

# Idaho Invasive Species Program

## Columbia River Basin Team-Watercraft Inspection

December 13, 2023



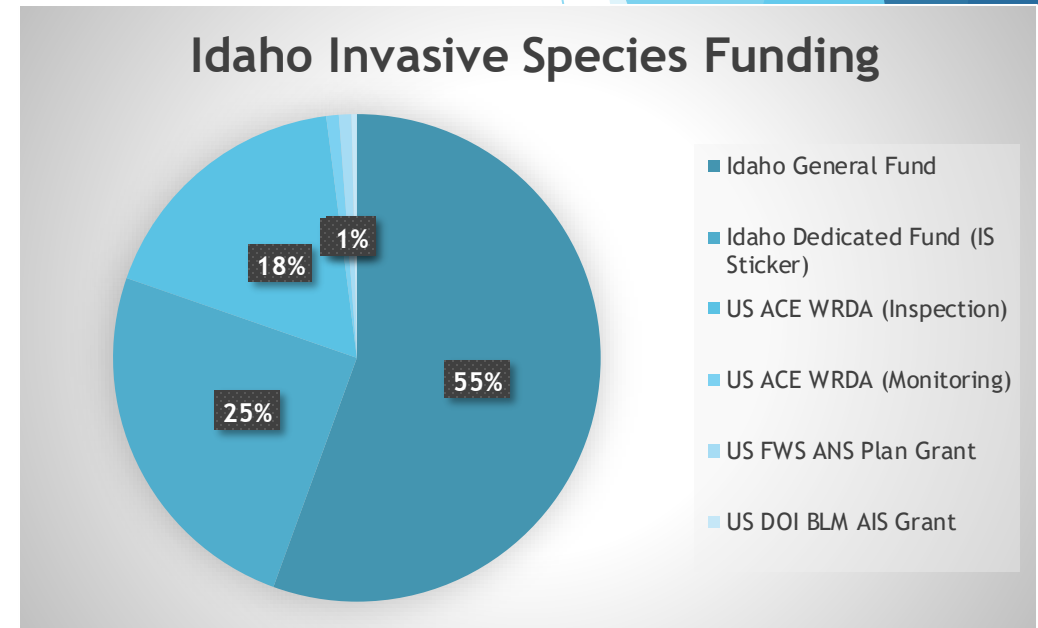
# Invasive Species Program Areas

- ▶ **Prevention**
  - Watercraft Inspection
- ▶ **Early Detection Monitoring**
  - Plankton tow
  - Adult surveys
- ▶ **Management and Control**
  - Active control programs
  - Rapid response planning
- ▶ **Education and Outreach**
  - Public campaigns
  - Partnerships



