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Spokane String Quartet Returns for Its 2026-27 Season

— Monica Thomas —



Founded over 40 years ago, the Spokane String Quartet continues to dazzle the Inland Northwest with live, professional chamber music. Comprised of Mateusz Wolski and Amanda Howard-Phillips on violin, Jeannette Wee-Yang on viola, and Helen Byrne playing cello, SSQ has returned for another season of expertly performed music. Their season opener will feature pianist Frank Huang, joined additionally by Kim Plewniak on double bass, in two upcoming performances. The first will be at 7:30pm on Friday, Sept. 25th, in the Schuler Performing Arts Center at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene. The second is a 2pm matinee on Sunday, Sept. 27th, at The Fox Theater in Spokane.

You can purchase tickets at the door or at online at spokanestringquartet.square.site or visit www.spokanestringquartet.org for more details about the quartet, their non-profit, and upcoming events.



AHOY, MATEYS! GRAB Yer crew and join the fun on Saturday, September 19th, 2026! It's the one day when "Arrr!" and "Ahoy!" rule the seas of conversation. Dress up, share a hearty chuckle, and sprinkle pirate talk wherever ye go. No ship required—just a sense of adventure and a big smile!

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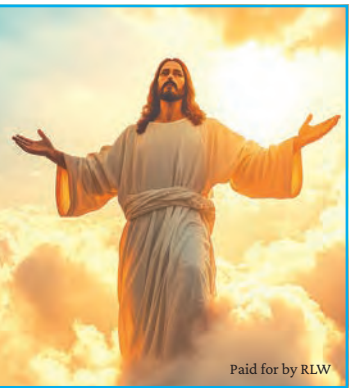
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National Coffee Day

September 29th

— National Day Calendar —



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Ah, the perfect cup of java. According to an expert cupper (a professional coffee taster), there are four components of a perfect cup: aroma, body, acidity, and flavor.

From the moment the average coffee lover opens a fresh bag of coffee beans, the aroma beckons, percolating the senses. Even those who don't drink coffee tend to enjoy the fragrance roasted beans cast.

Growing, Roasting, And Brewing

When determining the body of a coffee, the bean, the roast, and the brew are all factors. The bean affects the texture of the coffee, whether its silky, creamy, thick or thin on the tongue and throat. However, the darker the roast and how we brew it will alter the feel of a coffee's body, too. Grandpa's motor oil blend versus the coffee shop around the corner's silky smooth, well-practiced grind have entirely different bodies.

Where a coffee bean grows determines its acidity. The higher the elevation the coffee grows, the higher the quality and the acidity. These coffees are considered brighter, dryer, even sparkling by cuppers.

When it comes down to it, coffee lovers cherish the

flavor as well as the caffeinated boost this roasted bean gives morning or night, black or with cream and sugar. Hot or cold it provides enjoyment even when decaffeinated!

Coffee History

Many legendary accounts tell how coffee first came to be. However, the earliest credible evidence of either coffee drinking or the knowledge of the coffee tree appears in the middle of the 15th century in the Sufi monasteries around Mokha in Yemen. Here, monks first roasted coffee seeds and brewed coffee, much like we prepare them today. Yemeni traders brought coffee back to their homeland from Ethiopia and began to cultivate the seed.

In 1670, Baba Budan smuggled coffee seeds out of the Middle East by strapping seven seeds onto his chest. The first plants grown from these stowed away seeds were planted in Mysore. Coffee later spread to Italy and the rest of Europe, Indonesia, and the Americas.

While Brazil produces more coffee in the world than any other country, Colombia closely follows. Also, more than 50 countries around the world grow coffee, too. As a result, we choose from a bountiful selection of flavors for the indulgence of steamy cups of the black drink for connoisseurs to consume.

How To Observe National Coffee Day.

Enjoy a cup or two of your favorite coffee. Here is a Coffee Brewing Guide (atlascoffeeclub.com/pages/how-to-make-coffee) to help create your own. Want to learn more about Coffee History? We've collected 11 Historic Coffee Milestones at www.nationaldaycalendar.com/lists/11-historic-coffee-milestones for you to savor. Use #NationalCoffeeDay to post on social media.

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Cda Celtic Festival Celebrates Inaugural Year at Fairgrounds

September 26th-27th

— Monica Thomas —



Step into a world of ancient history, vibrant culture, and unforgettable entertainment as The Bruce Festival proudly presents the first ever Coeur d'Alene Celtic Festival. This two-day celebration brings together millennia of Celtic heritage and modern festival energy, creating an immersive experience for families, history enthusiasts, and music lovers alike.

The festival will be populated by merchants, vendors, dancers, musicians, and historians from around the area, providing a variety of authentic food and drink, song and dance, art, photography, pipers and drums, a kid-friendly sword arena, axe throwing, and historical exhibits including Stirling Endeavors, the Museum of North Idaho, Ulster Scot's Agency all the way from Belfast. Just a few of the performative artists taking the stage are Emerald Tide, Arvid Lundeed and the Deep Roots Band, and Carla Carnegie. With almost, if not more, a hundred different booths and acts to visit, there's something fun and interesting for everyone!

The Coeur d'Alene Celtic Festival will be open from 10am-4pm Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday, Sept. 26th-27th, at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds in Coeur d'Alene.

Community Calendar

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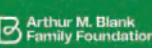


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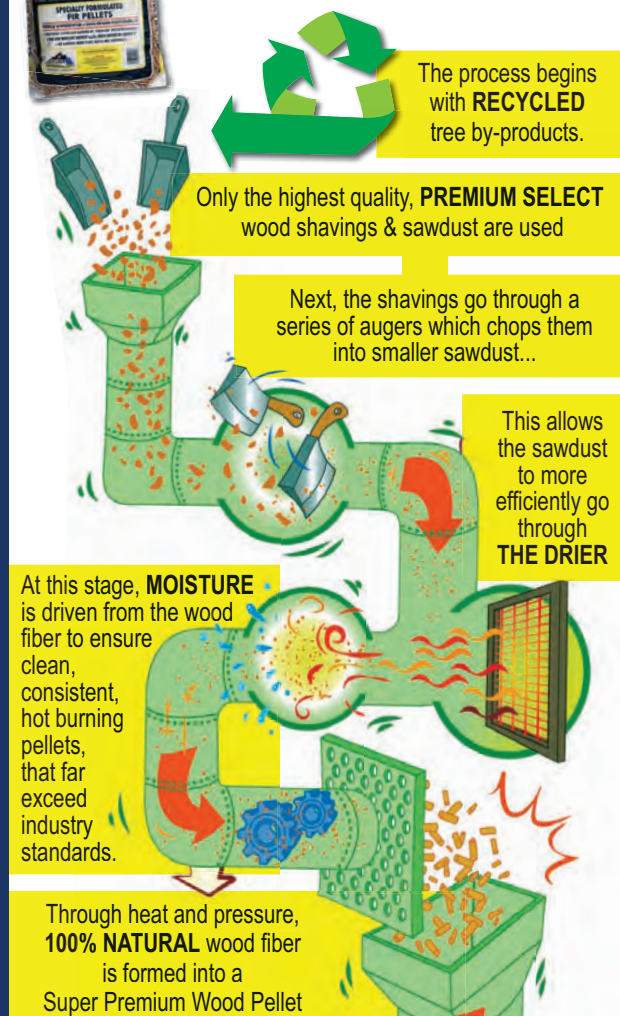
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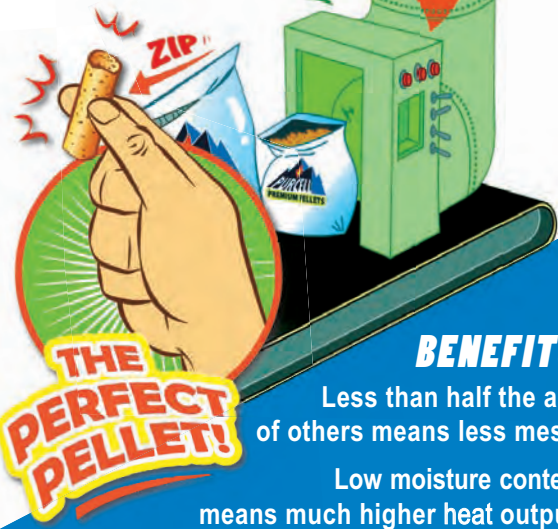
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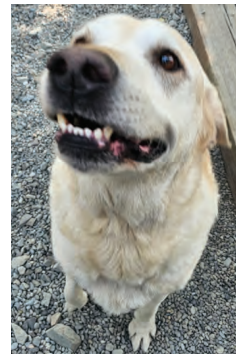
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Pets of the Week: River and Jax

— Hope's Haven Animal Shelter —



Meet River! River was brought to us with her 5 kittens. She is 2 years old and although she is pretty shy at first and loves to spend most of her time outside, once she gets to know you she will sit on your lap and ask for scratches. She doesn't really like other cats or dogs but her response is to shy away from others, not fight them.



