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## New Northern Idaho Field Office Supervisor Returns to Idaho

BOISE, Idaho – Career natural resource manager Scott Grunder has been hired by as the supervisor of the Northern Idaho Field Office of the US Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). Grunder will oversee the Service’s work on the federal agency’s wildlife conservation responsibilities in Idaho’s 10 northern counties. A key role for Scott will be partnering with tribes, the state of Idaho, other federal agencies, and non-governmental organizations among others to advance the Service’s mission.

“Conservation of grizzly bears, bull trout, woodland caribou, and other fish and wildlife of Idaho is an exciting challenge for any natural resource practitioner. I am confident that Scott’s experience with Idaho Department of Fish and Game, time with the Service, and decades of working in partnership to conserve fish and wildlife more than prepare him to meet this challenge,” said Mike Carrier, state supervisor of the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office in Boise.

Grunder will manage a staff of 16 employees who work within northern Idaho on myriad conservation challenges from a restoration project of the Coeur d’Alene Basin to Kootenai River white sturgeon recovery. The work requires broad collaboration with diverse groups and individuals and includes species conservation and recovery, conservation partnerships, federal agency assistance and consultation, contaminants, fisheries management, and implementation of the Endangered Species Act.

“I’m looking forward to hitting the ground running and applying my expertise to ongoing conservation of northern Idaho’s fish, wildlife, and plants,” said Grunder. “Idaho is where I spent the bulk of my career and I’m excited to return to work in the Gem State.”

Grunder comes to Idaho from the Midwest where he has worked as the supervisor of the Service’s office in Ludington, Mich. Previous to that position, Grunder was a career employee of Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) for which he worked 29 years. He worked to conserve and restore native trout species of Idaho; served as interim Regional Bull Trout Coordinator in the Service’s Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office on an inter-agency transfer from IDFG; and provided technical assistance on land, water, and energy development projects. He also worked in the Magic Valley and Southwest Region of the state as a biologist.

Grunder earned a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from South Dakota State University. He went onto to earn a Masters of Science in Biology and Zoology from Idaho State University. He loves the great outdoors and Idaho's fish and wildlife resources.

Grunder begins work in Idaho October 4.

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