

# IDFG Technical Assistance Program

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# RTAMs – Connecting the Dots for Conservation

- ▶ Who we are
- ▶ What we do
- ▶ How we get it done



## *Our Mission*

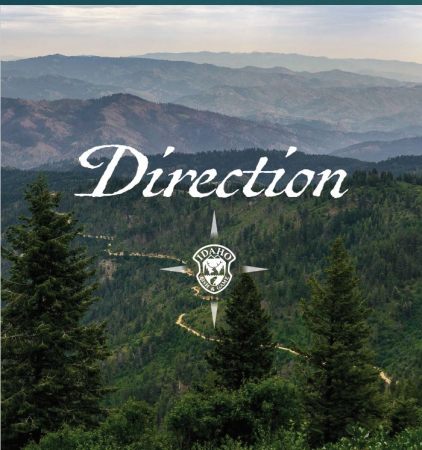
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# Who we are...Mission aligned & integration focused

**Purpose** – Assemble, develop, curate, and disseminate credible science-based knowledge to inform decisions to benefit fish, wildlife, and botanical resources, and associated recreation

**Core Value** – Scientifically developed information is the foundation of fish and wildlife management and fundamental to IDFG's mission



FY 2020-2023  
Annual Strategic Plan

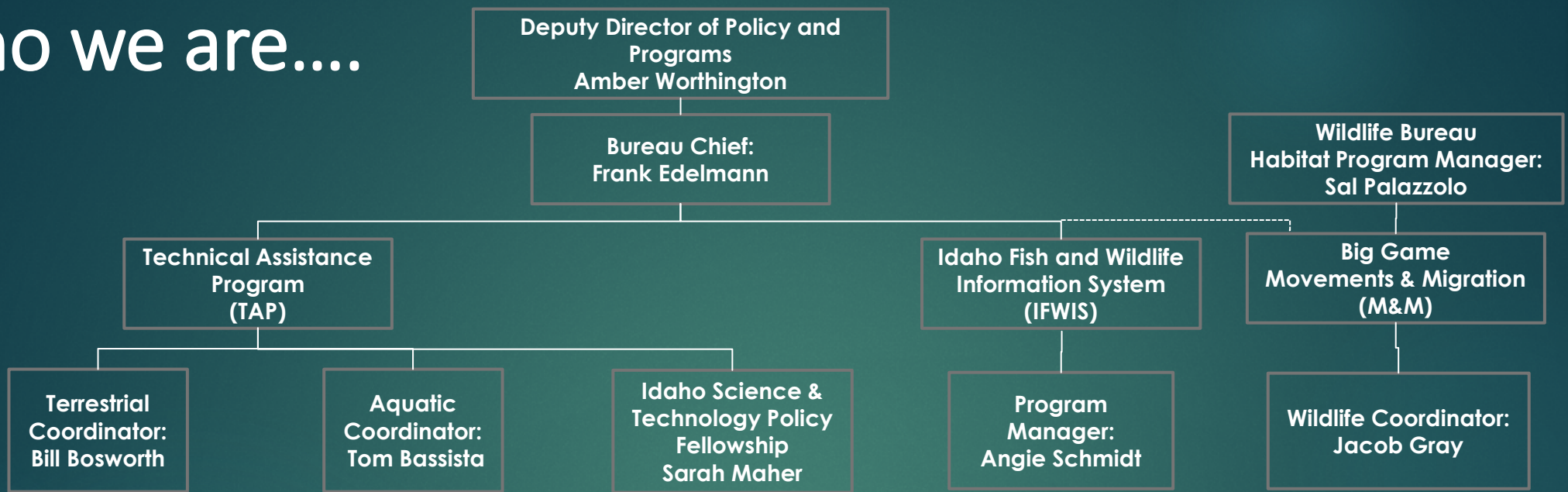


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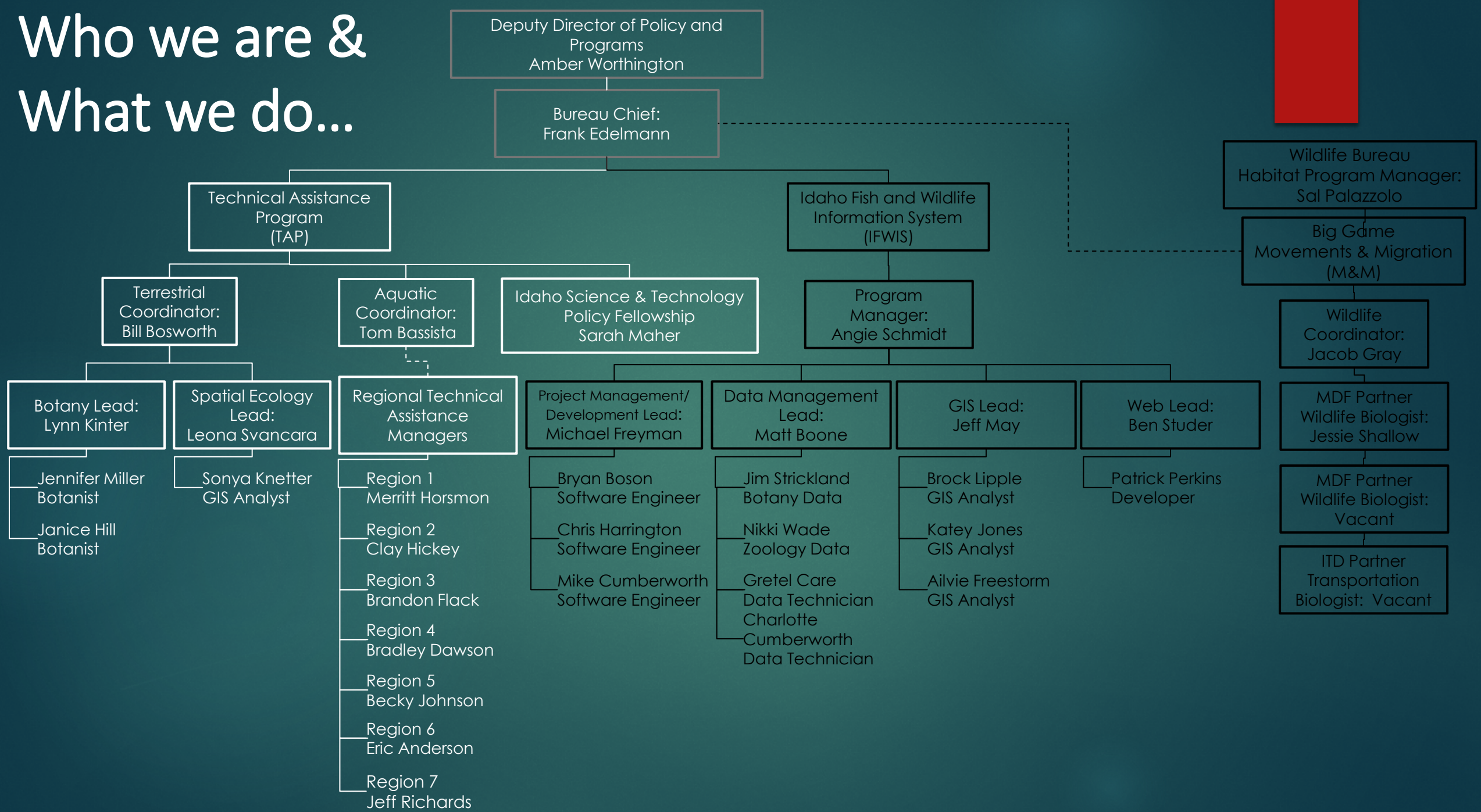
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# Who we are....



