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**About the Initiative**
The Owyhee Initiative formed to help resolve long-standing natural resource issues in Owyhee County. The diverse coalition forged an agreement (The Owyhee Initiative Agreement) on a series of measures to promote economic and ecologic health of Owyhee County.

http://www.owyheeinitiative.org/agreement.htm

Many of these recommendations were incorporated into legislation. The Public Lands Omnibus Bill of 2009 (Public Law 111-11, 111th Congress) designated 517,000 acres of wilderness, released 199,000 acres of former Wilderness Study Areas, and designated 316 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers. Other recommendations were not legislated and were pursued through other means.


**What’s Happening Now**
In 2018, members of the Owyhee Initiative Board of Directors will be revisiting the original Owyhee Initiative agreement, assessing which non-legislated topics have been addressed and to what extent, and reviewing the effectiveness of the legislation in accomplishing the group’s goals. This review will be used to help the Owyhee Initiative Board of Directors develop a work plan for this next year.

**Who We’re Looking For**
We are hoping to work with a professor and a student or a class who would be interested in working with Owyhee Initiative Board of Directors to develop a series of questions, conduct interviews, and assemble a report of the implementation and effectiveness of the group’s work to date. Some travel to southern Idaho will be necessary.

**The estimated time to complete this task is 40-100 hours**, depending on the number of interviewees. A stipend may be available to cover travel costs and student time.

Let me know if you know a professor, student or class that would be interested in assisting with this effort. If so, representatives from the Owyhee Initiative Board of Directors will contact you about next steps.

Contact John Robison at jrobison@idahoconservation.org or 208-345-6933 x 13 for more information.