Meet Jax! He is a 9 year old English Lab. Despite being an older gentleman he has a youthful energy. He loves to play and cuddle. He might get a little anxious when alone sometimes, but he does okay on a leash. He likes to pull a bit, but will go with you anywhere.



All adoptions include vaccinations, worming, flea and ear mite treatment, spay/neuter and any medical treatment needed while staying with us, and they also come with a full check up from a veterinarian.

Hope's Haven Animal Shelter (Benewah Humane Society) is open Monday-Saturday, noon-4pm. Come into Hope's Haven to visit and view our animals or check them out first on our website. Give us a call for more information today!

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Community Calendar

Murder Mystery Dinner, 6pm Friday, Sept. 18th, at 759 Fourth Street, Priest River, ID. Tuxedos, evening gowns, or your favorite jeans and cowboy boots—come dressed to walk the red carpet! Join us for an unforgettable night of mystery, comedy, glamour, and fun! Buffet begins at 6pm, show begins at 7pm. Outoftheboxentertainment.org for more details and ticket information.

KROC Senior Wellness Fair, Friday, September 18th, 9:30am-2pm for ages 55+ at KROC Center Community Rooms, 1765 W. Golf Course Rd., CdA. Also sponsored by Kootenai Health, vendors and speakers will be on-site to cover the topics of senior health, holistic wellbeing, practical daily living solutions, balance/mobility and more. Free admission and open to the public!

CdA Fire Department Open House, Saturday, September 19th, 11am-2pm at Fire Station #3, 1500 N. 15th St., CdA. Demonstrations, drinks and dogs - hot dogs! Meet firefighters, see equipment and demos on Life Flight, fire extinguishers and more.

Girls in Aviation Day 2026, Saturday, September 19th, 10am-1pm at CdA Aviation and Maintenance, 11101 N. Airport Dr., Hayden. Geared for girls ages 9-17 and young adults, explore careers in aviation and aerospace. Hear inspiring stories, do hands-on

activities and learn about networking opportunities. Reserve a spot at www.eventbrite.com/e/girls-in-aviation-day-2026-tickets-1983039385183 - It's free!

Annual Kids' Health Fair, Saturday, September 19th, 10am-1pm at Shoshone Medical Center, 858 Commerce Dr., Smelterville. Free hot dog lunch, outdoor activities, prizes, free coat giveaway for kids, plus over 20 resource exhibitors. (Note child must be present for coat; limit one per child).

Center Of The Universe Re-Dedication and Raffle, Saturday, September 19th, noon-6pm, 600 Bank Street, Wallace. The Center of the Universe Rededication is a pure Wallace style event. Celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of the 2004 Mayor Proclamation with toasts, music, reading of the Proclamation and guest dignitaries including the coffin holding the last stoplight on I-90. We will meet at the Center of the Universe, Baskets and Silver Drawing to follow. Silver Raffle Tickets will be on sale mid summer at Johnson's Gems, Idaho Silver, Wallace Chamber of Commerce and North Idaho Trading Co.

Sourdough Seminar, Monday, Sept. 21st, 2pm at Post Falls Library. Hands-on class teaches a simple, repeatable method for home use. Take a mixing bowl (1-gal with lid recommended) to take dough home for baking. Also: Sept 29, 10:30 am, Hayden.

Courtesy of Coeur d'Alene Insider, cdainsider.com

Pets of the Week: Darling and Mari

— Better Together Animal Alliance —



Meet Darling! Darling is a sweet 6-year-old girl weighing around 51 pounds. She came to us as a found dog, so unfortunately, her history is unknown. When Darling first arrived, she was timid and needed some time to adjust to her new surroundings. Since then, she has really started to come out of her shell! She's becoming more confident, enjoys affection, and has shown us what a sweet girl she truly is. Her history with other animals is unknown, so slow and proper introductions are recommended. Darling would do best with an adopter who is willing to be patient and give her the time she needs to feel comfortable. Once she knows she's safe, we think this sweet girl will continue to grow into a wonderful companion.



Meet Mari! Mari is about 2 years old and weighs 11 pounds. This sweet girl is very shy and will need a patient adopter who is willing to give her the time and space she needs to feel comfortable and come out of her shell.

Mari has not had experience with children or dogs, so a calm, quiet home may be the best fit for her. She previously lived with another cat, but proper introductions are still recommended to help determine compatibility with any resident cats. Mari will need someone who understands that building trust takes time. With patience, consistency, and a gentle approach, she can continue gaining confidence and become a wonderful companion.



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Pets

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EIGHT MONTH OLD MALE French Bulldog. Fully AKC registered; up to date vaccinations, very healthy and playful. Located in Pasco, WA. \$1800. For more info, call or text 509-274-0860

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(2) LITTLE GIRLS, 1 BOY looking for loving homes! Dad is a purebred Mini Yorkie, about 4 lbs. And mom is a Yorkie/ Dachshund mix, about 9 lbs. They are social, playful, affectionate, and used to being handled. They are being weaned from mom and are ready for their new homes! Please text! 575-496-0403, CdA area

BEAGLE/ FOX TERRIER puppy: Adorable Beagle/ Fox Terrier puppy, \$500. She is current on her shots and wormings and is ready for her new home. Please call Donny or Jackie for more info, 509-941-9977

GOLDEN RETRIEVER Pups. Mama is an English cream and dad is a red/ brown. Both are AKC registered. Darling babies. Located in Milton-Freewater, OR. 509-570-2172

SECOND CHANCE PETS, Inc. All cats spayed or neutered. Four 8 week old shorthaired Tabby kittens, three males and one female. Check them out on Second Chance Pet Rescue's page on Facebook; visit Petfinder.com: Second Chance Pet Rescue, Hayden, ID; call 208-666-6025



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BORGI BOYS: I HAVE These Borgi mix boys, asking \$450 each. The black and brown boy is very intelligent, energetic, confident, sweet and ready for work! White and black is a more shy lover boy but once comfortable he is full of energy and love. These are herding breeds so they will need lots of love, training and exercise. Feel free to message me at 509-203-5539 for any questions. Come with first shots. Willing to travel for additional fee

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Pets of the Week: Mischief and Biscuit

— Companions Animal Center —



Mischief is a one-year-old female that weighs 8.8 lbs. This proud mama is sweet and affectionate. We have experience she does well with other cats and possibly children, though

this could be one experience she may have a different temperament in a home. To best transition she would need time to adjust, space to explore, and resources to keep her happy.



Biscuit is a two-year-old female Coonhound, Bluetick / Cattle Dog, Australian (Red Heeler) mix and weighs 58 lbs. She is good with other dogs and absolutely lives for attention and affection. She's eager to learn, loves being around people, and is highly food-motivated, making training both fun and rewarding. Her favorite snacks include apples, bananas, oranges, and cucumbers. If you're enjoying some fresh fruit or veggies,

Biscuit would love to share a healthy bite!



Companions Animal Center is located at 10275 N Atlas Rd, Hayden, ID. We are open to the public Tuesday-Saturday noon-6pm, Sunday noon-4pm, and closed Mondays. Visit www.companionsanimalcenter.org or call 208-772-4019 for more information.

Community Calendar

CdA Celtic Festival 2026, Saturday-Sunday Sept. 26th-27th, at Kootenai County Fairgrounds, 4056 N Government Way, CdA. Two fun-filled days of Irish and Scottish heritage celebration. Will feature: bagpipes, Highland dance performances, storytelling, kids sword arena, athletic demonstrations, vendors, and more. Visit: thebrucefestival.com for more information

Free Developmental Screening, Monday, September 28th for children ages birth-5 in Coeur d'Alene Public Schools provides parents with info on speech and language, fine and gross motor skills, social emotional development, self-help skills, academic concepts, vision and hearing. Results may indicate a need for special education services. Screening takes place at CDA Early Learning Center, 632 E. Borah Ave., CdA, by app't only. Call 208-620-2031 to schedule. Also: Oct 26, Jan 11 and April 12. Sponsored by CdA Schools, NIC Head Start, Mountain States Early Head Start, and ID Infant Toddler Program.

