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 BOARD POLICY                       INFO ONLY, NO ACTION REQUIRED

**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting**  
**February 4, 2025**  
**Boise, ID**

**AGENDA ITEM:**                      Old Mission State Park, Land Lease with BLM  
**ACTION REQUIRED:**                      None. Information Only.  
**PRESENTER:**                      Adam R. Zaragoza, Management Services Administrator

**PRESENTATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In 1977, the United States Department of the Interior thru the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR), entered into a lease agreement for Recreation and Public Purposes for approximately 49 acres adjacent to Old Mission State Park. That lease was subsequently renewed in 1983 with the term expiring in 2008.

On November 5, 2024, staff was contacted by the lands law examiner for the BLM and they requested if IDPR has any interest or plans with the property. The history is not well documented and although there was institutional knowledge of the lease, there is a lack of written records. IDPR staff have consulted internally about the use of the property and if there is interest to renew or enter into a new lease. We have determined there is no development potential for this property or recreational amenities that could be added.

Idaho Code § 67-4223 gives broad powers to the IDPR Board as the authority to lease lands. Unless the Board deems otherwise, or, would like staff to do further investigation, staff will formally respond to the BLM that IDPR has no interest in leasing the subject property.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

No action is required since the lease expired in 2008.

Attachments:  
*1983 Lease Renewal with Original 1977 Lease  
Maps*

# **ATTACHMENTS**



# United States Department of the Interior

IN REPLY REFER TO

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
1808 North Third Street  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

I-13070 (370

Dep. Director	_____
Admin. Asst.	_____
Operations	✓
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January 28, 1983

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation  
Statehouse Mail, 2177 Warm Springs Ave.  
Boise, ID 83720

Attn: Mr. Dale R. Christiansen  
Director

Dear Mr. Christiansen:

Enclosed is the original copy of our Decision dated January 28, 1983, renewing your Recreation and Public Purposes Lease (I-13070) known as the Old Mission State Park until December 31, 2008. We have chosen this date in order that it may run concurrently with the lease you have obtained from the Roman Catholic Diocese on adjacent lands. If you have any questions regarding the Decision, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

*Lynn A. Shelden*  
Area Manager

Enclosure



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2912 (480)

DECISION

State of Idaho	:	Recreation & Public Purposes
Department of Parks & Recreation	:	Lease Extension Requested
Statehouse Mail	:	December 20, 1982
2177 Warm Springs Avenue	:	
Boise, Idaho 83706	:	

Recreation and Public Purposes Lease Extended and Modified

Effective December 29, 1977, lease I-13070 was entered into with the State of Idaho, Department of Parks and Recreation for the use of lots 4, 8, and 9, Section 32, T.49N., R.1E., B.M., containing 49.53 acres of public land near Cataldo, Idaho, as part of the Cataldo State Historical Park. This lease was authorized under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 USC 869 et. seq.).

