

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24742

This is a fiscal year 2017 appropriation and transfer of \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Wolf Control Fund Other Money Subaccount.

Enabling legislation passed in 2014 found that additional financial resources are needed to continue the implementation of Idaho's Wolf management plan administered by the Department of Fish and Game. It established a five-member Wolf Depredation Control Board in the Governor's Office and created a set of new funds and subaccounts to be administered by the Department of Agriculture. The law established fees from the livestock industry, to be matched up to \$110,000 per year by sportsmen, to be transferred into the Wolf Control Fund.

Fish and Game authorizes control actions when wolves are causing conflicts with people, domestic animals, and significant measured deer and elk population declines. The responsibility of the Wolf Control Board is to allocate the money for control actions approved by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. The Wolf Control Board has a cooperative services agreement and a work plan with Wildlife Services.

During calendar year 2015, Wildlife Services responded to 84 livestock depredations, confirmed 59 depredations were a result of wolves, and reported that 72 wolves had been killed using funds provided by the Wolf Depredation Control Board. In February of 2016, Wildlife Services agents killed 20 wolves consistent with the Elk Management Plan and Lolo Predation Management Plan.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2016 Original Appropriation	0.00	0	0	0	0
Expenditure Adjustments	0.00	0	924,600	0	924,600
FY 2016 Estimated Expenditures	0.00	0	924,600	0	924,600
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	0	(924,600)	0	(924,600)
FY 2017 Base	0.00	0	0	0	0
1. Wolf Control	0.00	400,000	0	0	400,000
Cash Transfers	0.00	(400,000)	0	0	(400,000)
FY 2017 Total	0.00	0	0	0	0

This is a fiscal year 2017 appropriation and transfer of \$400,000 from the General Fund to the continuously appropriated Wolf Control Fund Other Money Subaccount.

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