**Idaho Wetland Data**

Most of Idaho's 386,000 acres of wetlands are in flood plains and riparian areas along streams and other water bodies. Since about 1860, when mining and farming began in the State, wetland acreage has decreased by 56 percent. The Idaho State Water Plan states that, insofar as is possible, the State should assume responsibility for wetland management and protection. Policy plans made by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for 1991 to 2005 focus land-acquisition efforts on wetland areas where habitat protection is critical. Many private organizations and groups have participated in projects involving wetland acquisition and restoration.

The Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Wetlands Inventory produced [ ] digital data for Idaho with [ ] contributions from [ ]. Using the FGDC Wetlands Data Standard, wetlands were classified by System, Subsystem, Class, water regime and special modifiers. Digital Wetlands Data are available for 34 % with an additional data available from hard copy maps for 45 % of the state’s wetlands. There is no data available for 21% of the state’s wetlands. Ninety-six percent of the imagery data is over 20 years old. Color infrared imagery was used to map 97% of the wetlands with an additional 5% from natural color. Ninety-five percent of the imagery was at a scale of 1:58,000.