

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Monday, January 19, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Committee organizational details	Rep. Mendive
<a href="#">RS 32850</a>	Forest products commission	Rep. Boyle
<a href="#">RS 32975</a>	Federal land policy, management	Rep. Boyle
<a href="#">RS 32883</a>	Soil and water conservation commission	Rep. Manwaring
	JFAC budget process - introduction	Rep. Tanner (14)

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Mendive  
Vice Chairman Shepherd  
Rep Boyle  
Rep Vander Woude  
Rep Manwaring  
Rep Raybould

Rep Mickelsen  
Rep Nelsen  
Rep Pickett  
Rep Raymond  
Rep Tanner (14)  
Rep Miller

Rep Dygert  
Rep Petzke  
Rep Sauter  
Rep Healey  
Rep Galaviz  
Rep Church

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 19, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Raybould

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Chairman Mendive** welcomed the committee members, introduced himself, the vice chairman, the committee secretary and page and invited each to say a few words.

**Chairman Mendive** invited individual committee members to introduce themselves and say a few words.

**Chairman Mendive** explained some details about when the committee meets and how materials for member review will be circulated and shared.

**RS 32850:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **RS 32850** saying the proposed legislation moves the current Idaho Forest Products Commission IDAPA Rules into Idaho Code, specifically into Title 38, and Chapter 15.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 32850. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32975:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **RS 32975** saying the proposed legislation asks the Federal Government to reaffirm the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMS) as the primary authority governing federal land management and land exchanges.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to introduced **RS 32975. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32883:** **Rep. Manwaring** presented **RS 32883** saying the proposed legislation moves the Idaho Soil and Water Commission within the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Tanner** made a motion to introduce **RS 32883. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Mendive** introduced **Rep. Tanner** to speak to the committee in his JFAC Chairman capacity regarding the intricacy of budget appropriations. Following his brief introduction and response to some committee questions, Rep. Tanner introduced **Janet Jessup**, a policy analyst from Legislative Services Office (LSO) who presented the budget research resources available on the Legislative website.

**Chairman Mendive** asked for member volunteers to proof meeting minutes. **Rep. Church** and **Rep. Sauter** volunteered and were assigned.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 32856</a>	Private forest land, surcharge	Rep. Boyle

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**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW40  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Tanner(14)  
**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.  
**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the January 19, 2026 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**RS 32856:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **RS 32856** explaining how the proposed legislation increases the structure surcharge levied on improved private forest land parcels from \$40 to \$100 maximum, concluding it is still very inexpensive fire insurance.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to introduce **RS 32856**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
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**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">13-0103-2501</a>	Public Use of Lands Owned or Controlled by the Department of Fish and Game (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Amber Worthington, Dep. Director, Programs & Policy, Dept. of Fish & Game
<a href="#">13-0116-2401</a>	Trapping of Wildlife and Taking of Furbearing Animals (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Amber Worthington, Dep. Director, Programs & Policy, Dept. of Fish & Game
<a href="#">13-0119-2501</a>	Rules for Selecting, Operating, Discontinuing, and Suspending Vendors (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Amber Worthington, Dep. Director, Programs & Policy, Dept. of Fish & Game

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**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

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**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Manwaring, Dygert

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**Chairman Mendive** recognized the University of Idaho students in the room observing and the university representatives accompanying the group.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the January 21, 2026 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Mendive** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Shepherd**.

**DOCKET NO. 13-0103-2501:** **Amber Worthington**, Deputy Director at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), presented the Agency's pending rule changes to **Docket No. 13-0103-2501**, and answered committee questions.

**Lauren Smyser**, Department of Financial Management (DFM) Legislative Affairs Bureau Chief, was invited to advise the committee pertaining to potential editing of proposed rules and she reiterated the options available to the committee.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Vice Chairman Shepherd** made a unanimous consent request to drop concerns about IDFG wording choices matching statutes and move forward. There being no objection the request was granted.

**Trisha Heddon**, IDFG Assistant Wildlife Bureau Chief, was invited to address committee questions pertaining to compliance with open range grazing laws. She explained that IDFG does comply with existing open range grazing statutes, however, there are times when the interests of wildlife management and open range grazing do not blend resulting in some necessary limitations but she assured the committee those instances are carefully kept to a minimum.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0103-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 13-0116-2401:** **Amber Worthington**, Deputy Director at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), presented the Agency's pending rule changes to **Docket No. 13-0116-2401**, and answered committee questions.

**Erik Weiseth** representing the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association testified as neutral concerning **Docket No. 13-0116-2401** saying his association stood neither for nor against the changes.

**Jeff Abrams** representing the Idaho Conservation League testified **in support** of part and **opposed** to part of **Docket No. 13-0116-2401**, saying they support language surrounding incidental trapping, but have concerns about some language connected to endangered species.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0116-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 13-0119-2501:** **Amber Worthington**, Deputy Director at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), presented the Agency's pending rule changes to **Docket No. 13-0119-2501**, and stood for committee questions.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0119-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chairman Shepherd** turned the gavel back over to **Chairman Mendive**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

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Representative Shepherd  
Vice Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Thursday, January 29, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 32887</a>	Code cleanup, fish and game	Rep. Manwaring
<a href="#">RS 32890</a>	Code cleanup, recreation trust	Rep. Manwaring
<a href="#">RS 32902</a>	Code cleanup, dept water resources	Rep. Manwaring
<a href="#">RS 32903</a>	Code cleanup, department of lands	Rep. Manwaring
<a href="#">RS 33049</a>	Water skiing, towing	Rep. Sauter
<a href="#">HJM 9</a>	Federal land policy, mgmt	Rep. Boyle
<a href="#">H 511</a>	Private forest land, surcharge	Rep. Boyle

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MINUTES  
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**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Tanner(14)

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**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the January 27, 2026 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32887:** **Rep. Manwaring** (D29) presented **RS 32887** and explained this proposed legislation is the result of the Idaho Code Cleanup Act **H 14** enacted in 2025 involving the DOGE Task Force which was formed to identify obsolete, outdated and unnecessary sections of Code that could be repealed. **RS 32887** repeals three sections of outdated Idaho Code specific to the Department of Fish and Game concerning wolf management, and hunting fines, which are established in other sections of Idaho Code.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 32887**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32890:** **Rep. Manwaring** (D29) presented **RS 32890** and explained this proposed legislation is the result of the Idaho Code Cleanup Act **H 14** enacted in 2025 involving the DOGE Task Force which was formed to identify obsolete, outdated and unnecessary sections of Code that could be repealed. **RS 32890** repeals six sections of outdated Idaho Code specific to a Parks and Recreation Fund, a program that has not been funded or active since its inception in 1995.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 32890**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32902:** **Rep. Manwaring** (D29) presented **RS 32902** and explained this proposed legislation is the result of the Idaho Code Cleanup Act **H 14** enacted in 2025 involving the DOGE Task Force which was formed to identify obsolete, outdated and unnecessary sections of Code that could be repealed. **RS 32902** repeals 22 sections of outdated Idaho Code specific to the Department of Water Resources.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 32902**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32903:** **Rep. Manwaring** (D29) presented **RS 32903** and explained this proposed legislation is the result of the Idaho Code Cleanup Act **H 14** enacted in 2025 involving the DOGE Task Force which was formed to identify obsolete, outdated and unnecessary sections of Code that could be repealed. **RS 32903** repeals 30 sections of outdated Idaho Code specific to the Department of Lands floating timber down the river and town site claims dating back to the territorial era.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 32903**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33049:** **Rep. Sauter** (D1) presented **RS 33049** saying it expands water skiing activities on public bodies of water in Idaho. Water skiing regulations have not been amended since 2011 and fourteen other States have adapted similar regulations.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 33049**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- HJM 9:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **HJM 9** saying this is a plea to Congress to reaffirm FLPMA, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as primary authority governing federal land management and land exchanges. She explained that a recent legal decision originating in Idaho threatens the predictability and stability of FLPMA's long-established framework, which is essential to effective land management in Idaho and throughout the West.
- Elizabeth Criner**, representing J.R. Simplot Company, was invited by the presenter to expand the presentation by elaborating on the extensive legal case that over turned 50 years of established case law and could negatively effect land exchanges going forward.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **HJM 9** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 511:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **H 511** calling it a "pay to play" bill and saying it helps finance fire protection for homes or structures in wild-urban interface areas by increasing the current maximum surcharge from \$40 to \$100. The current rate is not sufficient to support the fire protection program fund, and will lead to a shortfall within five years.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **H 511** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
- Clete Edmunson** representing the Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho and **Stephen Thomas** representing the Idaho Forest Group testified **in support of H 511**.
- Idaho Dept. of Lands (IDL) Director **Dustin Miller**, and IDL Coeur d'Alene Fire Chief **Josh Harvey** testified **in support of H 511** saying the fire protection program fund structure surcharge has not been adjusted since 2009 and since that time Idaho has experience significant population growth impacting wild-urban interface areas.
- VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW40  
Tuesday, February 03, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Water Users Association Update: 1) Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District 2) Water District 63 3) Twin Falls Canal Company 4) Bingham Co. Ground Water District 5) Madison Co. Ground Water District	Lara Herway, Executive Director, Idaho Ground Water Appropriators
<a href="#">RS 33109C1</a>	Rangeland improvement account	Rep. Raymond
<a href="#">RS 33135</a>	Wildlife crossings	Rep. Petzke
<a href="#">H 502</a>	Forest products commission	Rep. Boyle
<a href="#">SJM 107</a>	Mining	Rep. Dygert