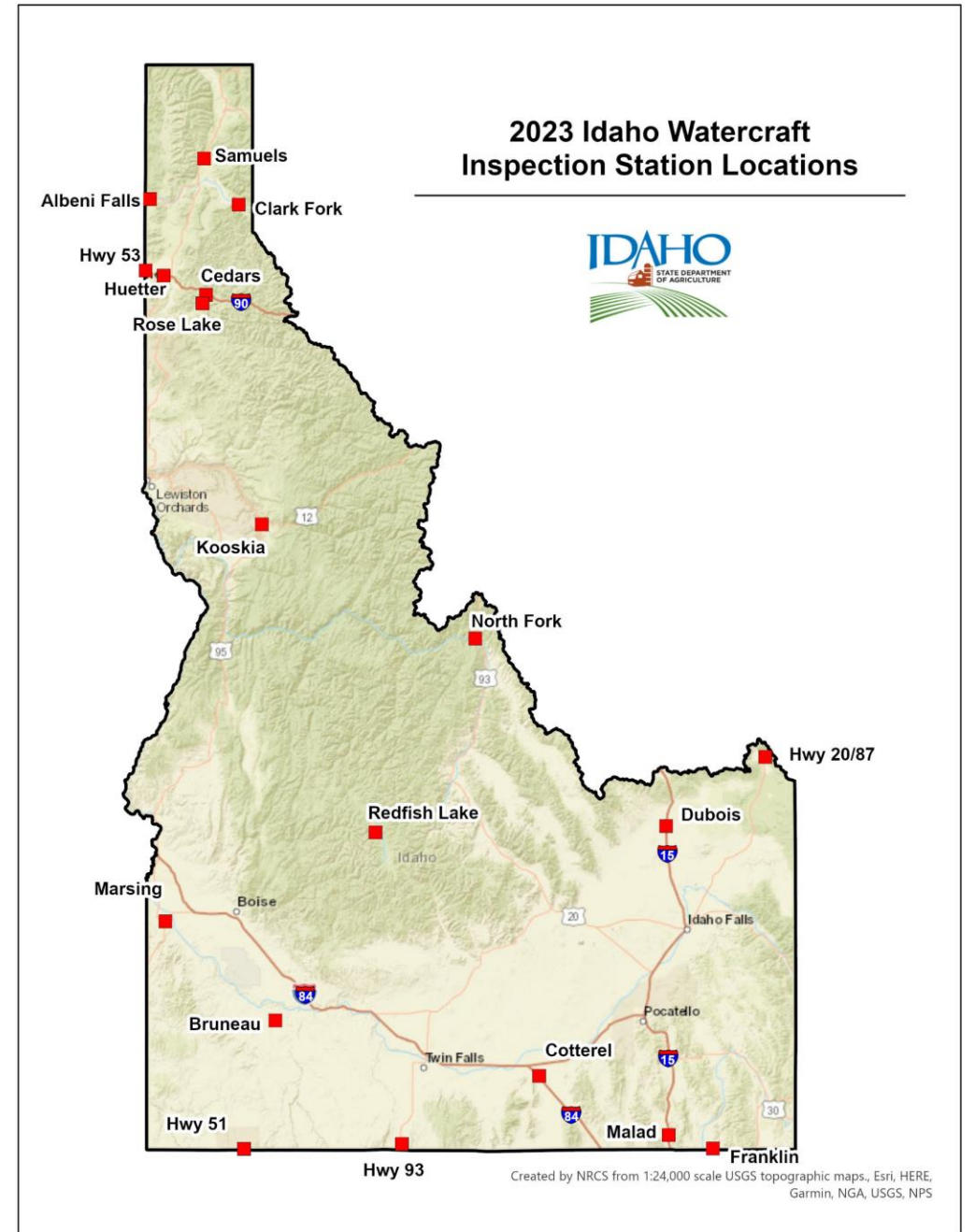
# Program Budget

- ▶ FY24 Invasive Species Budget
  - ▶ \$3,143,300 in ongoing appropriation from the General Fund
  - ▶ \$1,900,000 in one-time federal fund spending authority (APC)
  - ▶ \$1,500,000 base spending authority from the Invasive Species Fund
  - ▶ \$600K for site improvements
  - ▶ Other federal grants
    - ▶ BLM, USFS, USFWS



# 2023 Watercraft Inspection

- ▶ **15<sup>th</sup>** Year of the inspection program
  - ~104,000 inspections (12/12/23)
- ▶ **30** Mussel fouled watercraft
  - 15 Destined to Idaho
- ▶ **19** Inspection stations
  - 8 Local station cooperators
- ▶ **Extended** night operations
  - **18 Hour** (6AM-midnight)
    - ▶ Malad (I-15 N), Cedars (I-90W), Jackpot (HWY 93 N)
  - **24 Hour**
    - ▶ Cotterell (I-84W)
- ▶ **Law enforcement support**
  - Local County
  - Idaho State Police