Tubbs History Walk for ages 13+, 9am Wednesday, Sept. 30th, led by David Taylor and CdA Library staff members. Meet at the Tubbs Hill trailhead in front of Museum of North Idaho, 720 E. Young Avenue for a 2-hour history lesson, hike and spectacular views. Remember to wear appropriate shoes for hiking.

Veterans Stand Down, Thursday, October 1st, 10am-3pm at Shoshone VFW Post #1675, 318 E. Mullan Ave., Osburn. Offering clothing, blankets, personal hygiene items, fuel cards and grocery cards. State and county VSO will be present.

Prost! in the Park, noon-7pm Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at Q'Emiln Park, 12201 W. Parkway Dr., Post Falls. Presented by the Rotary Club, enjoy live bands, beer, games, kids' activities and food. All proceeds benefit Save the Water Tower Campaign.

19th Annual Oktoberfest, 1pm-7pm Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at Harrison City Park, Hwy 97. Kids' activities, craft vendors, beer, food and music. Sponsored by Harrison Chamber of Commerce.

Pay It Forward Baby and Toddler Gear Swap, Saturday, October 3rd, 11am-3pm at CdA Library. Pass along gently-used items or find something new-to-you. Drop off items in the Jameson Room Oct 2nd from 9am-5pm. No donation is needed to participate in the swap.

Seed Saving + Share the Harvest Swap, Saturday, October 10th, 10am-noon for all ages at CdA Library. Learn basic tips to save seeds; also share surplus garden goodies with others. Celebrate the end of the growing season. Also beginning at 1 pm, there will be a houseplant swap. Share cuttings with others and take home new varieties. No cuttings? It's OK, join the fun with cuttings provided by library staff.

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Pets of the Week: Churro and Sgaeyl

— Priest River Animal Rescue —



Meet Churro, a 2-year-old miniature pinscher 14.4 lb. mix with a huge personality and plenty of energy. This adventurous pup loves toys, car rides, exploring, and staying close to his person. He

will do best in an active home with space to run and play, so apartment living is not ideal. Churro gets along with cats and older children, making him a great fit for an adventurous family ready to include him in daily life. If you want a loyal, lively sidekick who brings enthusiasm to every outing, Churro may be your perfect match.



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deeply loyal. She loves climbing, exploring, watching over her world, and bursting into playful energy before settling into regal calm. This bold, clever kitten will thrive in a home that appreciates attitude, curiosity, and big personality in a small package. Choose Sgaeyl, and she'll be your brave, devoted little guardian.



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CHESAPEAKE BAY Retriever: 9 weeks old, first shot, wormed. Hunting lines. Smart, happy, outgoing. Can be AKC. Parents genetic tested. Text or leave message, 509-398-0044, north of Moses Lake



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(2) POMERANIAN Females. 1 brown sable parti, 1 blonde sable parti, \$500. 208-831-5342



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Pets of the Week: Neo and Tabby Kittens

— Second Chance Pet Rescue —



and already housebroke! I am fine loose with chickens, cats, horses and goats. I get along with and have manners around all other dogs. I will make an excellent family companion at a home on a little acreage.

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Community Calendar

Kootenai County CERT Basic Training, Tuesdays, Sept. 22nd to Oct. 27th, 6pm-9pm at Kootenai Co. Office of Emergency Management, 1662 W. Wyoming Ave., Hayden. Attend (6) Tuesday classes covering: Disaster Preparedness, CERT Organization, Medical Operations, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism and CERT, Fire Safety/Utility Controls and Light Search and Rescue. Final exercise will be Oct 31 (Sat), 8:30 am-3 pm. Become part of the Community Emergency Response Team by signing up for the free classes. RSVP to CERTKootenai@gmail.com.

Community Car Seat Safety Check, Wednesday, September 23rd, 2pm-5pm at Heritage Health, 120 S. 13th St., St. Maries. Safe Start's mobile safety lab will be on-site to check child seats, answer questions about save travel and sleep, give away diapers, and provide safe car seats, booster seats, and cribs for those in need. Secure a spot by texting CHECK to 844-619-2048 or see website at safestartnw.org. Walk-ins are welcome too! Also: Oct 20, 2-5 pm at SVDP Osburn Thrift Store, 415 E. Mullan Avenue.

Community Game Night, Thursday, September 24th, 5:30pm-7pm at Kroc Center, 1765 W. Golf Course Rd., CdA. Water games with slip-n-slide, water balloon tosses, snacks/treats, and board games - open to all (non-members too), and free! Open to all ages. Game night is hosted every 4th Thursday,

featuring different themes each month.

Musical: Finding Neverland, various performances Sept. 25th-Oct. 11th, at Lake City Playhouse, 1320 E. Garden Ave., CdA. Based on the 2004 drama of the same name (and the play *The Man Who was Peter Pan*), *Finding Neverland* is the heart-warming tale of playwright J.M. Barrie, creator of the iconic boy who wouldn't grow up, and how his life, and career, changes forever when he meets a widow and her four young sons. Tickets are available at: www.lakecityplayhouse.org

American Spirit: Songs of Faith and Freedom, 7pm Friday and 2pm Saturday, Sept. 25th-26th, at The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 1765 W. Golf Course Rd., CdA. Presented by Chorale Coeur d'Alene, Artistic Director Dr. Joshua Chism, and Collaborative Pianist David Brewster. Tickets available at choralecda.com

Rathdrum Rumble, Saturday, September 26th, 10am-2pm at Parker Technical Education Center, 7064 W. Lancaster Rd., Rathdrum. A community car show featuring classics, hot rods, modern builds, trucks, motorcycles and more. Also a Young Builder category for high school students to showcase their projects. NIC's building will be open to the public for tours of the trades programs also. More info and registration at tinyurl.com/34umnyrx.

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Pets of the Week: Sunny and Sir

— Luke's Legacy —



adorable and sweet. Very eager to please. She's currently in a foster home learning all the things about living inside. She is doing well with the cats, dogs and horses on their little farm. She's still working on housetraining but she's getting there. Her foster had this to say about her: Super smart; she learns very quickly, kennels well, knows "come" and "leave it", learning to potty train; we've only had one accident this week, does not bark more than our other dogs even though she's a hound, prefers women to men, loves other dogs, horses, and cows. She's curious about cats and will chase them if they run. (I probably would not trust her around chickens) I have microchipped her, dewormed, flea and tick treated as well as given her first Da2PP vaccine. She will need to be spayed between the age of 6-7 mos. We can either provide a voucher for \$125 off at your vet, or she can be done at our vet in Spokane at no extra cost.

Sunny is a loveable, affectionate little girl. She is estimated to be 5 mos old. Sunny was dumped in the middle of farm country and found by a farmer. After exhausting every effort to find her home and scanning for a chip it has been assumed she was likely put there on purpose. Our best guess is she's a Hound/Beagle mix. She's



ever it is mixed together in there made for a wonderfully sweet boy. Sir is wonderful on a leash and loves to be out and about. Sir would be a wonderful dog for a family or an active person or couple. He could use some work with off leash recall but that also comes with him getting to know you and love you. This boy is up for any adventure, is great in a car and would love to camp or go fishing and hiking with you. He is not destructive and respects a fence. Sir is ready for his next adventure with you.