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**DATE:** Tuesday, February 03, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Tanner(14), Sauter

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**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to approved the January 29, 2026 meeting minutes, with leave to amend if needed. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Lara Herway**, Executive Director, Idaho Ground Water Appropriations (IGWA), introduced the Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA) update by explaining today's presentation involves five different speakers offering a snap shot of completed and underway projects in the Boise River Basin and Snake River Plain.

**Lorri Gray**, Secretary/Treasurer, Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District, provided an update on the Ridenbaugh Canal Headworks Modernization Project on the Boise River which began in October 2025. She described the aging infrastructure, explained the importance of the canal headwork function, touched on funding sources, provided details where the project stands today, and stood for committee questions.

**Daniel Hoke**, Watermaster, Water District 63, spoke about improving water management and efficiency, expected 2026 water shortfalls, efforts to stabilize water fluctuations and get ahead of predicted shortfalls, and stood for committee questions.

**Jay Barlogi**, General Manager, Twin Falls Canal Company, spoke about a century old infrastructure, and generally the Highline Canal Project which involves relining nine miles of Twin Falls canal to prevent leaking and placing higher priority on water efficiency. He told the committee about project challenges, progress, accomplishments, funding and stood for committee questions.

**Alan Jackson**, District Manager, Bingham County Groundwater District, spoke about managing water resources in his district, efforts to improve, and stood for committee questions.

**Aaron Dalling**, Manager, Freemont-Madison Irrigation District, covered the progression of projects at several locations within his district, the funding sources and goals, and stood for committee questions.

**RS 33109C1:** **Rep. Raymond** (D31) presented **RS 33109C1** saying legislation creating a rangeland improvement account was passed last year without funding or establishing a managing authority. This proposed legislation does not ask for any State funding because Federal funding is available, but it does give managing authority to the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to introduce **RS 33109C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33135:** **Rep. Petzke** (D21) presented **RS 33135** saying this proposed legislation concerns wildlife crossings and emphasizes the importance of recognizing critical migration paths and accommodating those paths when possible for wildlife preservation and public safety.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to introduce **RS 33135**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 502:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **H 502** saying it takes existing Forest Products Commission Rules and puts them into law. She explained the purpose of the Forest Products Commission, which is to educate the public on how to have healthy forests, and added the need for public education on this topic could not be greater as false information seems to prevail everywhere.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 502** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- SJM 107:** **Rep. Dygert** (D23) presented **SJM 107** saying this legislation recognizes the great things Integra Resources has done to prepare the DeLamar Mine project, including working with local tribes and ranchers, and even committing to clean up any sins of past mining when encountered. It encourages the federal government to act on their mining application in a timely manner and expresses Idaho's support of the project.
- Emily Hendrickson**, representing the Integra/DeLamar Mine was invited to answer committee questions regarding how long they have been in the application process. She answered they have been engaged with the Bureau of Land Management as lead agency since 2020 however Integra purchased the property in 2017 and began all the initial data collection. They will just be entering the NDEP process this year.
- Rep. Boyle** declared a Rule 80.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **SJM 107** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dygert** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Outfitters & Guides (IOGA) Presentation	Erik Weiseth, IOGA Executive Director
	Idaho Water Resources Research Institute (IWRRI) Update	Dr. Kendra Kaiser, IWRRI Director and University of Idaho Assistant Professor
<a href="#">H 569</a>	Water skiing, towing	Rep. Sauter
<a href="#">H 565</a>	Code cleanup, fish and game	Rep. Manwaring
<a href="#">H 566</a>	Code cleanup, recreation trust	Rep. Manwaring
<a href="#">H 567</a>	Code cleanup, dept water resources	Rep. Manwaring
<a href="#">H 568</a>	Code cleanup, department of lands	Rep. Manwaring
<a href="#">S 1222</a>	Water, domestic use	Rep. Pickett
<a href="#">SJM 108</a>	Grazing, depredation claims	Rep. Boyle

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**DATE:** Thursday, February 05, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

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**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Tanner(14)

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**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**Erik Weiseth**, Executive Director of Idaho Outfitter and Guides Association (IOGA) presented to the committee about the initial establishment of IOGA in 1954, and all the different kinds of guides in the membership. He touched on the IOGA's contribution to local economies and the issues most important to the IOGA, which included allocation, public lands staying in public hands, and Idaho Power re-licensing the Hell's Canyon Complex. He advised the committee that a water flow rate of 8500 CFS at Hell's Canyon Complex during the recreation season is a significant public safety issue and stood for general questions.

**Dr. Kendra Kaiser**, Director at Idaho Water Resources Research Institute (IWRRI) imparted an introductory presentation. She explained that IWRRI is one of 54 organizations existing across the country in every state and territory researching complex and urgent questions, conducting independent analysis, improving access to water data and information, and translating that information to support decision making to the region it serves. She elaborated IWRRI's 2025 accomplishments, the composition of its Board, top research priorities identified during the past year and stood for committee questions.

During committee questions **Mathew Weaver**, Director at Idaho Dept. of Water Resources (IDWR) was invited to speak and offered commendations for the work of the Idaho Water Resources Research Institute (IWRRI).

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Mendive** made a unanimous consent request to **HOLD H 565, H 566, H 567, H 568**. **Rep. Mickelsen** objected and explained why.

**Chairman Mendive** put the committee at ease at 2:08 p.m.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting back to order at 2:13 p.m.

**Rep. Mickelsen** withdrew her objection. With the objection being withdrawn, the unanimous consent request was granted.

**H 569:** **Rep. Sauter** (D1) presented **H 569** saying operating a ski boat with a driver and a skier combination has been illegal. This legislation legalizes it within certain time frames, and certain seasons, and stipulates a driver must be at least 18 and possess a valid driver's license.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 569** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Sauter** to sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1222:** **Rep. Pickett** (D27) presented **S 1222** saying this legislation improves the bill from last year measuring the domestic water use by adding clarification.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **S 1222** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- Paul Arrington** representing the Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA) and **Mathew Weaver**, Director at Idaho Dept. of Water Resources (IDWR), spoke in support of **S 1222**.
- VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- SJM 108:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **SJM 108** saying ranchers have not been reporting deprecations due to alleged threats of losing their grazing rights and this legislation makes the matter known to the federal government.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **SJM 108** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW40  
Monday, February 09, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Department of Fish & Game (IDFG) Annual Update	Jim Fredericks, IDFG Director
	American Falls Future Farmers of America (FFA) presentation	Marc Beitia , American Falls FFA Advisor
<a href="#">RS 33185</a>	Water project reimbursement, MHAFB	Rep. Gannon
<a href="#">RS 33168</a>	Clean water act	Rep. Boyle
<a href="#">RS 33194</a>	County boards, federal coordination	Rep. Boyle
<a href="#">H 587</a>	Rangeland improvement account	Rep. Raymond
<a href="#">HCR 26</a>	Wildlife crossings	Rep. Petzke

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Vice Chairman Shepherd	Rep Nelsen	Rep Petzke
Rep Boyle	Rep Pickett	Rep Sauter
Rep Vander Woude	Rep Raymond	Rep Healey
Rep Manwaring	Rep Tanner (14)	Rep Galaviz
Rep Raybould	Rep Miller	Rep Church

