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### ***ISCAC Position Memo on the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Planning (CCP) Process***

The Idaho Sportsman's Caucus Advisory Council (ISCAC) opposes the federal regulation changes proposed for the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge (DFNWR) that would restrict current hunting, fishing and trapping activities taking place on the refuge. Specifically, the preferred alternative #3 by DFNWR USFWS staff reduces access and separates hunting, fishing and trapping activities from other outdoor activities such as horseback riding that have traditionally occurred together in a cooperative atmosphere. ISCAC supports alternative #1, which continues all activities at their current levels.

The refuge has existed since 1909 with hunting, fishing and trapping activities. Neither the State of Idaho nor ISCAC member organizations have observed biological or environmental concerns that warrant a change to these activities., nor have such concerns been documented by USFWS. ISCAC believes that further restricting hunting, fishing and trapping activities, and other activities such as horseback riding, on federal wildlife refuges is unwarranted and a trend that ISCAC opposes.

ISCAC opposes the USFWS preferred alternative #3 for the DFNWR that would restrict current hunting, fishing, trapping and horseback riding activities on the refuge and supports alternative #1, which continues all activities at their current levels.