# Who we are & What we do...



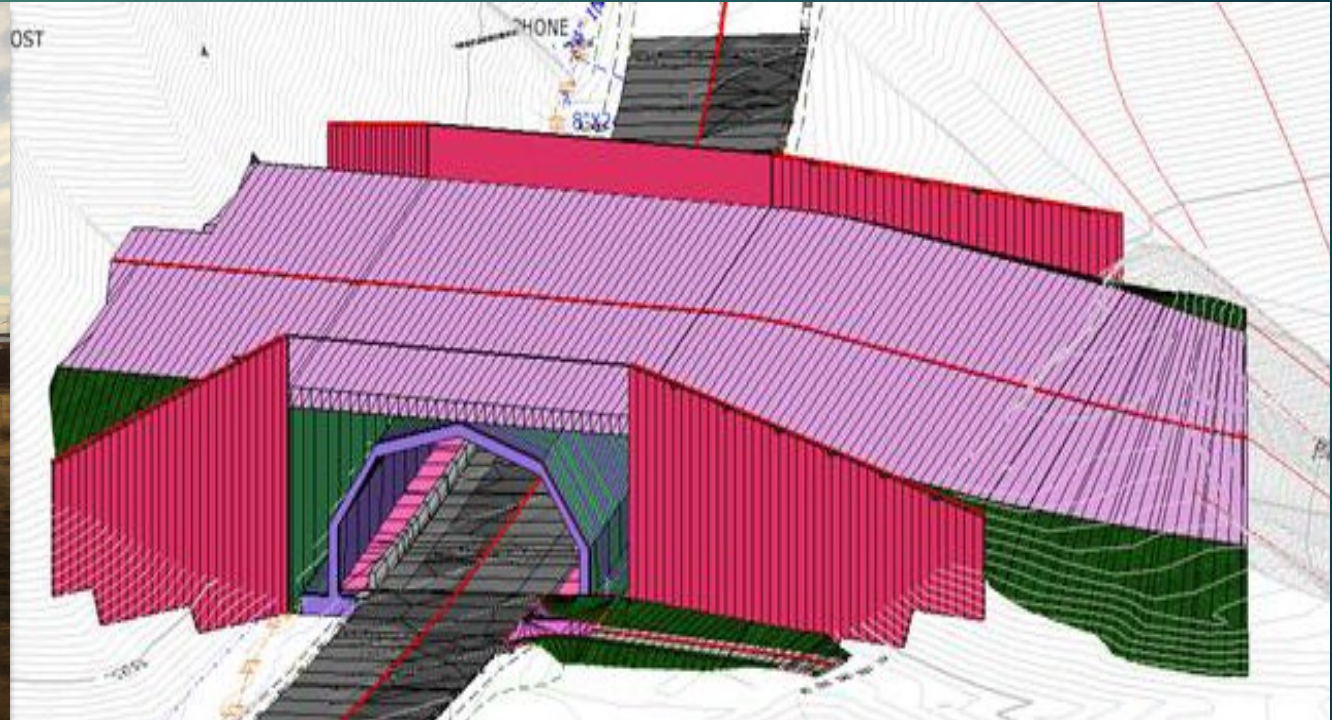
# Inform and Influence Conservation Decision-making

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# What we do...Information is our business

- ▶ IFWIS – Curate central biological databases
- ▶ TAP – Respond to technical assistance requests
- ▶ M&M – Mitigate obstacles to wildlife movement



