provoking and well worth sharing with those who were unable to attend. The enclosed DVDs include talks by Shane Mahoney, Toni Hardesty, Jim Posewitz, Dr. Tara Teel and yours truly. Also included are Sunday's panel discussion section and closing comments. You will also be able to share and enjoy several videos that played during the Summit, including Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's Summit challenge.

This report contains summaries of the input you and your fellow participants provided. These include the Trading Posts, Idaho Café, Fishing Poll, Summit Evaluations as well as the chat room discussion. The report also contains the executive summary of the citizen's survey I referred to in my presentation on the Summit's opening night. Finally, the report contains an accounting of what the Summit cost and how it is being paid for.



Virgil Moore  
Director, Idaho Fish and Game

The Idaho Wildlife Summit was the beginning of what I firmly believe will be a long-term discussion about improving wildlife conservation in Idaho. A goal of the Summit was to build enthusiasm, and we certainly accomplished that. Now we need to use this enthusiasm as we work together for wildlife conservation. Please take some time to review this report and think about common themes that you see. As I said in an e-mail last month, we plan to continue the momentum the Summit fostered as we work together to ensure our wildlife heritage for our children and grandchildren.

*Virgil Moore*