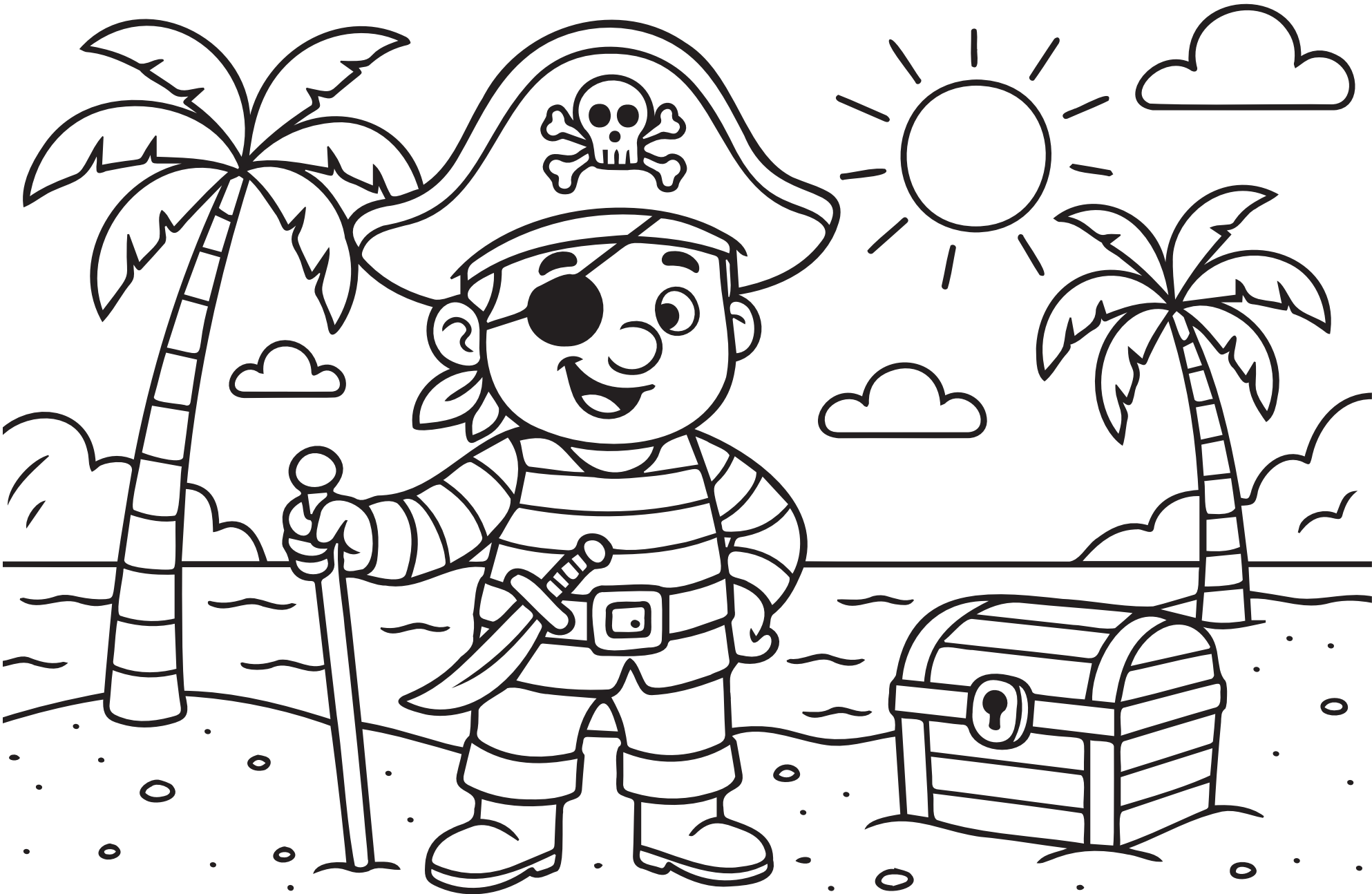
Sir is a big, lanky boy. He is approximately one and a half yrs old. His breed is just a wild guess. My best guess is Newfoundland x Lab x Golden Retriever. W h a t -

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Northwest Montana Big Game Forecast

Region 1

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Big game survival and recruitment in northwest Montana was good the last 3 winters with good recruitment in elk and deer. Winter temperatures and snow conditions were generally mild and the high harvest on wolves and lions resulted in favorable conditions for fawn and calf survival.

Four big game check stations will be open in Region 1 on weekends during the general season — Highway 2 west of Kalispell, Highway 83 north of Swan Lake, Highway 200 on the west end of Thompson Falls and Highway 93 near Olney. In the Libby area, there is a CWD sampling station located on the south end of Libby (mile marker 35 on Highway 2). Hunters are required to stop at game check stations. Stopping at the Libby CWD sampling station is voluntary but submission of CWD samples for testing is encouraged.

Elk

Calf survival and recruitment in the Clark Fork Drainage (Thompson Falls to Noxon area) averaged 32 calves per 100 cows in 2026 spring surveys. This is similar to what was observed last year and indicative of a moderately increasing elk population. Only half of the surveys were conducted in HD 123 south of Thompson Falls due to helicopter availability, but calf recruitment from that flight was considered good. Helicopter availability also restricted abilities to conduct surveys in HD 103 (the Lost Trail area). Ground surveys resulted in 414 elk observed but classification of calves was difficult due to large

groups of elk. That herd is believed to be stable to slightly increasing. Although calf recruitment was up this year (27 calves per 100 cows) in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area, the elk herd is still experiencing low elk numbers. Overall, hunters should expect elk populations to be similar to slightly better than last year.

White-Tailed Deer

White-tailed deer numbers in northwest Montana should continue to increase this year due to a mild winter and good fawn survival and recruitment observed during spring surveys. Wildlife biologists observed whitetail recruitment, ranging from 29 to 54 fawns per 100 adults during the 2026 spring surveys across the region. We have experienced an overall stable to increasing trend in buck harvest within the region over the last four years and expect to see that trend continue this season. We also expect the availability of older age bucks (> 3 years old) to have increased as well with higher recruitment over the last several years.

Reminder: CWD testing is required for anyone possessing a 199-20 either-sex B license (valid only in the Libby CWD Management Zone) and a 170-20 either-sex B license (valid only in the Kalispell CWD management zone). Hunters are encouraged to consult the FWP website or contact the Kalispell regional office for more details.

Mule Deer

The mild winter of 2025/26 resulted in good fawn survival based on aerial surveys in HD 103 (Fisher River) and ground surveys in HD 101 (Galton Range). These surveys resulted in 41 fawns per 100 adults and 39 fawns per 100 adults in HDs 103 and 101, respectively. We expect stable to slightly increasing populations in much of the region, with buck numbers similar to last season. Only antlered bucks (i.e. a deer with an antler or antlers at least 4 inches long as measured from the top of the skull) may be harvested in Region 1. No antlerless harvest opportunity exists in the region. The North Fisher area in HD 103 requires a permit to hunt mule deer (HD 103-50), and CWD testing is required for any deer harvested with this permit. Permits are also required to hunt mule deer bucks in last half of the season in HD 101.

Moose

Moose populations in the region appear to be stable in much of northwest Montana, based on past research and hunter harvest metrics. Overall numbers are below historic highs, and the moose population looks to have stabilized at the current level. The number of moose licenses decreased from 10 to 8 in HD 111 (Talley Lake) for the 2026 season to address declining harvest rates in that district.

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WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTING

At the time of writing this forecast, the three ugliest letters in the white-tailed deer world have yet to appear. Biologists continue to monitor for EHD, which proved to be a factor in last year's hunting season in the Panhandle and Clearwater regions (most notably in Units 8, 8A, and portions of Units 11A and 14).

Last year's EHD outbreak popped up in late July and August, which accounted for a slight dip in overall harvest; however, statewide harvest held steady, which was to be expected.

So, what can hunters expect this year?

So far, EHD has not popped up and herd numbers continue to be strong. While it may take a year or two for those previously mentioned units to build back herd numbers, Idaho's whitetails as a whole are doing just fine based on the seasonal conditions mentioned already with elk and mule deer.

White-tailed deer populations typically fare very well in Idaho. They are arguably the most adaptable species and are able to bounce back quicker than mule deer.

"Hunters can anticipate a good whitetail hunt this year," Boudreau said.

Tooth and consequences

Last thing worth mentioning here. Back in 2023, Fish and Game wildlife biologists began a comprehensive tooth collection project (that's deer teeth) to help determine the age structure of white-tailed deer in a few north Idaho hunting units.

Teeth collected from whitetails — specifically the front teeth — are sent to a lab and aged to determine a range of how old or young harvested deer are, and by extension, the age structure of the rest of the deer out there on the landscape.

Additionally, in 2024 and 2025, biologists asked hunters to measure the circumference of buck antlers harvested that season.

The 1,100 white-tailed deer teeth collected in the project's inaugural year combined with last season's 1,229 teeth and 472 antler measurements have helped our biologists measure a wider spread of ages among deer than previously thought.