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Monday, February 09, 2026
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Tanner(14)
- GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
- Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- Jim Fredericks**, Director at the Dept. of Fish and Game provided an annual agency update. He reviewed the Agency's profile and core functions, revenue and expenditures, 2025 performance measures, and a couple of points of interest. He reported the transition to non-resident deer and elk tag sales by lottery, and requiring an Idaho hunting license to enter, went better than expected and generated considerable funds for the State.
- With a judicial injunction eliminating trapping of wolves during certain times/seasons preventing incidental grizzly catch the wolf mortality rates are lower than previous years. And the wolf depredations have decreased some, however, not all ranchers report for various reasons.
- The majority of Committee questions circled around the relocation of elk in a targeted area and relevant large animal depredation claims. Apparently, much misinformation on this subject is circulating in the public, however, **Jim Fredericks** explained that complete information has been available all the while on the IDFG website.
- Marc Beithia**, Advisor, American Falls Future Farmers of America (FFA), introduced "The People v. The Roadless Rule Rescission: Are We Protecting the Lands – Or Locking Them Away?" presentation and the students with him performed a skit for the committee, and afterwards stood for committee comments and questions.
- RS 33185:** **Rep. Gannon** (D17) requested more time before presenting **RS 33185**, specifically until the February 11, 2026 committee meeting.
- UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Mendive** made a unanimous consent request to **HOLD RS 33185** until the February 11, 2026 committee meeting. There being no objection the request was granted.
- RE 33168:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **RS 33168** pertaining to the waters of the United States.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduced **RS 33168**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33194:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **RS 33194** saying counties are asking to be recognized as special experts concerning the counties they serve especially when representing Idaho to the Federal government.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to introduce **RS 33194**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 587:** **Rep. Raymond** (D31) presented **H 587** pertaining to the rangeland improvement account created last year and establishing a spending authority for the account.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to send **H 587** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Lane Justus** representing the Western Landowners Alliance (WLA) testified in support of **H 587**.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**HCR 26:** **Rep. Petzke** (D21) presented **HCR 26** saying the legislation supports the development of wildlife crossings and he talked about the importance of wildlife migration paths being identified and accommodated.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **HCR 26** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

During discussion a question regarding costs and funding was raised. Responding, **Rep. Petzke** acknowledged there could be costs associated with the legislation if accepted, and suggested federal funding may be available.

**Nick Fasciano** representing the Idaho Wildlife Federation, and **Benn Brockstone** representing Idaho Sportsmen Access and Opportunity spoke in support of **HCR 26**.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Boyle, Miller, Vander Woude** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the Bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Wednesday, February 11, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 33151</a>	State sovereignty, jurisdiction	Rep. Boyle
<a href="#">RS 33185</a>	Water project reimbursement, MHAFB	Rep. Gannon
<a href="#">RS 33217</a>	Big game depredation claims	Rep. Shirts
<a href="#">RS 33284</a>	Hunting, state sport	Rep. Hall (Grayson Stone)
<a href="#">RS 33287C1</a>	Wildlife relocation	Rep. Pickett
<a href="#">24-3501-2501</a>	Rules of the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board- Pending Rule	John Price , Bureau Chief, Idaho Dept. of Occupational Licenses (DOPL)
	Annual Update from Dept. of Occupational Licenses (DOPL)	Ryan Bernard, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DOPL
	Annual Update from Dept. of Water Resources (IDWR)	Mathew Weaver , Director, IDWR
	Annual Update from Dept. of Water Resources Board (IWRB)	Jeff Raybould, Chairman, IWRB

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 Rep Tanner (14)  
 Rep Miller

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Petzke, Galaviz

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**RS 33151:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **RS 33151** saying this legislation is about federalism. Aside from what is stated in the US Constitution, Idaho does not have anything in code specifying the state government has jurisdiction over matters occurring within Idaho.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 33151**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33185C1:** **Chairman Mendive** explained that the sponsor of **RS 33185C1** has requested additional time.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Mendive** made a unanimous consent request to remove **RS 33185C1** from today's agenda. There being no objection the request was granted.

**RS 33217:** **Rep. Shirts** (D9) presented **RS 33217** saying despite unused funds remaining in the Big Game Depredation Fund at the end of the year, instances of unpaid approved claims have come to his attention. This legislation clarifies procedures and prioritizes the distribution of available funds on approved claims to ensure landowners and producers are paid for losses incurred when funds still remain for this purpose.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to introduce **RS 33217**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33284:** **Grayson Stone**, substituting for **Rep. Hall** (D25), presented **RS 33284**. He shared a story about discovering that Idaho does not have an official state sport, and then explained this legislation aims to fix that by naming hunting as Idaho's state sport.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 33284**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33287C1:** **Rep. Pickett** (D7) presented **RS 33287C1** regarding relocation of wildlife. He explained there was a last minute editing error pertaining notice, and then described the correction for the committee in detail. This legislation is basically **H 95** from last session, and in response to comments received from Fish & Game, and other members of this committee it has been reworked.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 33287C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Mendive** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Shepherd** for the consideration of administrative rules.

**DOCKET NO. 24-3501-2501:** **John Price**, Bureau Chief at the Idaho Division of Occupational Licenses (DOPL) presented **Docket No. 24-3501-2501** which pertains to Rules of the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board. He described DOPL's rule making process and how the input received during the process from Idaho Fish and Game, BLM, US Forest Service, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association (IOGA), and other members of the industry has been incorporated into the pending changes.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to approved **Docket No. 24-3501-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chariman Shepherd** turned the gavel back over to **Chairman Mendive**.

**Ryan Bernard**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief with the Division of Occupational Licenses (DOPL) provided the committee with an annual agency update. He reviewed the agency's authority, purpose, mission, funding, recent activities and stood for committee questions.

**Mathew Weaver**, Director of the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources (IDWR) provided an annual agency update. He covered several topics, including: budget, funding and accomplishments of the new Water Administration Bureau, Water District work, Surface Water Coalition (SWC) delivery, Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Area of Common Ground Water (ACGW) update, current Treasure Valley ground water conditions, Idaho's rights connected to the Bear River Compact, the IDWR and SWCC (Soil and Water Conservation Commission) merger, and administrative update. Director Weaver responded to very specific committee questions throughout the whole presentation.

**Chairman Mendive** invited **Ken Burgess**, representing Veolia Water, to say a few words about the Water Treatment Plant tour the committee has been invited to attend on February 19 during the regular meeting time. Ken Burgess explained he is providing transportation and the tour is expected to last one hour, promising to return participants to the Capitol by 3:00 p.m. He described some points of interest and encouraged committee members to attend.

**Jeff Raybould**, Chairman of the Idaho Water Resources Board (IWRB) provided an annual update. He spoke about several ongoing programs and projects, their funding and progress, including the State Water Plan (SWP) review, the Eastern Snake Plain Area (ESPA) CAMP revision, the IDWR Cloud Seeding Program, and others, plus he responded to specific committee questions.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the February 3, 2026 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
Upon Adjournment  
Room EW40  
Friday, February 13, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 33353</a>	Water storage	Rep. Fuhriman
<a href="#">RS 33185C1</a>	Water project reimbursement, MHAFB	Rep. Gannon
<a href="#">RS 33344</a>	Geothermal water, municipal use	Rep. Petzke
<a href="#">RS 33290</a>	Blinds, locations near water	Rep. Raymond
<a href="#">RS 33348</a>	Trapping, checking wolf traps	Rep. Shepherd

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Rep Raybould

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Rep Nelsen  
Rep Pickett  
Rep Raymond  
Rep Tanner (14)  
Rep Miller

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 13, 2026

**TIME:** Upon Adjournment

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Tanner(14), Healey

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33353, RS 33344, RS 33290, and RS 33348. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33185C1:** **Rep. Gannon** (D17) presented **RS 33185C1** saying the State and ARPA funds paid for a 14-mile water pipeline project expanding and stabilizing Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB) water supply by connecting to the CJ Strike Reservoir. And with foreign countries training at MHAFB the proposed legislation involves the Idaho Water Board engaging in negotiations to ensure foreign governments pay a user fee to use water while training and help re-coop some of the project costs.

The committee questioned if Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA), Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) and the Idaho Water Resources Board (IWRB) were consulted, and if they supported the proposed legislation? **Rep. Gannon** responded that they were consulted, however they are opposed.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to return **RS 33185C1** to the sponsor. And speaking to the motion said she could not support something IWUA (Idaho Water Users Association), IDWR (Idaho Dept. of Water Resources), and IWRB (Idaho Water Resources Board) opposed. She reiterated the history of the pipeline project and spoke to the significant State and Federal negotiations that surrounded the project, adding that negotiated water agreements are complicated and should not be disturbed over temporary use issues.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Church** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33185C1**. She explained her reasons for the motion saying the idea deserved more thorough consideration.

During committee discussion several members explained their reasons for supporting or opposing the motion.

