Purpose Statement: The purpose of Idaho’s Shared Stewardship Advisory Group (SSAG) is to advise the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) in successfully implementing Shared Stewardship in Idaho.

Goal of Shared Stewardship: The goal of Shared Stewardship in Idaho is to double the acres treated on National Forest System lands by 2025 using mechanical treatments, commercial forest restoration treatments, and prescribed fire with a focus on treating the 6.1 million acres of Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) insect and disease designation areas, and by promoting cross-boundary work on state and private lands within large landscapes that protect communities from wildfire, improve forest and watershed health, and sustain jobs and local economies.

Role and Function of SSAG Members: Members of the SSAG will provide strategic input and engage in the following ways:
1. Identify process, policy, funding, and capacity barriers that impede implementation of Shared Stewardship in Idaho;
2. Problem-solve and find creative solutions to the challenges identified in #1;
3. Act as a voice for various interests not on the SSAG;
4. Develop metrics of success and a common set of Shared Stewardship principles;
5. Communicate and advocate for Shared Stewardship in coordination with the State and Federal Agency Participants to various local, state, regional and national groups.

Membership: The SSAG is a small, highly engaged group of nine (9) non-agency members that represent different perspectives and share a common interest in ensuring the success of Shared Stewardship in Idaho. The IDL Director and the Governor’s Representative will forward suggested names to the Governor for approval for the nine non-agency member categories below:

Non-Agency Representatives
1. Governor’s Representative (Chair)
2. County Commissioner Representative
3. Idaho Forest Restoration Partnership (IFRP) Representative
4. Conservation Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Representative
5. Large Forest Manufacturing Representative
6. Small Forest Manufacturing Representative
7. Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council (ILRCC) Representative
8. Industrial Forest Landowner Representative
9. Family Forest Landowner Representative

Temporary Ad Hoc Members will be appointed as needed to provide technical expertise to the SSAG members (e.g. - IF&G, IDEQ, Idaho Recreation Council, Utilities, Insurance, etc.)
Agency Participants
- Idaho Department of Lands (IDL)
- US Forest Service Northern Region (R1)
- US Forest Service Intermountain Region (R4)
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

IDL will provide meeting support and periodic progress updates on Shared Stewardship efforts.

The SSAG members agree to serve until December 31, 2021 at which time the SSAG will sunset unless reauthorized by the IDL Director.

Meetings: The Governor’s Representative will convene and chair meetings and conference calls as needed in cooperation with the Agency Participants. Members are strongly encouraged to attend the meetings in person.

Initial Deliverables:
- Develop key performance indicators (KPIs) or metrics of success for Shared Stewardship in Idaho by December 31, 2019.
- Identify potential Shared Stewardship barriers (i.e. – process, policy, funding, capacity, etc.) and potential solutions and actions to address those barriers by December 31, 2019.
- Develop a common set of Shared Stewardship Principles by March 31, 2020.
- Develop a communication plan for Shared Stewardship by July 1, 2020.

Reference Documents:
1. Toward Shared Stewardship Across Landscapes: An Outcome-Based Investment Strategy (USDA Forest Service Document, FS-1118, August 2018)
2. Idaho’s Shared Stewardship Agreement (December 2018)

Reference documents may be found at: http://idahoforestpartners.org/reference-library.html