# Idaho Rangeland Ecoregion Go Fish

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**Standards:**
- **Science:** Standard 3: Biology
- **Social Studies:** Standard 1: History (Idaho)

## Overview
This activity provides students the opportunity to define the five ecoregions in Idaho.

## Goal(s) & Objective(s)
Students will:
- Be able to identify and visually describe ecoregions in Idaho
- Be able to name characteristics of each ecoregion in Idaho

## Prerequisites & Materials
- Eco region power point - for teacher reference/knowledge.
- **Materials:**
  - 1-Ecoregion cards
  - 2-Scissors

## Procedures
1. Students will work in pairs. Each pair will be given a set of ecoregions cards (cut apart and mixed up). Keep one set uncut for answer key.
2. One student will deal 5 cards to each person.
3. Each person will take a turn asking the other if they have a card from one particular ecoregion to create “books” of 4.
4. To receive a card the person must give at least two characteristics of the ecoregion they are asking for. Ex. Do you have a pacific bunchgrass card? It has deep rich soils and is found in the Palouse and Camas prairies. If they are looking for a picture card they must describe what the Pacific Bunchgrass ecoregions looks like.
5. If the person holding the card(s) has more than one, then they may give them any card from the Pacific Bunchgrass family.
6. If the player does not have a card from that family he will tell his partner to “Go Fish”
7. That player will take the top card from the deck.
8. After collecting all 4 cards from the family, that person may lay down the family on the table.
9. The person with the most cards on the table after a player has no cards left in their hand is the winner.

## Attachments:
Go Fish Cards
# Salt-Desert Shrub Region

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<td>- Salty soils</td>
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<td>- Cold temperatures</td>
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<td>- Southern Idaho (Mountain Home area)</td>
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<td>- Precipitation: &lt;10”</td>
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<td>- Excellent winter range for grazing animals</td>
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Juniper Woodlands Region

**Characteristics:**

- Shallow, rocky soils
- Hotter climate
- Southern Idaho (Owyhee area)
- Precipitation: 12-30”
- Potential problem due to fire suppression
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**Characteristics:**

- Volcanic ash, very fertile & deep soils
- Dense forest with open meadows
- Most of northern Idaho
- Precipitation: 40+
- Excellent wildlife habitat and summer range
## Pacific Bunch Grass

**Characteristics:**
- Deep, rich soils
- Moist climate
- Palouse & Camas Prairies
- Precipitation: 12-30”
- Today, mostly farmland
# Sagebrush Grasslands Region

**Characteristics:**

- Drier soils
- Hotter climate
- Plains, plateaus, valleys south of Salmon River
- Precipitation: 10-15”
- Classic western rangeland type