# Inspection Station Cooperators

- ▶ Bear Lake Regional Commission
  - ▶ Garden City (Utah) & Laketown Canyon (Utah)
- ▶ Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District
  - ▶ Albeni Falls, Samuels & Clark Fork
- ▶ Bruneau River Soil & Water Conservation District
  - ▶ Bruneau & Marsing
- ▶ Franklin County
  - ▶ Franklin
- ▶ Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District
  - ▶ I-90W Cedars, I-90E Huetter, Rose Lake, HWY 53
- ▶ Oneida Soil & Water Conservation District
  - ▶ I-15 N Malad
- ▶ Shoshone-Paiute Tribe
  - ▶ Duck Valley
- ▶ West Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District
  - ▶ I-84 W Cotterell
- ▶ ISDA operated stations
  - ▶ North Fork, Hwy 20/87, Hwy 93 Jackpot, Kooskia, Dubois, Redfish

Thank you to our 2023 station cooperators!

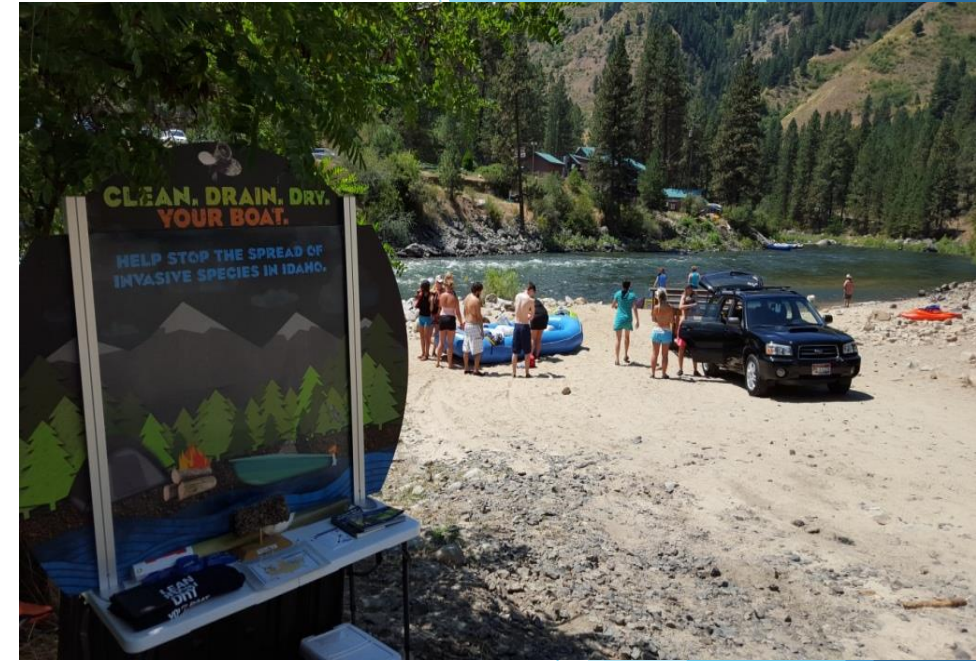
# Law Enforcement Support

- ▶ Boater safety and compliance
  - ▶ Focused during hours of high traffic
  - ▶ Inspectors contact dispatch as needed
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- ▶ Idaho State Police
  - ▶ Bonner County Sheriff
  - ▶ Cassia County Sheriff
  - ▶ Kootenai County Sheriff
  - ▶ Lemhi County Sheriff
  - ▶ Oneida County Sheriff
  - ▶ Owyhee County Sheriff
  - ▶ Twin Falls County Sheriff



# AIS Roving Inspection Crew

- ▶ Watercraft inspection & boater education
- ▶ Primarily at high use boat launches and boating events
  - Races, expos, regattas, peak holiday weekends, etc.
- ▶ Thursday-Sunday work week
- ▶ Motorized and non-motorized users
  - Headwater launches (i.e. Boundary Creek)
- ▶ 5 regional inspection crews
  - Boise
  - Pocatello
  - Post Falls
  - Twin Falls
  - Sandpoint



# Mid-Snake Containment

- ▶ Waterbody closure(s)
- ▶ Public outreach for watercraft recently visiting Mid-Snake area in previous 30 days
- ▶ Mandatory decontamination for exiting watercraft at Centennial Park and Shoshone Falls