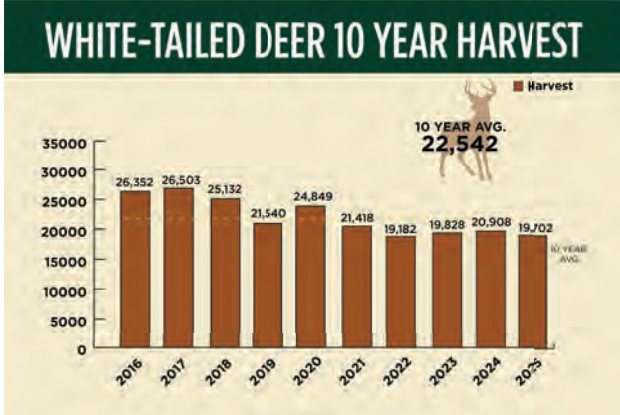
"It was originally thought that buck ages were down, or in other words, we were seeing more younger bucks out there in the field," Boudreau said. "But thanks to our tooth data and the hunters who submitted those teeth, the data shows there's actually quite a bigger spread of buck ages from 1.5 to 15.5 years old in the harvest."

Our biologists are once again looking for white-tailed deer tooth submissions during the 2026 hunting season. For more information, check out this article or contact the Panhandle and Clearwater regional offices.

Last year's numbers

- Total white-tailed deer harvest in 2025: 19,702
- 2024 harvest total: 20,908
- Overall hunter success rate: 38%
- Antlered: 13,302

- Antlerless: 6,400
- Taken during general hunts: 18,237 (37% success rate)
- Taken during controlled hunts: 1,465 (40% success rate)



WILDFIRE INFORMATION

This year's hunting outlook wouldn't be complete without mentioning the impact of wildfires.

As wildfire activity continues across Idaho, hunters preparing for upcoming seasons should be aware of potential impacts to their hunting areas and know what options are available if a fire affects their hunt.

In most cases, Fish and Game will not close an entire hunt or change a season because of a temporary wildfire closure. Most wildfires do not affect an entire hunt unit, elk zone, or controlled hunt area for the entire duration of a hunt.

It's understandable that hunters want to maximize their hunt opportunity. It's that one sliver of the year circled red on the calendar. From pretty much the conclusion of the previous season, you've been dropping pins, scouring maps, and dialing in gear aimed at getting after it the following hunting season.



Fire – Gregg Losinski

But one thunderous day in summer can suddenly throw a wrench in those plans, leaving hunters feeling frustrated and uncertain about their hunt plans.

Fortunately, hunters do have a few options, including hitting another part of the hunt area or hunting later in the season. If you find yourself frantically picking up the pieces of a fire-impacted hunt, read our Fire and Fall Hunting Guide article on our website at idfg.idaho.gov/article/fire-and-fall-hunting-what-idaho-hunters-need-know.

Hunters can also see current fire closures and restrictions on [InciWeb.wildfire.gov](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov).

NOTE: Beginning July 1, 2026, rules related to eligibility for license and tag refunds and rainchecks have changed. Please visit our refund webpage (idfg.idaho.gov/licenses/forms/refund) for more information.

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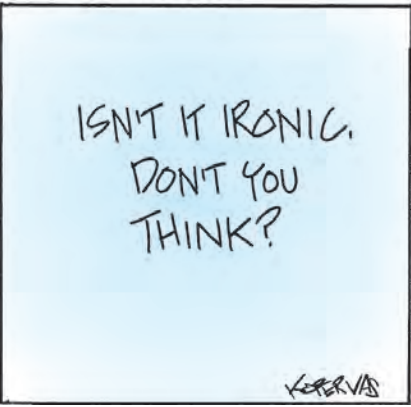
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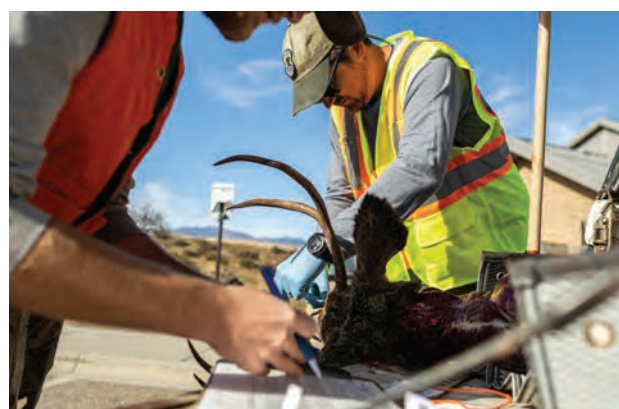
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CWD INFORMATION

Hunters in 2026 will have a mandatory testing requirement for chronic wasting disease for deer in seven hunting units, including the addition of Units 64 and 69 near Idaho Falls.

After two consecutive years of no CWD detections, Units 24 and 32A were removed from mandatory testing requirements. Testing is still required in Unit 23 where a mule deer buck tested positive in fall 2023.



CWD, chronic wasting disease, check station

CWD Management Zones: Units 14, 18, and a portion of Unit 1

Currently, Units 14, 18, and a portion of Unit 1 comprise CWD Management Zones for 2026. In addition to mandatory CWD testing of all harvested deer in those units, the following rules apply:

- It is unlawful to transport any whole carcass of a deer, elk, or moose out of a CWD Management Zone, with exceptions for heads or lymph nodes transported to Fish and Game for CWD sampling and meat. Antlers or skull caps may be retained after sampling by Fish and Game staff, but the remainder of the head will remain for proper disposal. For details and full rules, go the CWD webpage at idfg.idaho.gov/cwd.
- Heads should remain in the field if lymph nodes are removed for delivery to Fish and Game for CWD testing.
- Caped animals (with the skull) may be taken to a taxidermist or meat processor, but may not leave a CWD Management Zone and must still be presented to Fish and Game staff for sampling.
- Heads or lymph nodes must be submitted for testing within 10 days of harvest.
- If hunters, or those who salvage an animal, retain

the quarters, they should double-bag all bones and non-edible portions of the animal and dispose of them in a landfill when finished processing the meat.

Mandatory testing (deer only): Units 23, 63A, 64, and 69

Outside of the CWD Management Zones, Units 23, 63A, 64, and 69 have mandatory testing requirements for deer only, and there are no carcass transport restrictions. Hunters who harvest in these units must submit a head or lymph node sample within 10 days of harvesting.

Hunters have several options for submitting CWD samples, including Fish and Game regional offices, check stations, sampling sites, and remote collection sites such as freezers and head barrels.

Voluntary testing from all other units

Outside of CWD Management Zone and mandatory testing units, Fish and Game welcomes any deer and elk samples taken in any other unit in the state.

Hunters can collect a lymph node sample and submit it to any IDFG regional office, check station, or designated drop-off location. Staff is also available to assist hunters with sampling.

- Request a sample kit: idfg.idaho.gov/cwd/sampling-kit-request
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To see a full write-up covering everything about this year's CWD information, check out the article at idfg.idaho.gov/article/what-hunters-need-know-about-cwd-requirements-2026 or visit our CWD webpage.

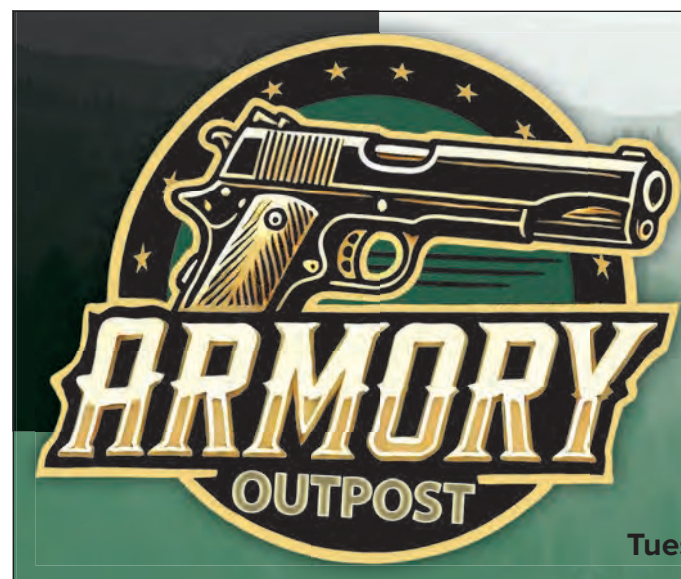
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For reporting requirements, FAQs, and access to online reporting, visit Fish and Game's Mandatory Hunter Report webpage idfg.idaho.gov/hunt/report.

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Detailed Outlook: Panhandle Region

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normal, deer may concentrate in smaller pockets of more productive habitat as the hunting season progresses, potentially affecting distribution and hunter success.