**VOTE ON  
SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** **Substitute motion failed by voice vote.**

**VOTE ON  
ORIGINAL  
MOTION:** **Original motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 652</a>	Hunting, state sport	Rep. Hall
<a href="#">20-0302-2401</a>	Rules Governing Mined Land Reclamation (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Andrew Smyth, Bureau Chief, Resource Protection & Assistance
<a href="#">20-0304-2401</a>	Rules for the Regulation of Beds, Waters, and Airspace Over Navigable Lakes in the State of Idaho (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Marde Mensinger, Program Manager, Navigable Waterways
<a href="#">20-0308-2501</a>	Easements on State-Owned Lands (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Lawson Tate, Program Manager, Right-of-Way

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Manwaring, Tanner(14)

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Chairman Mendive** provided a reminder the committee would be taking a tour of the Veolia Water Treatment Plant in place of our next meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2026, and imparted where to meet and when.

**Chairman Mendive** recognized the committee page **Kailynn Clark**, today is her last meeting and he invited her to say a few words about her future plans.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the February 9, 2026 and February 11, 2026 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 652:** **Grayson Stone**, substituting for **Rep. Hall** (D25) presented **H 652** explaining how the legislation naming a State sport came about and gushed over the earnest efforts of a Twin Falls third grader named **Betty Grandy** who discovered Idaho does not have an official state sport and who has been working to change that.

**Betty Grandy**, representing herself, was invited to speak about her proposal that hunting be named the official state sport. She explained how she discovered Idaho lacks an official state sport and the process she underwent to determine the favorite among a few other options with the people who live in her home town.

**Chairman Mendive** put the committee at ease at 1:36 p.m. to applause the presentation, and called the meeting back to order at 1:36 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **H 652** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Stone will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Mendive** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Shepherd** for consideration of Administrative Rules.

**DOCKET NO.  
20-0302-2401:** **Andrew Smyth**, Bureau Chief at Idaho Dept. of Lands (IDL) presented **Docket No. 20-0302-2401** pertaining to the Rules governing mined land reclamation. He elaborated on the agency's authority, reviewed the details surrounding the rule-making process and assured the committee that public comments have been collected, considered, and when appropriate incorporated into the proposed Rules.

**Will Tiedemann** representing Idaho Conservation League spoke **in neutral** support of **Docket No. 20-0302-2401**, however, he expressed concern over 5 years between updates, among other things, and pointed out instances of potential inconsistency between Code and the Administrative Rules.

**MOTION:** Rep. Raymond made a motion to approve **Docket No. 20-0302-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 20-0304-2401:** **Marde Mensinger**, Program Manger at Idaho Dept. of Lands (IDL) presented **Docket No. 20-0304-2401** pertaining to Rules for the regulation of beds, waters, and airspace over navigable lakes in the State. She elaborated on the agency's authority, reviewed the details surrounding the rule-making process and assured the committee that public comments have been collected, considered, and when appropriate incorporated into the proposed Rules.

**MOTION:** Rep. Raybould made a motion to approve **Docket No. 20-0304-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 20-0308-2501:** **Lawson Tate**, Program Manger at the Idaho Dept. of Lands (IDL) presented **Docket No. 20-0308-2501** pertaining to easements on State-owned lands. He elaborated on the agency's authority, reviewed the details surrounding the rule-making process and assured the committee that public comments have been collected, considered, and when appropriate incorporated into the proposed Rules.

In response to committee questions about easement appraisal charges stated "to be determined" **Lawson Tate** explained sometimes an easement is remotely located or fast-tracked or both and an on-staff appraiser is not available to conduct the appraisal in the specified time so it is contracted out. The charges associated with hiring qualified specialized appraisers varies greatly in these circumstances, and Dept. of Lands (IDL) locates appraisers from community listings near the pending easement, and does not maintain a list of preferred appraisers.

**MOTION:** Rep. Raybould made a motion to approve **Docket No. 20-0308-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chairman Shepherd** turned the gavel back over to **Chairman Mendive**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Monday, February 23, 2026**

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<a href="#">HJM 14</a>	Water storage	Rep. Fuhriman
<a href="#">H 737</a>	Merge offs, spec cons & enrgy resrs	Rep. Boyle
<a href="#">HJM 13</a>	Clean water act	Rep. Boyle
<a href="#">H 676</a>	Geothermal water, municipal use	Rep. Petzke
<a href="#">37-0204-2501</a>	Shoshone Bannock Tribal Water Supply Bank Rules (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Mary Condon, Project Manager, Dept.of Water Resources
<a href="#">37-0307-2501</a>	Stream Channel Alteration Rules (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Aaron Golart, Coordinator, Dept. of Water Resources
<a href="#">37-0312-2501</a>	Idaho Department of Water Resources Water Distribution Rules-Water District 34 (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Matt Anders, Project Manager, Dept.of Water Resources

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 23, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Chairman Mendive** introduced the new committee page, **Adam Blank**, and invited him to say a few words.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the February 13, 2026 meeting minutes.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Mendive** made a unanimous consent request to move **HJM 13** and **H 737** to the top of the agenda, there being no objection the request was granted.

**HJM 13:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **HJM 13** saying the Environmental Protections Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers are not adhering to the Clean Water Act, nor are they following the Supreme Court's ruling on wet lands. She yielded her presentation to **Mike Sackett** and **Shantelle Sackett** who took their issue to the Supreme Court twice, and won twice, with unanimous decisions both times.

**Mike Sackett** and **Shantelle Sackett** imparted a courageous story about a 20 year court battle with the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers over their exaggerated interpretation of "wet-lands", and their eventual 9-0 victory in the Supreme Court, twice, clarifying the scope of the Clean Water Act.

**Chairman Mendive** put the committee at ease at 1:49 p.m. to show appreciation to the presenters, and called the meeting back to order at 1:49 p.m.

**Norm Semanko** representing himself, **Paul Arrington** representing Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA), **Brad Pfannmuller** representing Avimor Development, **Dan Richter** and **Ed Humphreys** representing themselves, and **Branden Jensen** representing the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation spoke **in support of HJM 13**. All testified to the need for this legislation and their experiences with the heavy handed, threatening behavior of the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers concerning this issue, adding they are ignoring the Supreme Court Ruling.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **HJM 13** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 737:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **H 737** saying this legislation is a merger of the Office of Species Conservation and the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources. Neither of the offices are regulatory and they deal with similar issues, permitting, and the Federal Government.

**Jeff Abrams** representing the Idaho Conservation League spoke **in opposition** of **H 737** saying the offices of Species Conservation and Energy and Mineral Resources have unique and exclusive missions which are distinctly different and blending them would diminish their ability to stay true to their purpose.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Tanner** made a motion to send **H 737** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

During discussion, concern over merging two offices with opposing missions, one to conserve and the other to produce, was raised and the potential of one taking precedence. On the other hand, there is a potential of balance and synergy in their shared objectives and resources.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Church** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**HJM 14:** **Rep. Fuhriman** (D30) presented **HJM 14** saying this legislation urges the US Congress, the Dept. of Interior, and the Bureau of Reclamation to cooperate with Idaho in an effort to move forward with increasing the capacity of some of Idaho's reservoirs.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **HJM 14** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Alden Koenig** representing Idaho Grain Producers, and **Lance Sayers** representing the Association of Idaho Cities yielded their testimony **in support** of the motion.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Fuhriman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 676:** **Rep. Petzke** (D21) presented **H 676** saying this legislation is about energy carried in water, also called geothermal energy, and explained after the heat is extracted the water is reinjected back into the aquifer. The City of Boise is currently bumping their limit in water rights, however, because every drop of this water will be reinjected into the aquifer after the heat is extracted it is a non-consumptive use.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **H 676** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Roy Mink**, geothermal consultant, representing himself, **Roger Batt** representing Treasure Valley Water Users Association, **Paul Arrington** representing Idaho Water Users Association, and **Kathy Griesmyer** representing the City of Boise Mayor's Office spoke **in support** of **H 676** saying among other things, geothermal energy is an untapped resource other cities may be able to benefit from as well.

