



C.J. Strike Wildlife Management Area

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This brochure and map have been developed to help you better enjoy Idaho Power's habitat property within the C.J. Strike Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

In 2005, Idaho Power assumed management of the 3,000 acres it owns within the C.J. Strike WMA as part of the company's new federal license to operate the C.J. Strike Hydroelectric Dam.

Idaho Power and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDF&G) coordinate management of the C.J. Strike WMA. Idaho Power maintains and manages lands owned by the company within the WMA. IDF&G is responsible for wildlife management throughout the entire area, including pheasant releases, predator control and enforcement of fish and game laws, as well as land management for the remainder of the WMA.

Most areas within the WMA are accessible for recreational purposes; however certain areas within the WMA are closed to the public to address safety concerns. Other areas are seasonally closed during waterfowl and upland game bird nesting seasons. Please adhere to all signs that indicate the boundaries of these areas.

The Idaho Power headquarters at the WMA houses Idaho Power staff, IDF&G employees and Owyhee County Deputy Sheriff officers. The headquarters also provides area information, a rest stop, a public restroom, and a seasonal RV waste disposal site. Indoor information and the public restroom are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays.

Idaho Power's goal for its WMA lands is to provide high quality wildlife habitat and a high quality experience for those who choose to hunt, fish, or otherwise recreate on these lands. About 40 acres of agricultural food plots are cultivated and managed annually for the benefit of wildlife and hunters. Riparian areas are being enhanced and shelterbelts are being planted, all in an effort to improve wildlife habitat. In addition, the company has made, and will continue to make, a number of improvements to sportsman's access points, day use areas and camping facilities.

Idaho Power offers anglers great fishing opportunities due to the company's annual stocking of 80,000 trout in C.J. Strike Reservoir. The fish stocking operation is a condition of the company's federal license and will continue until further notice.

Turner Ranch

Idaho Power purchased the Turner Ranch in Idaho's Bruneau Valley to mitigate for riparian habitat impacted by hydropower operations downstream of the C.J. Strike Hydroelectric Project. The company's primary objectives for the property are the protection, management, and enhancement of the natural resources located on the Turner Ranch, particularly the riparian and wetlands habitats.

In addition to habitat restoration and preservation, Idaho Power has opened Turner Ranch for youth-only (10-15 years old) upland and waterfowl bird hunting opportunities based on a partnership with Pheasants Forever. More details can be found at www.idahopf.com and selecting "youth hunting". Turner Ranch is not part of the CJ Strike WMA and therefore a WMA pheasant permit is not required.

Overnight Camping

Consider camping at one of the Idaho Power camping areas. We offer camping at five campgrounds near C.J. Strike Dam or within the C.J. Strike WMA. Parks include Cottonwood Park, Scout Park, Locust Park and North Park. Jacks Creek provides a less-developed camping option.

Idaho Power limits stay at all of its camping areas to 14 consecutive days. Please respect all posted campground rules and remember to keep all motorized vehicles at or under the posted speed limit.

Signage

It is our goal that every WMA visitor has an enjoyable experience. To that end we ask that all visitors respect boundary markers, non-motorized vehicle areas and safety zones in which no shooting is allowed.

New signage has been posted to help you more fully understand the WMA and the boundaries of Idaho Power's property.

If you would like more information about the C.J. Strike Wildlife Management Area lands owned and managed by Idaho Power, we invite you to visit our Web site – <u>www.</u> <u>idahopower.com</u> – IDF&G has additional information about the entire WMA on their Web site: <u>http://fishandgame.idaho.</u> <u>gov/wildlife/wma/cj</u>.

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