Note: Please remember to be sure of your target this fall as you are deer hunting, as antlerless mule deer harvest is prohibited.

What hunters should be aware of this fall

Panhandle Elk Zone B Tag Rifle Hunters: Beginning last year (2025), the three-day rifle cow season Oct. 15-17 has been removed. Be sure to plan your hunt accordingly — **no cow harvest is allowed during this time.**

Fish and Game is collecting CWD samples across the region. CWD testing is mandatory for all deer harvested in a portion of Unit 1, referred to as the CWD Management Zone. In addition, whole carcasses cannot be transported outside of the CWD Management Zone.

Fish and Game encourages all hunters participating in deer or elk hunts in the Panhandle to have their harvested animal tested. Hunters can submit CWD samples or deposit heads from harvested animals at drop-off locations around the region.

In the Panhandle, grizzly bears are mostly found in Unit 1, but have been infrequently documented in Units 2, 3, 4, 4A, 6, 7, and 9. Black bears are common throughout the region. Hunters across the Panhandle should remain vigilant in their bear awareness and identification skills as they are out and about in the woods.

Hunters are also asked to observe all off-road and on-road travel restrictions and check for and abide by fire restrictions in their hunting area. Information concerning access and motorized vehicle restrictions on many of the region's industrial forests can be found on Fish and Game's website on the Large Tracts Program page (idfg.idaho.gov/access/large-tracts).

Hunters in Units 3, 4, 5 and 6 should be aware of land ownership changes affecting the Large Tracts Program and hunter access. For more on this topic, please review the press releases describing the transfers of nearly 30,000 acres and 12,750 acres.

— Micah Ellstrom, Regional Wildlife Manager & Kenny Randall, Regional Wildlife Biologist

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Elk

The outlook for the 2026 season is generally consistent with last fall, with Units 1, 4, and 6 continuing to rank among the state's top elk units and offering the potential for another productive fall season. Winter in the Panhandle ended quickly with an earlier-than-normal spring accelerating snowmelt at lower elevations and promoting an early green-up in the mountains.

However, relatively dry spring conditions resulted in forage drying out by July, which may have limited forage availability later in the summer. Lack of moisture and dry conditions may impact elk distribution around the region.

White-tailed Deer

The Panhandle continues to provide abundant and diverse hunting opportunities for white-tailed deer, and hunters can expect another promising season. Regional white-tailed deer populations are recovering from an EHD outbreak in 2025 that caused declines in some local populations. Despite the EHD outbreak, 2025 harvest estimates remained relatively stable. Staff expect the 2026 harvest to be comparable to past seasons and expect slight upticks in the trajectory of harvest metrics as herds recover over the next several years. Mild winter conditions in recent years have likely contributed to high overwinter survival of both adult deer and fawns, but current dry conditions this summer may have an impact on forage quality.

Mule Deer

Hunters should expect conditions similar to recent seasons. Antlered mule deer harvest and hunter success have continued to improve in recent years, which is encouraging. Large fires throughout the region over the past 10 years should be improving mule deer habitats and benefitting local populations in those areas. Although mild winters have also generally benefited mule deer by promoting high overwinter survival, past drought-like conditions experienced in 2025 and again this year have been less favorable. With forage likely to decline earlier than



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Detailed Outlook: Clearwater Region

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Elk

Within the Elk City Zone, Unit 14 continues to support strong elk populations and in higher densities than Units 15 and 16, leading to Unit 14 having higher hunter participation and harvest. The Palouse and Dworshak elk zones allow for good elk hunting opportunities as well. Elk survival rates in the Dworshak zone from radio-marked animals continue to be high, indicating potential population increases.

Archery elk harvest across the Dworshak, Lolo, and Palouse zones have increased in recent years, even with lower hunter participation numbers. For folks who are willing to brave warmer temperatures, this is a good opportunity to chase elk with a bow.

The Lolo and Selway zones continue to have moderate to low elk densities compared to the other elk zones in the region but provide back-country opportunities for those who wish to get away from roads and civilization. The Hells Canyon zone still supports moderate to high densities of elk, depending on unit and location. Units 11 and 18 provide good controlled tag opportunities for publicly accessible elk. Recent winters have been mild, which has led to high natural survival in adults and calves.

As a reminder, the upcoming season is the second season with large-scale changes in the Dworshak Elk Zone, so if you plan to hunt this zone, please make sure to check the regulations for those changes.

Mule Deer

Mule deer in the Clearwater region are found in the highest densities along the Snake and Salmon river breaks; however, they are present throughout the region in moderate to low densities. Hunters who hold regular deer tags can find mule deer in Units 8, 8A, 10A, and 15 without having to travel to backcountry units. Hunters can find decent mule deer hunting in the backcountry units of 16A, 17, 19, and 20. However, please note that these are rugged areas and will require a high level of effort.

Units 11, 13, 14, and 18 provide good opportunities through controlled tags, however hunters are encouraged to review the current CWD regulations for Units 14 and 18 prior to planning a trip to these units.

White-tailed Deer

The Clearwater region has high densities of white-tailed deer throughout much of the region, leading to high harvest and hunter success rates. Harvest continues to show strong numbers of bucks harvested and specifically the proportion of bucks producing five or more points on one antler.

During late summer and early fall of 2025, there was an outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease which was most pronounced in the surrounding area of Deary. High mortality occurred in this area leading to localized population reductions. The most severe impacts occurred in Units 8 and 8A, which hunters noted throughout the 2025 hunting season.

Although hunter participation in the area declined, hunter success remained relatively high. This year, field staff have seen deer in the areas that had higher levels of mortality from EHD last year. It may take white-tailed deer populations 3-5 years to recover to prior levels, assuming habitat conditions are favorable, winters continue to be mild, and no additional EHD outbreaks occur.

Idaho Fish and Game will continue collecting teeth from harvested white-tailed deer in Units 10A, 14, and 18 to help inform the department of age structures within populations.

What hunters should be aware of this fall

Hunters who harvest both white-tailed or mule deer in GMUs 14 and 18 are mandated to provide a CWD sample. Whole carcasses of deer and elk harvested within GMUs 14 and 18 may not leave the CWD management zone. Hunters are encouraged to read and review the CWD Management Zone regulations for both testing and transport prior to going out in the field. Chronic Wasting Disease sampling is highly encouraged across the region for deer and elk, especially in areas surrounding GMUs where it has been found and comes at no cost to hunters. It has been a very dry year in the Clearwater Region, so hunters should be monitoring active fires and taking precautions out in the field to minimize starting fires. Hunters should also be mindful of rapidly changing conditions throughout the fall. Hunters utilizing private timber company land are reminded to review and abide by current access rules and road closures.

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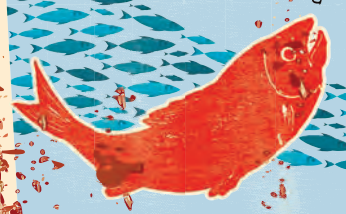
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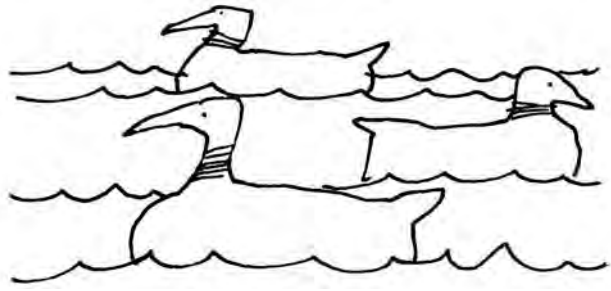
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These are the experiences that have made the Sunset and Full Moon Hikes at First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park increasingly popular, according to park manager Clark Aasom. Aasom has held the manager position at the park located south of Great Falls since 2019. He and his team schedule these hikes several times each year when the sunset and full-moonrise coincide on a weekend evening.

"People love the chance to experience both the sunset and the moonrise during the same hike, and at such a beautiful place," Aasom said. "And the staff at the park really love the opportunity to share this place with our visitors."

It takes about an hour to hike up across the prairie and weave through the rocky edges of the buffalo jump before emerging on top. The moderately difficult hike is about 3 miles in length, and it takes just over 2 hours to complete the round trip out and back. Along the way, hikers discover the park's history and deep cultural significance to First Peoples, making the evening all the more meaningful.

"Combining the historical and cultural significance of this place with the chance to see it during the prettiest time of the day is an opportunity that I wish everyone could experience," Aasom added.