**Bruce Smith** representing Boise Warm Springs Water District spoke **in opposition** to **H 676** saying there is an exemption for geothermal water in the Municipal Water Rights Act and the City of Boise has not properly consulted with the Warm Springs Water District who holds senior water rights dating back to 1894.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Shepherd** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:** **Chairman Mendive** made a unanimous consent request to reschedule the Administrative Rules for Dept. of Water Resources, there being no objection the request was granted.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<a href="#">H 678</a>	Trapping, checking wolf traps	Rep. Shepherd
	Annual Update, Dept. of Lands (IDL)	Dustin Miller, Director, Dept. of Lands
<a href="#">26-0120-2501</a>	Rules Governing the Administration of Park and Recreation Areas and Facilities (Fee Rule)- Pending Rule	Susan Buxton, Director, Dept. of Parks & Recreation
	Annual Update, Dept. of Parks & Recreation (IDPR)	Susan Buxton, Director, Dept. of Parks & Recreation

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representative(s) Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Boyle, Raybould

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to approve the February 5, 2026 and February 17, 2026 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 678:** **Rep. Shepherd** (D7) presented **H 678** saying this legislation gives wolf trappers the ability to place remote cameras on wolf traps allowing for constant monitoring, consequently making it more affordable and humane to trap without having to go check traps every 72 hours.

**Ellary Tucker-Williams** representing Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game, **Nick Fasciano** representing Idaho Wildlife Federation, and **Dexton Lake** representing Idaho Farm Bureau Federation spoke **in support** of **H 678** saying among other things human activity can affect the activity of wolves making trapping more difficult and time consuming. This is a twenty-first century fix to an old problem.

**Jeff Abrams** representing Idaho Conservation League spoke **in opposition** to **H 678** saying the legislation seems rushed and could have unintended consequences concerning trap checks. The use of remote cameras for trap checks belongs in administrative rules, not in code, and it should be left to Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game to vet thoroughly in their rules process.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **H 678** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Shepherd will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Dustin Miller**, Director at the Dept. of Lands (IDL) provided an annual update. He reviewed the Agency's purpose and mission, performance measures and goals, revenues and strategic plan for managing wildland fire, and a few specific points of interest. Endowment land revenues in 2025 exceeded 90 million gross, and 94% of fires were held to less than 10 acres. Among other things he spoke about the President's initiative to increase pace and scale of forest management, response to the Governor's reflective initiative issued in Idaho, and stood for committee questions.

Committee questions involved detailed questions about employee compensation, the Agency's role in mining applications, and how to make better use of the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA).

**Chairman Mendive** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Shepherd** for consideration of administrative rules.

**DOCKET NO. 26-0120-2501:** **Susan Buxton**, Director at the Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) presented **Docket No. 26-0120-2501**, which is a fee rule and pertains to the rules governing the administration of park and recreation areas and facilities. She reviewed the rule making process, provided some fee comparisons, and provided detailed explanations on sections of specific interest.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 26-0120-2501** with the exception of Sections .075 and .250. The way the rule is written, Section .075 gives unchecked authority to the park or program manager, and the fee increase in Section .250 does not appear to reflect the will of the people.

During discussion Director **Susan Buxton** responded to questions concerning fee adjustments connected to other specific sections.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chairman Shepherd** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Mendive**.

**Susan Buxton**, Director at the Dept. of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) provided an annual update. She reviewed the Agency's purpose, abridged the properties managed, touched on revenues as well as new property acquisition, and several camp facility improvement accomplishments across the state, and thereafter stood for committee questions.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW40  
Tuesday, March 03, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">SCR 116</a>	Water district 1	Rep. Shepherd
<a href="#">SCR 118</a>	Water district 3	Rep. Pickett
<a href="#">SCR 117</a>	Water district 4	Rep. Manwaring
<a href="#">H 566</a>	Code cleanup, recreation trust	Rep. Manwaring
<a href="#">H 568</a>	Code cleanup, department of lands	Rep. Manwaring
<a href="#">H 774</a>	Code cleanup, fish and game	Rep. Manwaring

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 03, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representative(s) Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representatives Vander Woude, Tanner (14), Sauter

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2026 and February 25, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**SCR 116:** **Rep. Shepherd** presented **SCR 116**. The purpose of this Concurrent Resolution is to formally recognize the hydrologic and economic importance of Idaho Water Resource Board District 1. The resolution specifically identifies and supports the continuation of water infrastructure projects in the district. Furthermore, the legislation declares that proactive funding for these projects and future projects is fiscally responsible to protect aquifers, safeguard the tourism economy, and prevent catastrophic infrastructure failures.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **SCR 116** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Shepherd** will sponsor the concurrent resolution on the floor.

**SCR 118:** **Rep. Pickett** presented **SCR 118**. The purpose of this Concurrent Resolution is to formally recognize the vital economic and hydrologic contributions of Idaho Water Resource Board District 3, encompassing the Magic Valley and Wood River Basins. The resolution declares legislative support for a specific suite of infrastructure projects essential to the region's stability. Furthermore, the legislation affirms the state's commitment to the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA), declaring these investments necessary to protect public safety, sustain the nation's most concentrated dairy industry, and secure the long term water supply for Idaho's agricultural economy.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Miller** made a motion to send **SCR 118** with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the concurrent resolution on the floor.

**SCR 117:** **Rep. Manwaring** presented **SCR 117**. The purpose of this Concurrent Resolution is to formally recognize the strategic importance of Idaho Water Resource Board District 4 as the primary "water tower" for the Snake River system. The resolution declares legislative support for critical hydrologic projects. Additionally, the legislation supports the use of Aging Infrastructure Grants for the modernization of diversion structures - specifically within the Progressive Irrigation District and Enterprise Canal Company - and affirms proactive funding for these initiatives is fiscally responsible and essential for sustaining the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA), fulfilling the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan, and protecting the state's agricultural economy.

**MOTION:** Rep. Raymond made a motion to send **SCR 117** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Manwaring will sponsor the concurrent resolution on the floor.

**H 566:** Rep. Manwaring presented **H 566**. To ensure state laws are streamlined, up-to-date, and essential for the citizens of Idaho, while best serving the public health, safety, and welfare, the Legislature approved the Idaho Code Cleanup Act, **H 14** in the 2025 legislative session. Submitted sections of Idaho Code were reviewed for repeal consideration by the DOGE Task Force on the criteria of obsolete, outdated, and unnecessary. This bill repeals or updates six sections of Idaho Code in Chapter 42, Title 67, pertaining to outdoor recreation enhancement and the Parks and Recreation Fund. This program has not been funded or active since its inception in 1995.

**MOTION:** Rep. Raybould made a motion to send **H 566** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Manwaring will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 568:** Rep. Manwaring presented **H 568**. To ensure that state laws are streamlined, up-to-date, and essential for the citizens of Idaho, while best serving the public health, safety, and welfare, the Legislature approved the Idaho Code Cleanup Act, **H 14** in the 2025 legislative session. Submitted sections of Idaho Code were reviewed for repeal consideration by the DOGE Task Force on the criteria of obsolete, outdated, and unnecessary. This bill repeals 30 sections of Idaho Code in Title 38 and Title 58 pertaining to the Idaho Department of Lands and Floating Timber and Town Site Claims. Transporting logs by floating them down river is no longer common practice. The town site claim framework dates to the territorial era.

**MOTION:** Rep. Raybould made a motion to send **H 568** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Manwaring will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 774:** Rep. Manwaring presented **H 774**. To ensure state laws are streamlined, up-to-date, and essential for the citizens of Idaho, while best serving the public health, safety, and welfare, the Legislature approved the Idaho Code Cleanup Act, **H 14** in the 2025 legislative session. Submitted sections of Idaho Code were reviewed for repeal consideration by the DOGE Task Force on the criteria of obsolete, outdated, and unnecessary. This bill repeals Section 36-1120, Idaho Code that provides minimum fines for illegal hunting of mountain lion, buffalo, and caribou. Fines for hunting violations are established in other sections of Idaho Code.

**MOTION:** Rep. Raybould made a motion to send **H 774** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Manwaring will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:47pm.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Teresa Wonacott  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Thursday, March 05, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 789</a>	Coeur d'Alene tribe water rights	Rep. Mendive

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 05, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen (Athay), Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Manwaring, Pickett, Dygert

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

**Chairman Mendive** declared a Rule 80.

**H 789:** **Norm Semanko** representing Parsons Bailey in Latimer presented **H 789**. This legislation ratifies and provides for implementation of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Water Rights Settlement Agreement of 2026, which resolves claims made by or on behalf of the Tribe in the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication. It further provides authority for the Idaho Water Resource Board to appoint a local rental committee to facilitate operation of a water supply bank for the off-reservation lease and rental of consumptive use federal reserved water rights held by or on behalf of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe within the Coeur d'Alene Spokane River Basin.

**Tyrel Stevensen** representing the Coeur d'Alene Tribe approached the podium and introduced **Chief Allen** Chairman of the Coeur d'Alene. Chief Allen spoke **in support** of **H 789**.

**Joy Vega**, Division Chief for the Energy and Natural Resource Division of the Office of the Attorney General testified **in support** of **H 789**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 789** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Candance McHugh** representing the city of Coeur d'Alene testified **in support** of **H 789**.

**MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Chairman Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Teresa Wonacott  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW40  
Monday, March 09, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>13-0104-2401</u></a>	Rules Governing Licensing (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Amber Worthington, Dep. Director, Programs & Policy, Dept. of Fish & Game
<a href="#"><u>13-0108-2401</u></a>	Rules Governing Taking of Big Game Animals (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Amber Worthington, Dep. Director, Programs & Policy, Dept. of Fish & Game
<a href="#"><u>13-0117-2401</u></a>	Rules Governing Use of Bait for Hunting Big Game Animals (ZBR Chapter Repeal)- Pending Rule	Amber Worthington, Dep. Director, Programs & Policy, Dept. of Fish & Game

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 09, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Manwaring, Mickelsen,

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Mendive** made a unanimous consent request to move **Docket No. 13-0108-2401** to the bottom of the agenda. There being no objection the request was granted.

**DOCKET NO.  
13-0104-2401:** **Amber Worthington**, Deputy Director of Programs & Policy for the Department of Fish and Game, presented **Docket No. 13-0104-2401**.

The committee asked questions to **Ms. Worthington** about acreage and how it applies to different size plots of land, who the rule changes prioritizes.

**Terry Reichert**, licensed manager with Idaho Fish and Game answered questions about land allotment and tags.

The committee asked questions of **Ms. Worthington** relating to the illegal selling of fish and game tags.

**Jon Rochelle**, Deputy Director of the Department of Fish and Game answered questions about fish and game tags.

The committee asked question about why two units were added in Hell's Canyon. **Ms. Worthington**, responded, it allows more hunting in that area with added units. The committee asked questions about domestic sheep being added back into the Hell's Canyon area

**Mr. Rochelle**, answered the question about the presence of domestic sheep in the area. He reassured the committee there aren't many sheep in the Hell's Canyon area where the units were added. **Rep. Boyle** asked about the domestic sheep and the concerns her constituents have.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0104-2401** with the exception of Section 700.02 and Section 800.02.

The committee asked **Mr. Rochelle** questions for clarification on what the changes to the rule will make.

**SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** **Rep. Petzke** made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0104-2401**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Substitute motion failed by a tie vote of 7 AYE and 7 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Mendive, Reps. Raybould, Mickelsen, Petzke, Sauter, Galaviz, Church. Voting in opposition of the motion: Reps. Shepherd, Boyle, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner (14), Miller, Dygert. Absent: Reps. Vander Woude, Manwaring, Nelsen, Healey.

**VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:** Original motion carried by voice vote.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:** Vice Chairman Shepherd made a unanimous consent request to move Docket No. 13-0108-2401 to the middle of the agenda. There being no objection the request was granted.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:** Vice Chairman Shepherd made a unanimous consent request to move Docket No. 13-0108-2401 to the bottom of the agenda. There being no objection the request was granted.

**DOCKET NO. 13-0117-2401:** Ms. Worthington, presented Docket No. 13-0117-2401, rules governing use of bait for hunting big game animals (ZBR chapter titlerewrite) which is a repeal of the rule.

**MOTION:** Rep. Raybould made a motion to approve the Docket No. 13-0117-2401 Motion carried by voice vote.

**DOCKET NO. 13-0108-2401:** Ms. Worthington presented Docket No. 13-0108-2401. Rules governing taking of big game animals (ZBR chapter rewrite)

Ellery Tucker-Williams, Legislative and Community Coordinator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, presented further information on the docket.

Shawn Gunter, Gary Peck, Tal Sampson, Jessica Sampson, Shayne Moore, Justin Russell, Payton Evans, Craig Wilson, Brock Maynard, Nick Fasciano representing Idaho Wild Life Federation, Talesa Sampson, Nicole Swafford, Goerge Nedelea, Kelly Lance, Tracy Milward, John Christensen, Rob Thornberry, Ken Crane, all testified in support of Docket No. 13-0108-2401.

David Silcock, Justin Webb Executive Director for the Foundation for Wildlife Management, Dexton Lake, representing Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, Abram Summerfield, all testified in opposition of the Docket No. 13-0108-2401

**MOTION:** Chairman Mendive made a motion to HOLD Docket No. 13-0108-2401 in committee at the call of the chair. Motion carried by voice vote.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Teresa Wonacott  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA) Introduction	Paul Arrington, Ex.Director, IWUA
	Hayden Lake Irrigation District	Branden Rose, District Manager
	Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District	Barney Metz, District Manager
	East Greenacres Irrigation District	Ron Wilson, District Manager
<a href="#"><u>37-0204-2501</u></a>	Shoshone Bannock Tribal Water Supply Bank Rules (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Mary Condon, Project Manager, Dept.of Water Resources
<a href="#"><u>37-0307-2501</u></a>	Stream Channel Alteration Rules (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Aaron Golart, Coordinator, Dept. of Water Resources
<a href="#"><u>37-0312-2501</u></a>	Idaho Department of Water Resources Water Distribution Rules-Water District 34 (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Matt Anders, Project Manager, Dept.of Water Resources
<a href="#"><u>H 746</u></a>	Fire, deficiency warrants	Rep. Boyle
<a href="#"><u>SCR 119</u></a>	Water district 2	Rep. Vander Woude

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Mickelsen, Raymond, Sauter, Church

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Quorum being present, **Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:51 p.m.

**Paul Arrington**, Executive Director of the Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA) explained today's presentation intends to impart the opportunities, challenges, and realities of managing water in northern Idaho, and he introduced the speakers.

**Brandon Rose**, District Manager for the Hayden Lake Irrigation District (HLID), reported the district is minimally agricultural and mainly domestic use at this time, with Hayden Lake and Lake Pend Oreille as the main water reservoirs. In 2023, HLID expanded the reservoir, stabilizing water demands, and the current project is relocating irrigation and domestic meters to the front of properties or to the public right-away.

**Barney Metz**, District Manger of the Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District (LOID), explained some water complexities pertaining to the district saying LOID delivers irrigation and domestic use water, comprised of underground and surface water sources, and draws on three reservoirs. Some challenges include having ESA (Endangered Species Act) enlisted species, water ways that pass through tribal reservation, geothermal ground water, and numerous main pipeline right away issues. Miscellaneous cable line installations are a significant challenge to existing water infrastructure.

**Ron Wilson**, District Manager of the East Greenacres Irrigation District (EGID), spoke about the district's challenges, which include aging infrastructure, urbanization, workforce training, the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer, and miscellaneous cable line installations encroaching on existing water infrastructure.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Mendive** made a unanimous consent request to move **SCR 119** to the top of the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**SCR 119:** **Rep. Vander Woude** (D22) presented **SCR 119** saying it recognizes the critical importance of good water management, and alluded to the challenges surrounding incidental recharge as an example.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **SCR 119** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Mendive** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Shepherd** for the consideration of administrative rules.

**DOCKET NO. 37-0204-2501:** **Mary Condon**, Project Manager at the Dept. of Water Resources (IDWR), presented **Docket No. 37-0204-2501** pertaining to Shoshone Bannock Tribal Water Supply Bank rules. She imparted details surrounding the rule making process, public participation, and then addressed substantive rule changes one at a time.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 37-0204-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 37-0307-2501:** **Aaron Golart**, Coordinator at the Dept. of Water Resources (IDWR), presented **Docket No. 37-0307-2501** pertaining to Stream Channel Alteration Rules. He imparted details surrounding the rule making process, public participation, and then explained substantive changes one at a time.

Several committee questions surfaced, concerns about dropping layman language in an effort to be concise and employing excessive professional language that seems to lose public clarity.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to hold **Docket No. 37-0307-2501** to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 37-0312-2501:** **Matt Anders**, Project Manager at the Dept. of Water Resources presented **Docket No. 37-0312-2501** pertaining to Idaho Dept. of Water Resources Water Distribution Rules for Water District 34. He imparted details surrounding the rule making process, public participation, and then addressed substantive rule changes one at a time.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 37-0312-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chairman Shepherd** turned the gavel back over to **Chairman Mendive**.

**H 746:** **Rep. Boyle** (D9) presented **H 746**. She pointed out an error in the SOP (Statement of Purpose) under the fiscal note, explaining it should read "Costs will be reimbursed by FEMA, US Forest Service, and/or Bureau of Land Management", not "to FEMA ...". This legislation allows for the use of deficiency warrants for non fire emergencies using Dept. of Land's assets for things like floods, clearing roadways after storms and fire cleanup. The legislation was brought forward by the Fire Chief's Association and she yielded her presentation to **Bryan Daniels**, Fire Chief of Caldwell to elaborate further.

