

**IOGLB Newsletter/Email 2023**  
**Wednesday, January 4, 2023**

Attention Idaho Hunting Outfitters,

This month is going to be all about use verification, which is very important! Unlike previous years, use verification will be done all at once, and we will be verifying 2021 & 2022 capped and controlled hunts in addition to 2022 limited hunts.

**Use Verification**

As a reminder, this is a season setting year for Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDFG), which means designations for capped and controlled hunt tags are not set yet. The IDFG Commission will be meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> to set the seasons for 2023 & 2024 along with capped and controlled hunt allocations. In the early fall they will also set limited tag hunts for the 2024 season. 2023 limited tag designations have already been set and if you do not know what your designation is, please check your email (and junk folder) for your designation letter or reach out to me.

Use verification letters will be coming out very soon. I have received your use reports from IDFG and will be putting your letters together to be sent out as soon as possible. Letters will go out via email and mail. From the date they are posted you have 14 days to verify use. After that period your use history becomes final. If something does not line up with your records, please reach out to me asap.

**Hardship Requests**

Attached to this email you will find an updated Hardship Request Form. Please use this form to submit any hardship requests - it will also be available on our [website](#). You may use this form to submit any number of hardships, you do not need to complete one form per request. One form for all requests is just fine and be sure to specify which tags you are requesting hardships for. Do not assume by putting cow elk tags we know what you are requesting. McCall A, Regular Deer Unit 27, White-tailed Deer Unit 43, Controlled Hunt #2200, etc. Be specific and use the same hunting conventions both IDFG and the Board use.

Be sure to include supporting documentation as well to support your claims. We need specific information for the board to review. For example, in the case of a fire, we would need to see closure orders that include area description of the closure and dates for start of closure and when closure was lifted. Be sure to follow all instructions on the form, and if you have questions, please contact me.

Incomplete or late requests will not be accepted. The Deadline to submit requests is end of day February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Requests with incomplete information or missing documents will be sent back to the outfitter requesting follow-up. Requests will be reviewed by the Board at their next meeting, currently scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Looking Ahead**

Once allocation is completed by the IDFG Commission in March, the board will meet on April 11<sup>th</sup> to approve the new designations for allocated capped and controlled hunt tags. Once approved, designation letters will be sent out and another 14-day objection period will open to dispute calculations.

A reminder that April is not the time to dispute your use as that will be based off your use letter from this month (January), so again keep an eye out for your use letters and double check those numbers match your records, and if they do not, please reach out.

After the 14-day objection period, any un-disputed hunts will become final, and tags will be available for outfitters to start picking up. Any disputes will be reviewed at the following board meeting.