Sunset and Full Moon Hikes are scheduled this fall on Sept. 26 and Oct. 24, beginning at 6 p.m. on both days. There is a \$4 fee, and each hike is limited to 25 participants.

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- Name the song that contains this lyric: "People see us everywhere, They think you really care, But myself I can't deceive."

Answers

1. Bonnie Tyler; in 1983, Tyler was born in Wales. The song has been her biggest hit and received a Grammy nomination for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance. With an original length of over seven minutes, the song had to be cut down to be suitable for airplay.

2. Jimmy Buffett, in 1977.

3. Creedence Clearwater Revival, in 1971.

4. Air Supply, in 1983. The duo, from Australia, have seen global success with most of their songs, including "Even the Nights Are Better."

5. "It's Only Make Believe," by Conway Twitty, in 1958. Penned by Twitty and his band's drummer, the song has been widely covered over the years. Ronnie McDowell and the Hollies all saw varying degrees of success with the song.

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Montana Outdoors Takes Four Firsts in National Conservation Communications Competition

— Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks —

HELENA – The Association for Conservation Information (ACI) awarded Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and its flagship magazine, *Montana Outdoors*, top honors in five communications categories at the organization's annual awards ceremony in Oklahoma City, OK, on July 23rd.

Montana Outdoors has won numerous awards over the years for its compelling articles and beautiful design. This marks the eighth time it has won first place in ACI's magazine category.

"A state conservation magazine is only as good as the agency it represents," says Paul Queneau, Montana Outdoors editor. "Our long history of success reflects the excellence of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and its staff across the state whose work we feature in every issue."

See the magazine at: fwp.mt.gov/montana-outdoors

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• Magazine: General Interest Article: Absorbing the Blows at Flathead Lake, Montana Outdoors November/December 2025 issue. This article focused on a novel new work-with-nature approach to protect Flathead Lake's shorelines from erosion during storms and high-water events when powerful waves strip away soil and cause banks to collapse. The innovative design now installed at state parks around Flathead Lake has attracted national interest.

• Magazine: Wildlife Article: Get Smart, Montana Outdoors September/October 2025 issue. This article profiled the efforts of Missoula, Montana, to become the nation's largest certified Bear Smart Community by securing trash and other bear attractants.

FWP also took third place in:

• Magazine: Fisheries Article: Stream Savers, Montana Outdoors July/August 2025 issue. This article celebrated the success of Montana's stream access law as it marks its 50th year.

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Like many upper-class English fashions, the tea trolley spread to the United States, where it received a new spin in the 20th century: With Prohibition ending in the 1930s, the tea trolley was repurposed as the bar cart or cocktail cart. This was also when the style we now call mid-century modern emerged. Scandinavian design was particularly popular, with clean lines, simple shapes and light woods.

This cart, made of birch with white enameled wheels, was designed in 1948 by Alvar and Aino Aalto, the Finnish husband-and-wife team that co-founded the furniture company Artek. An Eldred's auction described it as a "tea trolley" rather than a cart. The old-fashioned name didn't decrease its appeal, as it sold at the auction for \$2,650.

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Ratatouille Lentil Soup Has One foot in Each Season

I am not ready for sweaters. Not quite yet. And all the pumpkin-spice devotees need to sit down and let me finish my margarita.

Still, there is something intoxicating about the first feeling of autumn in the air. The days are growing shorter. A few leaves are beginning to turn. Summer mornings have lost their loud sparkle and begun to whisper, while sunflowers, mums and dahlias prepare to steal the final scene.

This may be my favorite time of year. That fleeting transition when the garden has not accepted that summer is ending, but a curl of wood smoke and a chilly evening make soup sound like a very good idea.

Ratatouille lentil soup is my culinary compromise: one foot in summer's garden and the other stepping toward soup season.

Classic ratatouille celebrates eggplant, zucchini, peppers and tomatoes. Roasting the vegetables gives them caramelized sweetness and beautifully browned edges. Lentils transform them into an inexpensive, satisfying main dish packed with protein and fiber.

As always, use what you have. Substitute yellow squash for zucchini, use fresh tomatoes when they are abundant or add that slightly imperfect pepper hiding in the crisper. Ratatouille is a formula, not a vegetable roll call enforced by the French culinary police.

The soup is even better the following day and freezes nicely. For a meatier variation, add browned

Italian sausage. Either way, it is summer produce dressed for autumn, delicious and cheaper than therapy for those of us not quite ready to let the season go.

ROASTED RATATOUILLE LENTIL SOUP

Yield: about 2 cups or 6 servings

Total Time: 1 hour 40 mins.

5 tablespoons olive oil, divided, plus more for serving

1 medium eggplant, unpeeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes

1 large yellow onion, chopped

2 zucchini, cut into 1/2-inch half-moons

1 yellow summer squash, cut into 1/2-inch half-moons

1 red bell pepper, coarsely chopped

1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt, divided, plus more to taste

1/2 teaspoon black pepper, divided, plus more to taste

6 garlic cloves, minced

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

2 tablespoons tomato paste

7 to 8 cups lower-sodium vegetable broth

1 (14.5-ounce) can diced, roasted tomatoes

1 1/2 cups uncooked green or brown lentils, rinsed

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

Grated Parmesan cheese, optional



Summer vegetables meet autumn comfort in this hearty lentil soup.

Heat oven to 425 F. Divide eggplant, zucchini, squash, onion and bell pepper between two large, rimmed baking sheets. Toss with 4 tablespoons olive oil, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Arrange in even layers.

Roast for 25 to 35 minutes, stirring and rotating pans halfway through, until vegetables are tender and browned around the edges. Remove any vegetables that finish early.

Meanwhile, heat remaining tablespoon oil in a large soup pot over medium heat. Add garlic and Italian seasoning; cook, stirring, for 30 seconds. Add tomato paste and cook, stirring constantly, until it darkens to a rusty red, about 2 minutes.

Add 7 cups broth, tomatoes, lentils, remaining salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer uncovered, stirring occasionally, until lentils are almost tender, 30 to 40 minutes.

Add roasted vegetables and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes, until lentils are tender. Add more broth as needed to reach the desired consistency. Remove from heat; stir in balsamic vinegar. Taste and adjust seasoning.

Serve with a drizzle of olive oil and Parmesan, if desired. Add basil, if you have some.

Autumn will arrive whether I approve of it or not; seasons have never been especially interested in my scheduling preferences. Until then, I'll enjoy summer's final vegetables in a steaming bowl, keep the margarita glass within reach and postpone the sweaters for one more perfectly delicious evening.

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"We are thrilled to host our fourth annual Sandpoint SongFest to continue the tradition of celebrating original music through storytelling," shares Kathi Samuels, Director of Development for the Music Conservatory of Sandpoint. "Songwriting is the ultimate fusion of advanced musical theory, technical mastery, and creative entrepreneurship. While Conservatory students often focus heavily on performance, it is our goal to show them how songwriting can expand their career longevity and artistic voice. This year's SongFest performers represent some of the best original songwriters of our Inland Northwest region and we are delighted to give them a platform to share their personal experiences with our audiences."

Tickets are available now at: sandpointconservatory.org/events

About the SongFest Performers

Shiloh Rising is a husband-and-wife acoustic duo formed by Diana and Scott Stover. The couple met and began performing together in Salt Lake City thirty years ago. They now live in their dream double-wide with a view in Moyie Springs. Their eclectic song writing includes influences of folk, rock, bluegrass, country and more. Their CD, "Welcome

Home", which was recorded locally at Selle Valley Sound, provides an insightful window into who they are individually and as a couple.

Mike Wagoner is an independent regional singer, songwriter, and author based around Priest Lake and North Idaho. He performs country, rock, and Americana music and released an album titled *The Best of Mike Wagoner* alongside a 2025 autobiographical book about his life in music called *Goin' to the Lake*, a fifty-year retrospective of life and community around Priest Lake, Idaho. Mike is known for regional performances, including shows at local venues and spots like the Pend d'Oreille Winery. His popular streaming tracks include "In This World", "Goin' to the Lake", and "She's Still Here".

Tim G. is a singer/songwriter who has been performing for audiences for 25 years. He is a self taught musician who decided to learn guitar so he could turn one of his early poems into a song. That has become one of many life long passions. "For me, being in the moment is to feel alive. This creativity flows through and I feel connected to the world. This doesn't just apply to music, it applies to all of my relationships. I just love to write songs so I do a lot of that." Tim has recorded 5 albums, has had national air play on public radio and has averaged over 100 performances a year for over 20 years running. He is also having a lot of fun along the way.

