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Dear Regional Director Allen:

This letter respectfully requests the United States Fish and Wildlife Service issue a section 10(a)(1)(A) permit under the Endangered Species Act to the State of Idaho. The issuance of this permit would facilitate an orderly transition from federal to state management for endangered gray wolves located north of Interstate-90 within the State of Idaho. As part of this management transition, the permit would enable the State to assume lead wolf management authority to enhance the conservation, management, and survival of these wolves. Please find enclosed a completed application for the requested permit.

As primary wolf managers for the State, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDF&G) seeks the authority under this permit to conduct activities for the maintenance of recovered gray wolf populations north of Interstate-90. These activities would be conducted pursuant to the 1999 Wolf Control Plan, and would include the authority for IDF&G employees to monitor, conduct public outreach, initiate and direct research regarding the gray wolf. IDF&G also requests this permit in order to conduct and/or direct the U.S. Department of Agriculture, APHIS, Wildlife Services to harass, remove, or lethally take problem wolves in response to wolf-related threats consistent with the Wolf Control Plan. Under this plan, "[a]nimals that habitually depredate on livestock are not desirable for use in establishing and bolstering wolf populations." Thus, prompt response to these problem wolves is essential for minimizing wolf-related incidents as well as to encourage public tolerance of non-problem wolves.

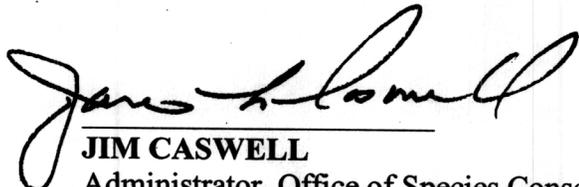
Additionally, IDF&G desires to take wolves in the wild in the course of official duties for: scientific purposes; to avoid conflict with human activities; to relocate wolves within Idaho to improve wolf survival and recovery prospects; to aid or euthanize sick, injured, or orphaned wolves; to salvage a dead specimen for scientific purposes; to aid in law enforcement investigations involving wolves; or to remove wolves with abnormal physical or behavioral characteristics, as determined by the Service. Therefore, the issuance of the permit is necessary in order to conduct these important activities.

In summary, granting of this permit continues the great effort that has been made toward recovery and eventual delisting of the gray wolf. Allowing the State to assume more

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management control, under the auspices of this permit and the Wolf Control Plan, is essential for the continued recovery and long-term conservation of the gray wolf. Because of the availability of federal funding, the State of Idaho and the IDF&G would begin implementing Idaho's Wolf Plan as soon as the necessary permits can be completed. We look forward and thank you in advance for your prompt consideration and response.

Sincerely,


JIM CASWELL
Administrator, Office of Species Conservation


STEVEN HUFFAKER
Director, Idaho Fish and Game

Enclosure: Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit application

cc: Jeff Foss, USFWS, Boise, Idaho
Ed Bangs, USFWS, Helena, MT



Department of the Interior
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application Form

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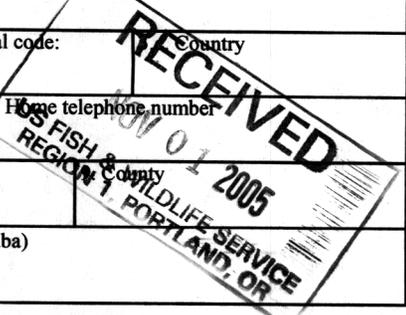
Type of Activity:

Endangered Species - USFWS
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**Native Endangered & Threatened Species –
Scientific Purposes, Enhancement of Propagation or Survival Permits
(i.e., Recovery Permits) and Interstate Commerce Permits**

Complete sections A, B, and C, on this page, plus the attached pages of this application. Application will not be considered complete without all sections. See additional instructions on attached pages.

A. Complete if applying as an individual			
1.a. Last name	1.b. First name	1.c. Middle name or initial	1.d. Suffix
2.a. Street address (line 1)	2.b. Street address (line 2)	2.c. Street address (line 3)	
3.a. City	3.b. Province	3.c. State	3.d. Zip code/Postal code: Country
4. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	5. Social Security No.	6. Occupation	7.a. Home telephone number
7.b. Work telephone number	7.c. Fax number	8. E-mail address	
10. List any business, agency, organizational, or institutional affiliation associated with the wildlife or plants to be covered by this permit (see C.1.)			11. Doing business as (dba)



B. Complete if applying as a business, corporation, public agency or institution				
1.a. Name of business, agency, or institution Idaho Department of Fish and Game		1.b. Doing business as (dba)		
2.a. Street address (line 1) 600 S. Walnut Street	2.b. Street address (line 2) P.O. Box 25	2.c. Street address (line 3)		
3.a. City Boise	3.b. Province	3.c. State Idaho	3.d. Zip code 83707	3.e. Country U.S.
4. Tax identification no.	5. Describe the type of business, agency, or institution and provide state of incorporation Fish and Wildlife Management			
6.a. Principal officer (President, director, etc) Last name Huffaker	6.b. First name Steven	6.c. Middle name or initial M.	6.d. Suffix	
7. Principal officer title: Director		8. Home telephone number 208-455-2521		
9. Work telephone number 208-334-3771	10. Fax number 208-334-4885	11. E-mail address shuffaker@idfg.idaho.gov	12. County Ada	

C. All applicants complete	
1.	Do you currently have or have you had any Federal Fish and Wildlife permits? (For simplification, all licenses, permits, registrations, and certificates will be referred to as a permit.) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, list the number of the most current permit you have held: Several permits on file w/Snake River Off No <input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Have you obtained all required State, Federal, or foreign government approval(s) to conduct the activity you propose? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, provide a copy of the approval(s). Have applied <input type="checkbox"/> Not required <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Application in Process</i>
3.	Enclose check or money order payable to the U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE in the amount of \$100 for a new permit/to renew an existing permit, or \$50 to make substantive amendments to an existing permit [50 CFR 13.11(d)(3)]. The attached pages provide information on who is exempt from paying the fee.
4.	Certification: I hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with the regulations contained in Title 50, Part 13, of the Code of Federal Regulations and the other applicable parts in subchapter B of Chapter I of Title 50, and I certify that the information submitted in this application for a permit is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.
5.	Signature (in blue ink) of applicant/person responsible for permit in Section A. or B. (no photocopied/stamped signatures)
6.	Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 10/18/05