**Bryan Daniels**, current Caldwell Fire Chief, and speaking on behalf of the Idaho Fire Chiefs Association, explained the need for this legislation, adding it supports the Governor's Task Force Initiatives by utilizing local and state resources for all emergency situations that can occur in Idaho. Currently the deficiency warrant is limited to extinguishment of wildfires and when other emergency back up is needed teams are ordered from other states.

**Julia Lauch**, Division Administrator of Forestry and Fire and State Forester with the Dept. of Lands, explained this legislation only addresses reimbursable expenses and simply expands the kinds of emergencies in which the unique expertise and resources of the Dept. of Land's can be employed. Following her testimony, which included specific examples of deficiency warrant limitations, she stood for committee questions.

During committee questions, concerns surfaced about replacing the very specific limitations surrounding the use of deficiency warrants with less specific language that could potentially lead to expensive unintended consequences.

Cyger's **Sarah Bettwieser**, representing the Idaho Fire Chief Association, explained her comments simply reiterate the Caldwell Fire Chief's statement and she stood for questions.

**Rep. Boyle** closed the presentation by offering further clarification as to the purpose of this legislation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to **HOLDH 746** in committee and in speaking to his motion he explained he supports addressing the problems this legislation aims to fix, however he has concerns with the current language.

During committee discussion **Sarah Bettwieser**, representing the Idaho Fire Chief Association, was recalled to inquire about amendments and she affirmed they are agreeable to amendments.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:** **Rep. Petzke** made a unanimous consent request to withdraw the original motion. There being no objection the request was granted.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to send **H 746** to general orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
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**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:00 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">HCR 34</a>	Bear river compact	Rep. Moyle
<a href="#">S 1307</a>	Delivery of water	Rep. Mickelsen
<a href="#">H 567</a>	Code cleanup, dept water resources	Rep. Manwaring
<a href="#">H 887</a>	Water skiing, observers	Rep. Sauter
<a href="#">H 855</a>	Lifetime fish, hunt lic, resident	Rep. Petzke
<a href="#">S 1304</a>	Irrigation	Rep. Raybould
<a href="#">S 1305</a>	Water districts, fixed fee	Rep. Raybould
<a href="#">S 1306</a>	Irrigation districts, hearings	Rep. Raymond
<a href="#">S 1337</a>	Irrigation district directors	Rep. Pickett

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026

**TIME:** 1:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Tanner(14), Healey

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**HCR 34:** **Rep. Moyle** (D10) presented **HCR 34** saying this legislation asserts Idaho's water right under the 1980 amended Bear River Compact, which has not really been utilized in the past. Additionally, it directs the Idaho Water Resources Board to conduct some studies, report some options, intending to identify and utilize all the water resources available to Idaho.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **HCR 34** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Raybould will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1307:** **Rep. Mickelsen** (D32) presented **S 1307** saying this legislation is a code clean up of chapters 9 and 13. There were some overlapping and contradicting features in the existing code that have been clarified, especially concerning lateral canals across the state.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to send **S 1307** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mickelsen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 567:** **Rep. Manwaring** (D29) presented **H 567** saying this is a code clean up involving the repeal of more than 20 chapters of code. After the bill's introduction some questions have been raised concerning potential impact on some ongoing adjudications in the northern part of the state. He asked the committee to send the legislation to general orders for amending.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **H 567** to general orders. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Mendive** made a unanimous consent request to move **H 887** to the bottom of the agenda. There being no objection, the requested was granted.

**H 855:** **Rep. Petzke** (D21) presented **H 855**, saying the legislation changes the requirements for the purchase of a lifetime hunting and fishing license from 6 months of residency to 5 years, then he explained the reason behind the change.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 855** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Nick Fasciano**, representing the Idaho Wildlife Federation, and **Ellary Tucker-Williams**, representing Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game, spoke **in support** of **H 855**.

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

**Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1304:**

**Rep. Raybould** (D34) presented **S 1304** saying this legislation allows access to water ditch easements for the purpose of moving equipment around.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **S 1304** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Paul Arrington**, representing Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA), yielded his testimony **in support** of the motion.

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

**Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1305:**

**Rep. Raybould** (D34) presented **S 1305** saying it helps resolve an issue in the water districts involving transfer of property. It allows districts to assign and collect a fixed fee for the purpose of facilitating this process, thus protecting property rights.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **S 1305** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Neil Shippy**, representing Water District 65, yielded his testimony **in support** of the motion.

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

**Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mickelsen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1306:**

**Rep. Raymond** (D31) presented **S 1306** saying if a land owner wants to withdraw from the water district it is possible, and this legislation clarifies the process.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **S 1306** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1337:**

**Rep. Pickett** (D27) presented **S 1337** saying there have been delays in filling vacancies on water boards in rural areas, and this legislation loosens or expands the current qualification requirements to serve on the water board in smaller water districts.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **S 1337** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Paul Arrington**, representing Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA), yielded his testimony **in support** of the motion.

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

**Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 887:**

**Rep. Sauter** (D1) presented **H 887** saying this legislation allows for an expansion of water skiing regulations so just a driver and skier can operate a ski boat early in the morning, before 9 a.m.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 887** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Sauter** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:00 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Thursday, March 19, 2026**

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<a href="#">H 895</a>	Data centers, water use, cooling	Rep. Moyle
<a href="#">37-0307-2501</a>	Stream Channel Alteration Rules (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule No further testimony will be taken.	Rep. Shepherd
<a href="#">13-0108-2401</a>	Rules Governing Taking of Big Game Animals (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule No further testimony will be taken.	Ellary Tucker Williams, Legislative Coordinator
<a href="#">S 1303</a>	Energy resources fund	Rep. Bingham
<a href="#">HJM 21</a>	Tungsten IMA mining project	Rep. Furniss
<a href="#">H 878</a>	Wildland fire, differential pay	Rep. Furniss
<a href="#">SCR 124</a>	Wildlife crossings	Rep. Petzke
<a href="#">SJM 111</a>	Public lands	Rep. Raybould
<a href="#">H 910</a>	Endowment lands, recreation	Rep. Raymond
<a href="#">SCR 123</a>	Rangelands and pastoralists	Rep. Raymond

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Rep Vander Woude	Rep Raymond	Rep Healey
Rep Manwaring	Rep Tanner (14)	Rep Galaviz
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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 19, 2026

**TIME:** 1:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**H 895:** **Rep. Raybould** (D34) presented **H 895**, saying it deals with water usage at future data centers. It stipulates non-consumptive water cooling system designs, or the securing of water supply from a municipality or water district, to ensure centers are not pulling more water than can be sustained.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 895** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Mendive** put the committee at ease at 1:03 p.m. to solve a technical computer issue.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting back to order at 1:06 p.m.

**Chairman Mendive** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Shepherd** for consideration of Administrative Rules.

**DOCKET NO. 37-0307-2501:** **Vice Chairman Shepherd** and **Chairman Mendive** explained they met with **Mathew Weaver**, Director for the Dept. of Water Resources (IDWR), and relayed the committees concerns regarding language clarity in **Docket No. 37-0307-2501**. The resulting consensus is to reject the entire Rule and allow the IDWR an opportunity to address the confusing definitions and language.

**MOTION:** **Chairman Mendive** made a motion to **reject Docket No. 37-0307-2501** in its entirety. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 13-0108-2401:** **Ellary Tucker Williams**, Legislative Coordinator with Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game (IDFG), provided closing remarks carried over from the March 9, 2026 committee meeting specifically addressing section 410, subsections 04 (g) and (h). She described the Agency's extraordinary efforts and lengthy rule making process connected to the use of hunting technology, and she yielded final remarks to **Jim Fredericks**, IDFG Director.

**Jim Fredericks**, Director for Dept. of Fish and Game, admitted the Rule is contentious and he expected a large degree of committee concerns. He expressed willingness to repeat the Rule making process this year if that is the committee's will and stood for many committee questions.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 13-0108-2401** with the exception of Section 410, subsections 04 (g) and (h). She explained these subsections appear to be in conflict with the Idaho Constitution, and sections of Idaho Code.

Considerable committee discussion followed. In summary, the use of new technology in hunting predators is supported, however, its use for hunting ungulates is not supported. The pending rule does not adequately address the needs surrounding each of these legitimate interests, both deserving to be accommodated despite the challenges posed to enforcement.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Nelson** made a substitute motion to **approve Docket No. 37-0307-2501** as written.