Reese Warren is guitarist for the Sandpoint band *Nights of Neon* and chef at *Eichardt's Pub*. His style is inspired by the blues, rockabilly tunes, and alternative music. Reese has found that after years of searching, contemplating, and yearning for connection to the wholeness of life, music and the guitar have brought him closer to the peace and serenity that his heart needs. It has been his rock through this mysterious journey of life.

Sadie Sicilia is a singer-songwriter based in Spokane, Washington, who grew up in Sandpoint, Idaho, in a musical family. She began performing at a young age alongside her father, musician Mike Wagoner, and has since built a career spanning blues, folk, funk, rock, jazz, and soul. Her recorded work includes the album *This Is My Time* (2015) and the live release, *Sadie Sicilia Live at the Panida Theater* (2017). The Sandpoint Reader describes her "bluesy voice" as bringing "a deep richness to folk music."

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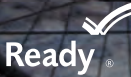
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- During the Great Depression, many people tried selling apples to avoid the stigma of panhandling. In New York City alone, there were as many as 6,000 such vendors.
- Beatle George Harrison’s song “Blue Jay Way” has led to the repeated theft of that street sign in Los Angeles.
- The science of kissing is called philematology.
- Flower girls traditionally threw flower petals in a bride’s path to lead her to a sweet, plentiful future.
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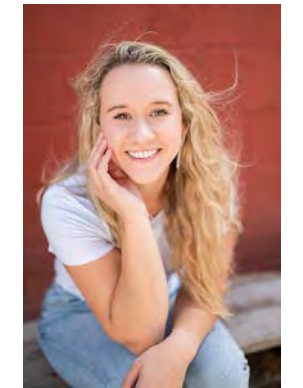
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Dear EarthTalk: Is leisure travel so bad for the planet that we are all better off just staying home?
-- Jackie Smith, Boston, MA

According to the International Air Transport Association, in 2024 global air travel increased by 10.4 percent. Behind this surge in tourism is growing affluence in developing countries, demographic shifts to younger generations, convenience of travel, and increasing awareness through social media.

Despite the booming economies traveling creates, there lurks the harsh penalties that each flight, drive and cruise puts on Mother Earth. Tourism accounts for about eight percent of world greenhouse gas emissions. University of Queensland Associate Professor Ya-Yen Sun conducted a study showing how tourism is the leading producer of greenhouse gases of all global economic sectors. Dr. Sun and his research team anticipate "annual increases in emissions of three to four percent" from travel alone.

Transportation is the primary contributor of greenhouse gases from travel, almost half of tourism's carbon footprint. Online emissions calculator, Atmosfair, shows that a single round-trip flight from New York to Los Angeles for a typical family emits 7.1 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO2). This is equivalent to the greenhouse gas emissions from approximately 1.7 gasoline-powered vehicles driven in one year.

"Goods" and "Food & Beverage" make up the next largest contributors of greenhouse gases. These categories encompass the souvenirs and shopping experiences of tourism, considering production, manufacturing and shipping. Food production entails growing, processing, transporting, and much more, thus multiplying its carbon footprint.

Visualizing the effects of global warming is difficult, even with these numbers and facts. Rising sea levels and dwindling ice sheets seem hardly connected to one airplane ride. The gradual nature of such changes helps to ease its burden on the mind. But individuals collectively have a rather hefty effect. University of Tennessee Professor John Nolt concluded after calculations that "the average American is responsible, through his/her greenhouse gas emissions, for the suffering and/or deaths of one or two future people."

The future may appear bleak factoring in these stats and research. Yet, we can and are doing more to combat travel's eco-damage. Aircraft emissions are being lowered through biofuels, electric motors and efficient design. Quitting travel is extreme, but consider the impacts of your next trip. And if the answer to travel or not is yes, decrease your carbon footprint: buy offsets, choose efficient airlines, fly during the day. And remember what Dorothy concluded after her travels: "There's no place like home."

Contacts: Atmosfair, www.atmosfair.de/en/offset/flight/; Global Outlook for Air Transport, iata.org/en/iata-repository/publications/economic-reports/global-outlook-for-air-transport-june-2024-report/; Carbon Footprint of Tourism, <https://sustainabletravel.org/issues/carbon-footprint-tourism/>

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What Hunters Need To Know About CWD Requirements For 2026

— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —



Outside of mandatory testing units, IDFG will also accept voluntary samples for free CWD testing

Hunters in 2026 will have a mandatory testing requirement for chronic wasting disease for deer in seven hunting units, including the addition of Units 64 and 69 near Idaho Falls.

After two consecutive years of no CWD detections, Units 24 and 32A were removed from mandatory testing requirements. Testing is still required in Unit 23 where a mule deer buck tested positive in fall 2023.

Fish and Game currently monitors CWD primarily though animals harvested by hunters, using two methods to attain those samples:

- Mandatory testing for deer harvested in some units, currently a portion of Unit 1 and all of Units 14, 18, 23, 63A, 64, 69.
- Statewide voluntary testing of deer and elk by hunters

Hunters play a critical role in CWD testing because there is no live test and getting accurate and current information helps IDFG monitor prevalence throughout the state. Here's a breakdown of what hunters need to know about CWD and hunting in Idaho.



CWD (chronic wasting disease) check station

CWD Management Zones: Units 14, 18, and a portion of Unit 1

Currently, Units 14, 18, and a portion of Unit 1 comprise CWD Management Zones for 2026. In addition to mandatory CWD testing of all harvested deer in those units, the following rules apply:

- It is unlawful to transport any whole carcass of a deer, elk, or moose out of a CWD Management Zone, with exceptions for heads or lymph nodes transported to Fish and Game for CWD sampling and meat. Antlers or skull caps may be retained after sampling by Fish and Game staff, but the remainder of the head will remain for proper disposal. For details and full rules, go the CWD webpage at idfg.idaho.gov/cwd.
- Heads should remain in the field if lymph nodes are removed for delivery to Fish and Game for CWD testing.
- Caped animals (with the skull) may be taken to a taxidermist or meat processor, but may not leave a CWD Management Zone and must still be presented to Fish and Game staff for sampling.
- Heads or lymph nodes must be submitted for

testing within 10 days of harvest.

- If hunters, or those who salvage an animal, retain the quarters, they should double-bag all bones and non-edible portions of the animal and dispose of them in a landfill when finished processing the meat.

Mandatory testing (deer only): Units 23, 63A, 64, and 69

Outside of the CWD Management Zones, Units 23, 63A, 64, and 69 have mandatory testing requirements for deer only, and there are no carcass transport restrictions. Hunters who harvest in these units must submit a head or lymph node sample within 10 days of harvesting.

Hunters have several options for submitting CWD samples, including Fish and Game regional offices, check stations, sampling sites, and remote collection sites such as freezers and head barrels.

Voluntary testing from all other units

Outside of CWD Management Zone and mandatory testing units, Fish and Game welcomes any deer and elk samples taken in any other unit in the state.

Hunters can collect a lymph node sample and submit it to any IDFG regional office, check station, or designated drop-off location. Staff is also available to assist hunters with sampling.

- Request a sample kit: idfg.idaho.gov/cwd/sampling-kit-request
- How to collect a lymph node sample: idfg.idaho.gov/cwd/sampling/how-to
- Sample drop-off locations: idfg.idaho.gov/cwd/sampling/locations
- IDFG regional offices: idfg.idaho.gov/offices



IDFG check station signage board along a roadway

Out-of-state hunting and carcass transport

It's illegal to import, transport, or possess carcasses or any part of a deer, elk, moose, or caribou from another state, province in Canada, or any other country with a documented case of CWD.

Out-of-state hunters should be aware that transporting animals or animal parts from Idaho to other states may be illegal. Prior to leaving Idaho with any part of an animal, hunters should consult regulations of all states they plan to enter with the animal parts. See cwd-info.org/map-chronic-wasting-disease-in-north-america for more information.

Why is CWD management important for hunters?

Fish and Game's CWD management priority is keeping the percentage of animals infected — or *prevalence* — low in deer and elk herds. CWD can't be eradicated because it remains in the environment for decades. Keeping the prevalence low and minimizing the spread of CWD will help maintain healthy big game populations.

