# Acquiring the Tall Pines property near Hayden Lake, Idaho, would protect wildlife habitat

Location: Hayden, Kootenai County, Idaho

Acres: 203

Partners: Idaho Department of Fish and Game

**Purpose:** The Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to acquire the 203-acre Tall Pines property located in the Idaho panhandle on the northeastern shore of Hayden Lake to protect wildlife habitat. BPA is partnering with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game on the acquisition. This property is comprised of wetland areas and upland forest that provides habitat for turkey, grouse, woodpeckers, raptors, shorebirds, several species of songbirds, elk, black bear, whitetailed deer, mountain lion, beaver and moose. Protecting this property may have additional habitat benefits for Canada lynx that are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act and bald eagles because they may use this property. Funding this acquisition will help mitigate for wildlife habitat losses due to the construction and operation of Albeni Falls Dam. The agreement is expected to be finalized in January 2011.

Type of action: BPA will fund the purchase. When the transaction is complete, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will own and manage the land; BPA will receive a conservation easement. Under the terms of the easement, development restrictions are placed on the land to protect the habitat values in perpetuity.

Land management: IDFG will lead the development of a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of resources on the property. They will provide information about opportunities for public involvement during development of the property's management plan. Pending BPA approval of the management plan, no streamside development, grazing or other land management activities would be allowed other than maintenance and protection, such as weed control or fence maintenance.

### For more information

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# **Tall Pines Acquisition**

Kootenai County, Idaho