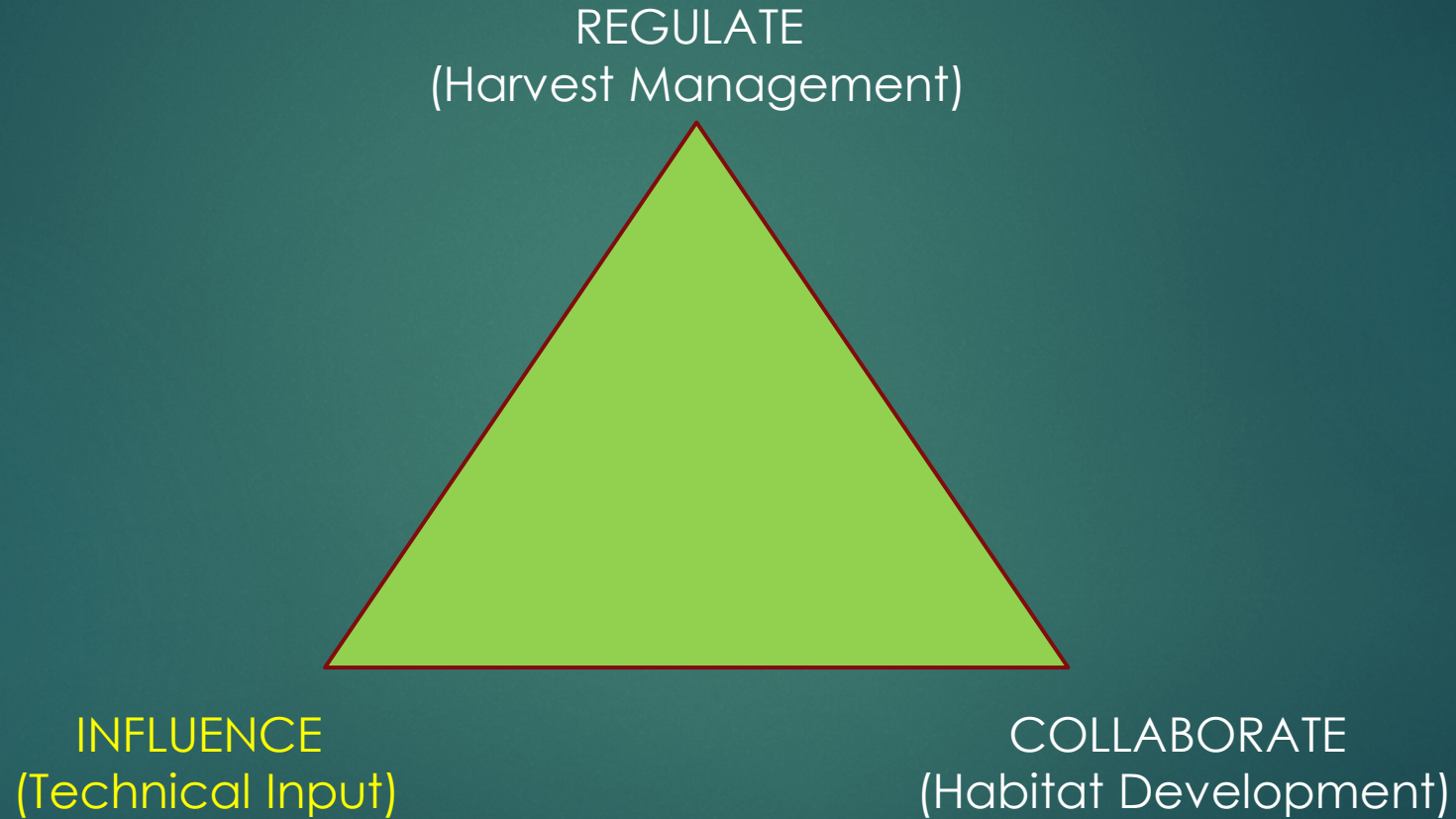


# Technical Assistance Program

TECHNICAL IS OUR FIRST NAME 😊



# How TAP supports IDFG Mission



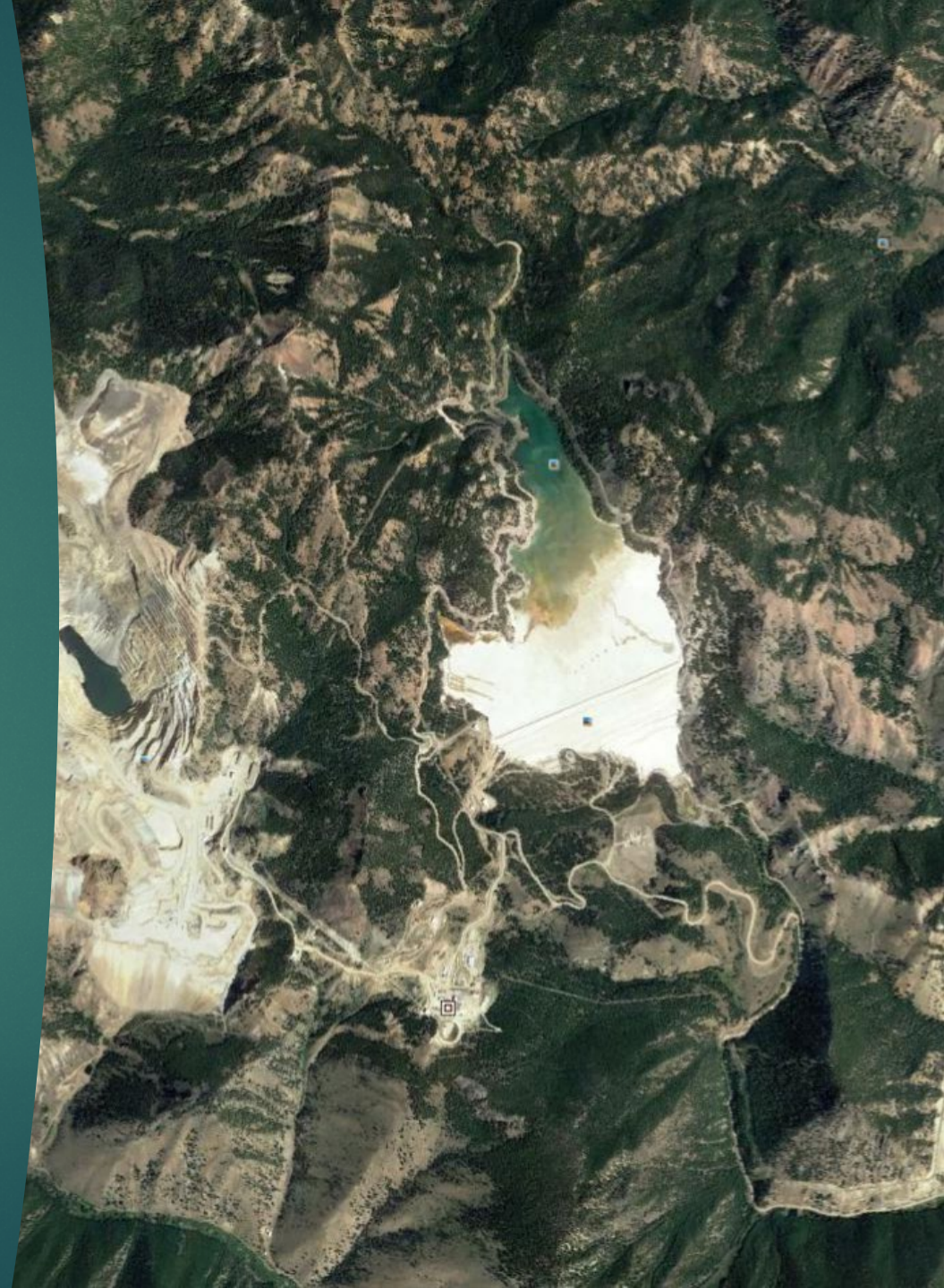
# Technical Assistance Program



- ▶ Respond to proposed actions and policies
- ▶ Coordinated State responses
- ▶ Apply technical expertise and science-based information
- ▶ Coordinate input from programs and subject-matter experts.
- ▶ Avoid, Minimize, or Mitigate (AMM)