Considerable committee discussion followed. In summary: the new technology has become essential to those who hunt predators and limiting its use, even during certain seasons, is not supported. Allowing predators to prosper uncurtailed could inflict greater damage on ungulate herds than hunters using new technology. Additionally, surrounding states have passed rules controlling the use of new technology and leaving Idaho open to potential non-resident abuse.

**Rep. Petzke** declared a Rule 80, he works in the area of optics.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Church** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD Docket 37-0307-2501** to call of the chair, one week, or a couple of days, allowing time for an RS to come forward.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:** **Rep. Church** made a unanimous consent request to amend the amended substitute motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Church** made a motion amending the amended substitute motion to **HOLD Docket No. 13-0108-2401** to call of chair, to an odd number day next week.

**VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Shepherd** restated the amended substitute motion as such: we are voting to **HOLD Docket No. 13-0108-2401** to a time certain of an odd day next week.

**ROLE CALL VOTE:** The Vice Chairman was in doubt of the voice vote. Roll call vote requested. The **motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE, 3 NAY, 1 Absent and excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Boyle, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner (14), Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church. Voting in opposition to the motion: Vice Chairman Shepherd, Rep. Miller, Chairman Mendive. Absent and excused: Rep. Vander Woude.**

**Vice Chairman Shepherd** turned the gavel back over to **Chairman Mendive**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:** **Chairman Mendive** made a unanimous consent request to **HOLD H 910** and **SCR 123** until next week. There being an objection to holding **H 910**, the request was partially granted.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:** **Chairman Mendive** made a unanimous consent request to move **H 910** to the top of the agenda. There being no objection the request was granted.

**H 910:** **Rep. Raymond** (D31) presented **H 910** saying it creates a statutory framework for the Dept.of Land (IDL) and the Dept.of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) to jointly create and manage recreational opportunities. Opening a managed way to accommodate existing requests for recreation opportunities on endowment lands.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 910** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Dustin Miller**, Director for the Dept. of Lands (IDL) and **Susan Buxton**, Director for the Dept. of Parks and Recreation (IDPR), were invited to comment and answer many specific committee questions.

**Rep. Raymond** closed saying the legislation creates a unique cooperation between the two agencies.

The committee discussion that followed was considerable. In summary: the current and traditional use of endowment land involves harvesting trees, ranging cattle, and mining, and these activities are incompatible with recreational use.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** **The motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, 6 NAY, 3 Absent and excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Petzke, Sauter, Galaviz, Church. Voting in opposition to the motion: Chairman Mendive, Reps. Boyle, Tanner (14), Miller, Healey, Vice Chairman Shepherd. Absent and excused: Rep. Vander Woude, Manwaring, Dygert.**

**S 1303:** **Rep. Bingham** (D32) presented **S 1303**, saying this legislation modernizes outdated language and allows recipients of federal land royalties to use funds for the purpose of advancing energy policies that reflect Idaho's values.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **S 1303** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Bingham** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**HJM 21:** **HJM 21** was not heard, the presenter was not present when called.

**H 878:** **Rep. Tanner (D14)** presented **H 878** saying, among other things, he wants to send this legislation to General Orders for amending.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 878** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Tanner (D14)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**SCR 124:** **Rep. Petzke** (D21) presented **SCR 124**, saying this legislation calls on Idaho leaders and agencies to support the development and implementation of wildlife crossings in an effort to improve public safety and conserve migration corridors.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **SCR 124** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**SJM 111:** **Rep. Raybould** (D34) presented **SJM 111** saying this legislation is a memorial addressing the importance of Idaho's public lands remaining public.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to send **SJM 111** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

During committee discussion the issue was raised that existing within Idaho's public lands are fragmentations of lands that are inaccessible, and agencies have no way to manage or cultivate them. The public is paying for these lands, despite no access, and the land is not put to any good use. A thoughtful way of dealing with these lands is not addressed in the legislation.

**Michael Gibson**, representing Trout Unlimited, and **Nick Faciano**, representing Idaho Wildlife Federation, testified **in support of SJM 111**.

More committee concerns were raised about the language in the legislation failing to address the problem of inaccessible federal lands, and no language to convey Idaho's desire to assume management of portions of federal lands.

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE:**

The motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE, 6 NAY, 4 Absent and excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Raymond, Petzke, Sauter, Galaviz, Church. Voting in opposition to the motion: Chairman Mendive, Reps. Boyle, Pickett, Miller, Healey, Vice Chairman Shepherd. Absent and excused: Rep. Vander Woude, Manwaring, Tanner (14), Dygert.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:00 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Monday, March 23, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">HJM 21</a>	Tungsten IMA mining project	Rep. Furniss
<a href="#">S 1348aa</a>	Farragut state park, shooting range	Sen. Okuniewicz
<a href="#">SCR 123</a>	Rangelands and pastoralists	Rep. Raymond
<a href="#">SJM 115</a>	Pelican population, curtailment	Rep. Sauter

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 23, 2026

**TIME:** 1:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Manwaring, Tanner(14), Healey

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**HJM 21:** **Rep. Furniss** (D31) presented **HJM 21** saying this legislation proclaims the Legislature's support of the American Tungsten's IMA Mine Project located in Lemhi County. If permitted the IMA Mine will be the only tungsten steel mine in the United States and he spoke about the uses of this critical mineral.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **HJM 21** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1348aa:** **Senator Okuniewicz** (D3) presented **S 1348aa** saying this legislation allows the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game to lease a specific plot of land currently occupied by the Coeur d'Alene Skeet and Trap Club, until such a time where they can be relocated within Farragut State Park, and expanded.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **S 1348aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Redman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**SCR 123:** **Rep. Raymond** (D31) presented **SCR 123** saying 2026 is an international celebration of rangeland and pastoralists. This legislation supports the Governor's issuance of a proclamation in recognition and emphasizes the historical impact cattle and sheep managers have had on Idaho.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **SCR 123** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Gretchen Hyde** representing the Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission and **Morgan Lutgen** representing the Idaho Cattle Association spoke **in support** of **SCR 123**.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**SJM 115:** **Rep. Nelsen** (D26) presented **SJM 115** explaining this memorial urges the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service to curtail or allow curtailment of the pelican population within Idaho. Pelicans, being added to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1913, have had remarkable population growth, to the extent of overpopulation, and are eating significant portions of the fish planted by Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to send **SJM 115** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nelsen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
8:00 A.M.  
Room EW40  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 939</a>	Hunting Technology	Rep. Petzke
<a href="#">13-0108-2401</a>	Rules Governing Taking of Big Game Animals (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule No further testimony will be taken.	Rep. Shepherd

***Public Testimony Will Be Taken by Registering Through the Following Link:***  
***[Register to Testify](#)***

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Vice Chairman Shepherd  
Rep Boyle  
Rep Vander Woude  
Rep Manwaring  
Rep Raybould

Rep Mickelsen  
Rep Nelsen  
Rep Pickett  
Rep Raymond  
Rep Tanner (14)  
Rep Miller

Rep Dygert  
Rep Petzke  
Rep Sauter  
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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Nelsen

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**H 939:** **Rep. Petzke** (D21) presented **H 939** saying this legislation is intended to regulate hunting technology and provide certain exceptions connected to predators. He explained enforcement issues are inevitable, and the committee should expect future adjustments, however, this is a good step for incorporating new hunting technology.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 939** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Dexton Lake** representing the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation spoke **in support** of **H 939**.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a unanimous consent request to amend her motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**AMENDED  
MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made an amended motion to send **H 939** straight to the second reading calendar with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Mendive** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Shepherd** for the consideration of administrative rules.

**DOCKET NO.  
13-0108-2401:** **Rep. Shepherd** presented **Docket No. 13-0108-2401** pertaining to the rules governing taking of big game animals, saying the Rule is properly before the committee, and opening the floor to motions.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0108-2401** with the exception of Section 410, subsection (g) and (h). In speaking to the motion she explained Section 410, subsection (g) and (H) has potential conflict with Article 1, section 23 of the Idaho Constitution, and 36-201 and 36-103 of Idaho Code.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chairman Shepherd** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Mendive**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 a.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	End of session committee business	Rep. Mendive

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representative(s) Vander Woude, Raybould, Mickelsen, Tanner(14), Healey

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2026, March 5, 2026, March 9, 2026, March 11, 2026, March 17, 2026, and March 24, 2026 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Mendive** recognized the committee page, **Adam Blank**, and thanked him for his service this session.

**Chairman Mendive** put the committee at ease at 1:32 p.m. to show the page appreciation.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting back to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Chairman Mendive** thanked the committee for their work, and offered some interesting statistics about the number of bills considered in committee and the overall record during the 2026 session.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary