



COMMUNITY SPIRIT POWERS RECORD-BREAKING SUCCESS IN EMMETT, IDAHO

In the tight knit community of Emmett, Idaho, population 7,650, conservation isn't just a cause, it is a community tradition. The Emmett Valley Chapter celebrated a remarkable year in 2025, becoming Idaho's top fundraising chapter with \$145,000 raised for wetlands and waterfowl conservation.

Their success was fueled by two hugely popular Super Bingo events, one in the spring and one in the fall, that brought out hundreds of enthusiastic community members. The spring event drew 433 attendees and generated more than \$65,000, while the fall event welcomed 382 attendees and raised an additional \$55,000. Together, these gatherings formed the largest Ducks Unlimited Bingo events in the nation, showcasing the depth of Emmett's commitment to conservation.

Led by lifelong residents Jerry Prough and Andy Rogers, the chapter also secured over \$25,000 in local cash donations, with area businesses playing a major role in supporting the cause. Each Bingo night featured ten competitive rounds plus a bonus round, with prizes ranging from firearms to outdoor gear. Raffles, games,

and silent auctions added even more fun and fundraising opportunity, ensuring every dollar made a difference for the ducks.

The Emmett Valley Chapter's achievements show how a small community, united around a shared purpose, can deliver a meaningful impact for conservation.



IDAHO WORKSHOP LAUNCHES WESTERN MALLARD GPS STUDY

The Western Mallard Project began its pilot year with hands-on training sessions held in Idaho, where Ducks Unlimited worked closely with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to teach staff how to properly attach GPS transmitters to mallards. These skills had previously been limited to a small number of specialists, so the workshop filled an important gap by allowing agency biologists to support transmitter deployment across the Pacific Flyway.

As part of this first season, 93 GPS units were scheduled for deployment, and nearly 20 were attached during the Idaho and Oregon training sessions. Birds tagged in Idaho are expected to provide valuable insight into the movements of regionally breeding mallards across the Intermountain West, as well as migratory groups connected to Canada's western prairies. The resulting data will play a key role in guiding future conservation strategies.

To help document the effort, DU's communications team participated in the Idaho training, gathering photos, video, and interviews in collaboration with Idaho Fish and Game's outreach staff. Their work will support ongoing storytelling throughout this four-year study. The project is slated to expand next year to include all seven states in the Pacific Flyway including Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, and Washington.



RESTORATION PROGRESS TRANSFORMS PACK RIVER DELTA IN NORTHERN IDAHO

Ducks Unlimited, working in partnership with Idaho Fish and Game, completed the second phase of the Pack River Delta Restoration Project in northern Idaho on Lake Pend Oreille. This effort focused on restoring vital wetland habitat that had been lost over decades due to erosion and consistently high summer lake levels influenced by dam operations.

The project created nine new islands and several deep-water habitats, all designed to maximize wildlife value and withstand future erosion. These constructed islands were planted with native vegetation, built with emergent benches, and protected with rock armoring, providing high quality nesting areas for waterfowl and improved spawning habitat for fish.

In addition to ecological gains, the restoration increased public access to the delta. A new boat ramp, enhanced waterfowl hunting zones, and expanded opportunities for birdwatching, fishing,

and canoe or kayak exploration now offer the community improved recreational experiences tied directly to this revitalized landscape.





IDAHO 2026 STATE REPORT AND FACT SHEET



MEMBERSHIP

Grand Total: 9,248

Members: 9,049

General Members: 8,262

Greenwings: 411

Legacy Greenwings: 57

Sponsor Members: 319

Major Sponsors: 199

Feather Society Members: 53

STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars raised:

\$1,184,247

Number of committees: **31**

Number of fundraising events: **107**

Local chapter volunteers: **687**

FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions: **\$1,076,400**

Location of projects: Alberta;

Keho Lake

US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in the state
(historically since FY1984): **36,217**

Amount spent on projects in the
state: **\$27,457,814**

Amount spent on projects in
PAC Flyway (through FY2025):
\$739,317,624

Primary waterfowl species: Blue
Winged Teal; Mallard; Redhead;
Giant Canada Goose and Wood
Duck.

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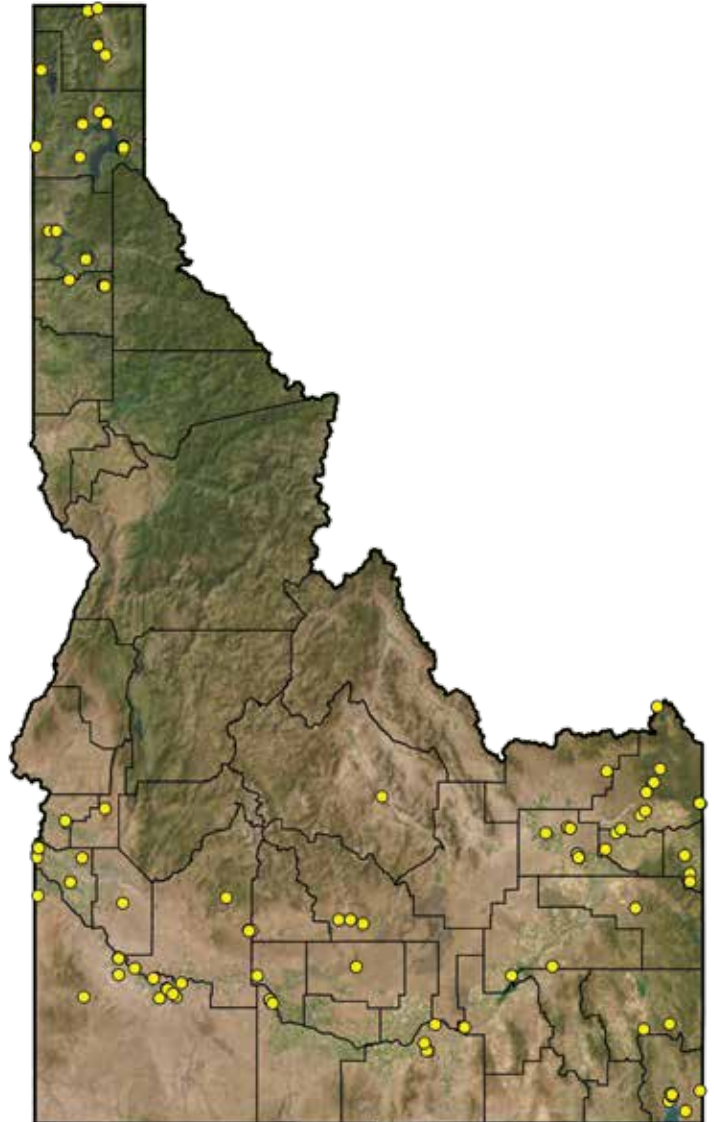
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Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

..... ● Completed Project(s)

Note: Project points may represent more than one project.

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