# Terrestrial Technical Assistance Priorities

- ▶ Participating in Federal Policy development to benefit Idaho
  - ▶ (Regulation proposals, ex: ESA, Programmatic NEPA)
- ▶ Seeking AMM for Energy and Mineral development projects
  - ▶ Energy (Renewables and electrification/climate)
  - ▶ Minerals (precious metals, strategic and critical minerals)
- ▶ Using Infrastructure improvements to benefit fish and wildlife
  - ▶ Highways, bridges, culverts, etc.
- ▶ Shaping Land-use
  - ▶ USFS Forest Plans, BLM Resource Management Plans, Travel Plans
  - ▶ County and city planning and development



FERC/Hydropower

Water Use

Stream/Wetland Alteration



# Aquatic Technical Assistance Priorities

# Water is Economic and Politically Sensitive

- All water rights-through DAG
- All FERC through OEMR



**“Completion of the Snake River Basin Adjudication is a state accomplishment worth celebrating,” U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia said.**

# Regional Technical Assistance Managers

Data Driven



Solution/Strategy Oriented



Outcome focused

# Influencing Outcomes for Conservation

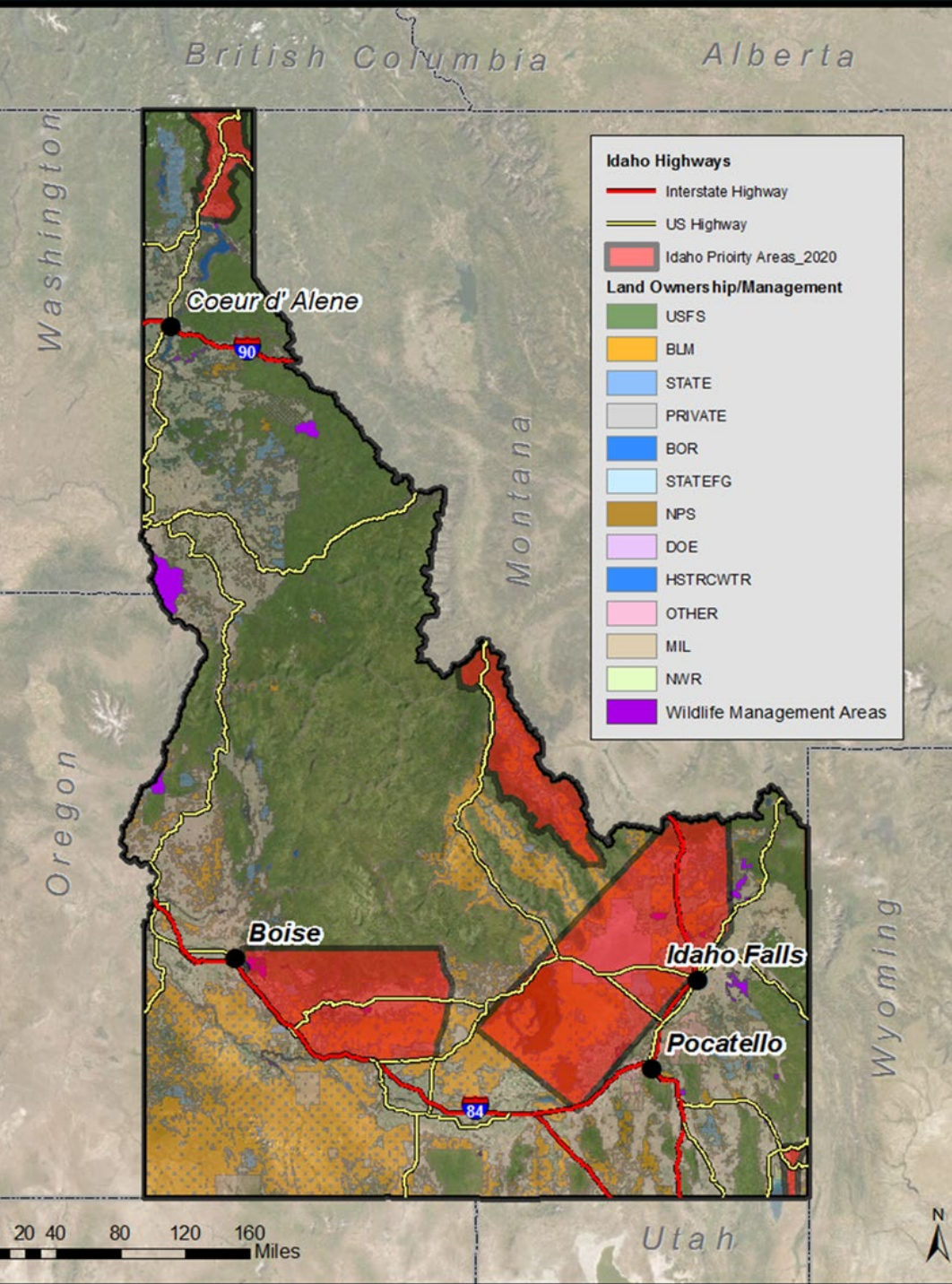


Update with healthy connected landscapes  
Public access for hunting, fishing and trapping  
Economic prosperity  
Win-win-win situation!



**Minimum Stream Flow Legislation.** The Parties to this Agreement agree to support the legislation set forth in Attachment B authorizing the IWRB to file applications for permit for minimum stream flow water rights (“MSF”) on the following creeks:

**Fish Screens.** The Parties to this Agreement holding irrigation water rights on Big Timber Creek agree to grant access to IDFG to install and maintain fish screens on their irrigation diversions at no cost to landowners. IDFG may





# We are making progress...

- Habitat Conservation
  - 155 miles of wildlife friendly fence
  - 66,000 acres of habitat improvement
- Telemetry Data Mapping
  - 22 mule deer routes
  - 23 elk routes
  - 6 pronghorn routes
- Transportation Projects
  - US30 mule deer crossings at Rocky Point
  - SH21 big game overpass at Lucky Peak
  - SH28 bridges and funnel fence
  - Copeland fencing extension and enhancement
  - McArthur Lake fencing project
  - G2S EIS



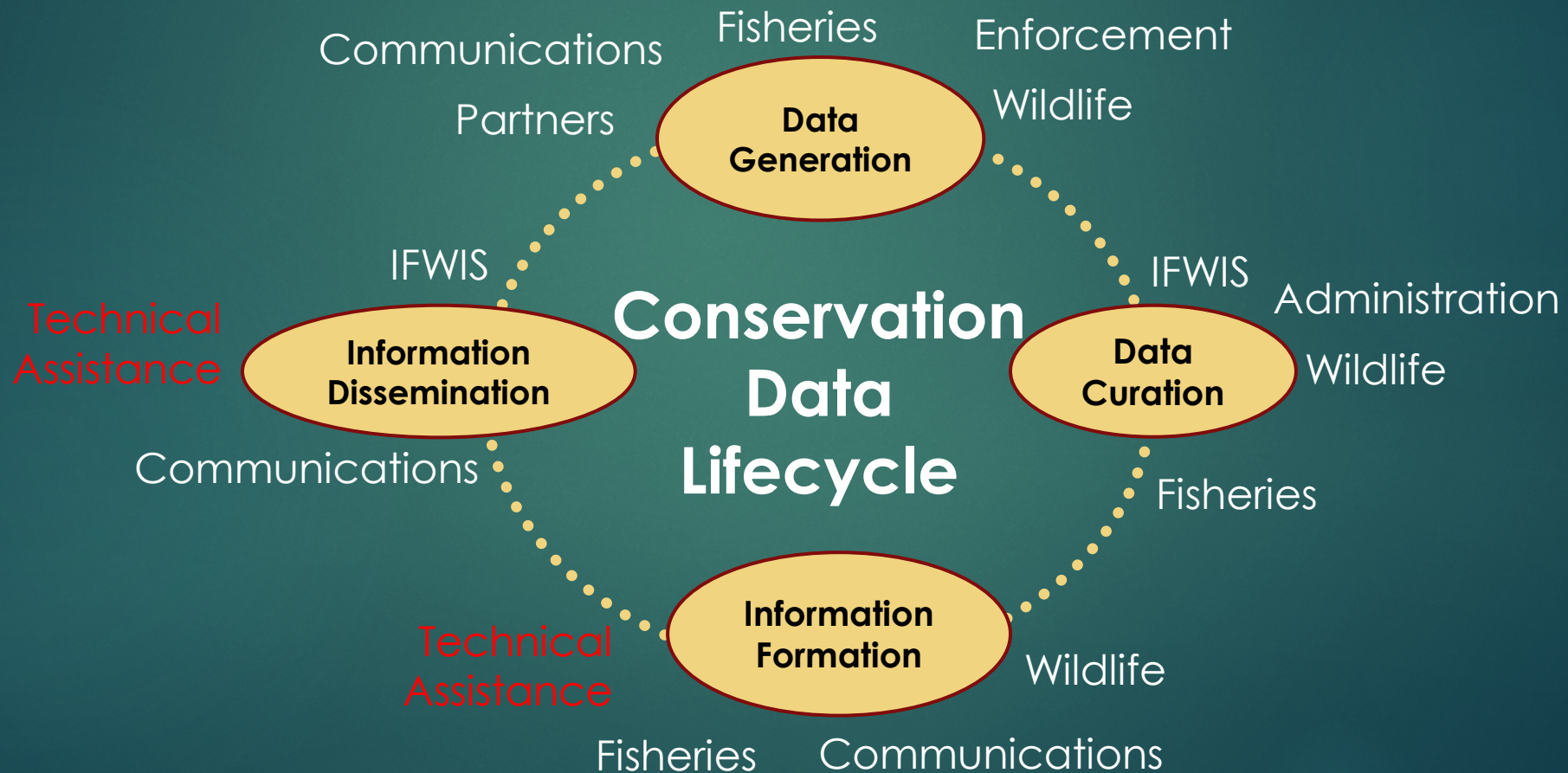
# TSB – One Team–One Mission

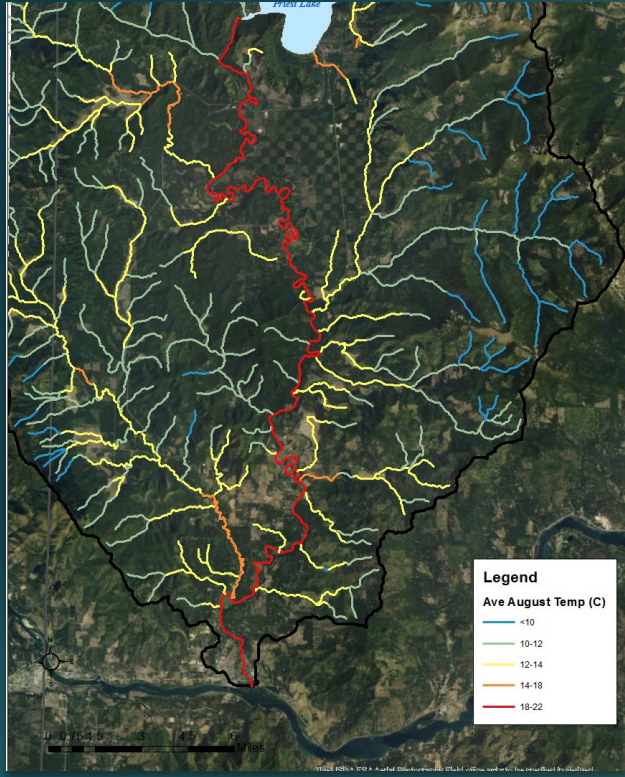
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# How we get it done...Together

## *Connecting the Dots for Conservation*





How does this relate to Priest River?

# Untitled Map

Write a description for your map.



# Thank You

QUESTIONS?