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AGENDA ITEM
Idaho Park and Recreation Special Meeting
March 26, 2025
Boise, ID 83716

AGENDA ITEM: Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council Funding Update

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval of Proposed Motion

PRESENTER: Susan E. Buxton, Director

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Senate Bill 1196 (FY2024) appropriated \$95 million from the State's General Fund to IDPR's Parks and Recreation Fund, to be used exclusively in the Capital Development Program to address new capital projects and the extensive backlog of deferred maintenance. Executive Order 2023-03 was signed by Governor Little and established an Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council, otherwise known as ORFAC. The executive order allocated \$5 million from Senate Bill 1196 to be used for projects selected by ORFAC, the Governor and the IDPR Board.

Senate Bill 1383 (FY2025) added \$5 million to ORFAC utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, currently appropriated in IDPR's budget. ARPA funds were required to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and all work completed no later than December 31, 2026.

The following is a funding obligation update for the ORFAC General Fund, and, ORFAC ARPA funded projects.

Table 1. ORFAC General Fund Update

Project	Amount	Summary Status
East Fork Rock Creek	\$1,000,000	Pending IDL Agreement
Henry's Lake Park Expansion	\$750,000	Pending IDL Agreement
Horsethief Reservoir	\$2,000,000	Under Contract
Idaho for All	\$112,500	Under Contract
<i>Aquatic Species Campaign</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>	<i>Tabled</i>
Frank Church Trails	\$40,944	\$7,800 approved
East Idaho Grazing	\$300,000	Pending Agreement
White Pine Heights	\$300,000	Approved to transfer
<i>Boulder Lake Rec Area</i>	<i>\$250,000</i>	<i>Tabled</i>

The balance of the ORFAC General Fund for unused, or tabled projects, is \$529,700.00

Table 2. ORFAC ARPA Fund Update

Project	Amount	Summary Status
Winchester Dam	\$500,000	Under Contract
Kokanee Cove	\$1,200,000	Under Contract
Round Lake Cabins	\$850,000	Under Contract
Horsethief Reservoir	\$1,500,000	Under Contract
<i>Falls Creek Road, Boundary County</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>	<i>No contract submitted by deadline</i>
<i>ID Trails, Sawtooth Wilderness</i>	<i>\$8,500</i>	<i>Contract not in compliance</i>
<i>ID Trails, Frank Church Trails</i>	<i>\$17,000</i>	<i>Contract not in compliance</i>
WRLT, Rinker Ranch Trails	\$88,000	In compliance
Twin Lakes Canal Dredging	\$74,000	In compliance
<i>WRTC, Trail Improvements</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	<i>Missed deadline</i>
Pine Street Sled Hill	\$234,296	In compliance
<i>Bonner County, River Story Mapping</i>	<i>\$60,350</i>	<i>Contract submission missed deadline</i>
Experimental Forest, U of I	\$357,000	In compliance
Canoe Launch, Glens Ferry	\$8,152	In compliance

IDPR fiscal has released all funding for the above projects that are under contract and in compliance with any additional leftover funds from the initial obligation, totaling \$4,811,448.00. The remaining balance of the projects (in green) were reallocated to the Horsethief Reservoir project.

Staff is considering re-budgeting the \$155,850.00 in projects to the ORFAC General Fund program. Assuming the \$155,850.00 is moved into the General Fund ORFAC program, the balance remaining will be \$373,850.00.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the following:

Proposed Motion: Authorize staff to reallocate the unfunded ARPA projects into the ORFAC General Fund, award the projects and funding to the sub-awardees (highlighted in green) listed in Table 2.