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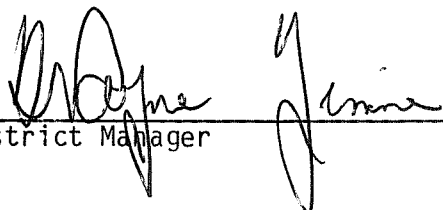
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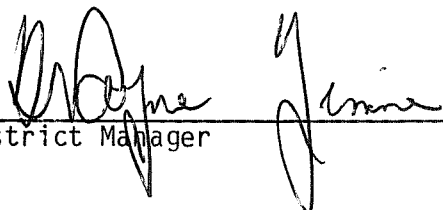
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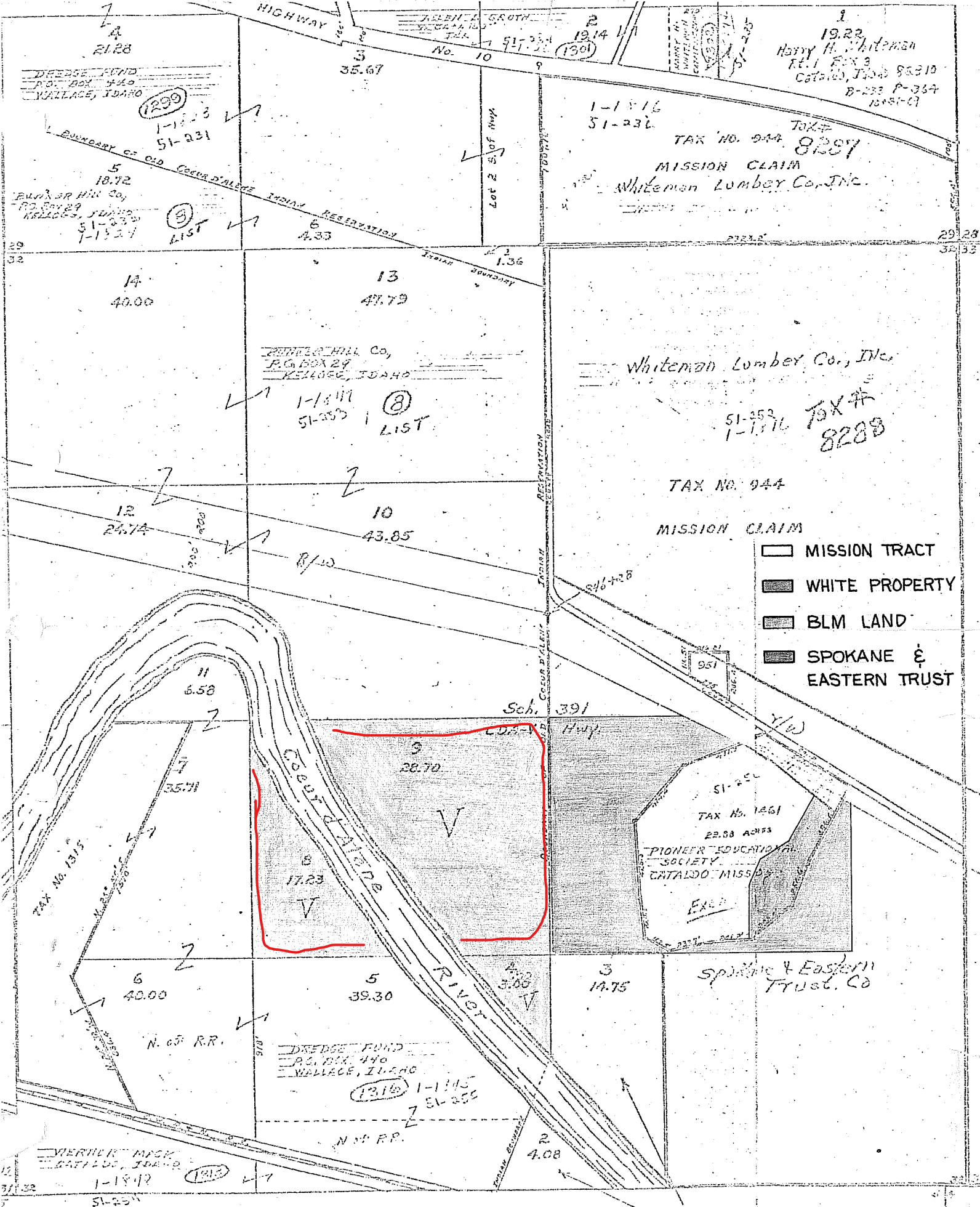
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Date 1-20-83





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BUNNELL HILL CO,  
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Whiteman Lumber Co., Inc.

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1-1316 TAX # 8288

TAX NO. 944  
MISSION CLAIM

- MISSION TRACT
- WHITE PROPERTY
- BLM LAND
- SPOKANE & EASTERN TRUST

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TAX No. 1261  
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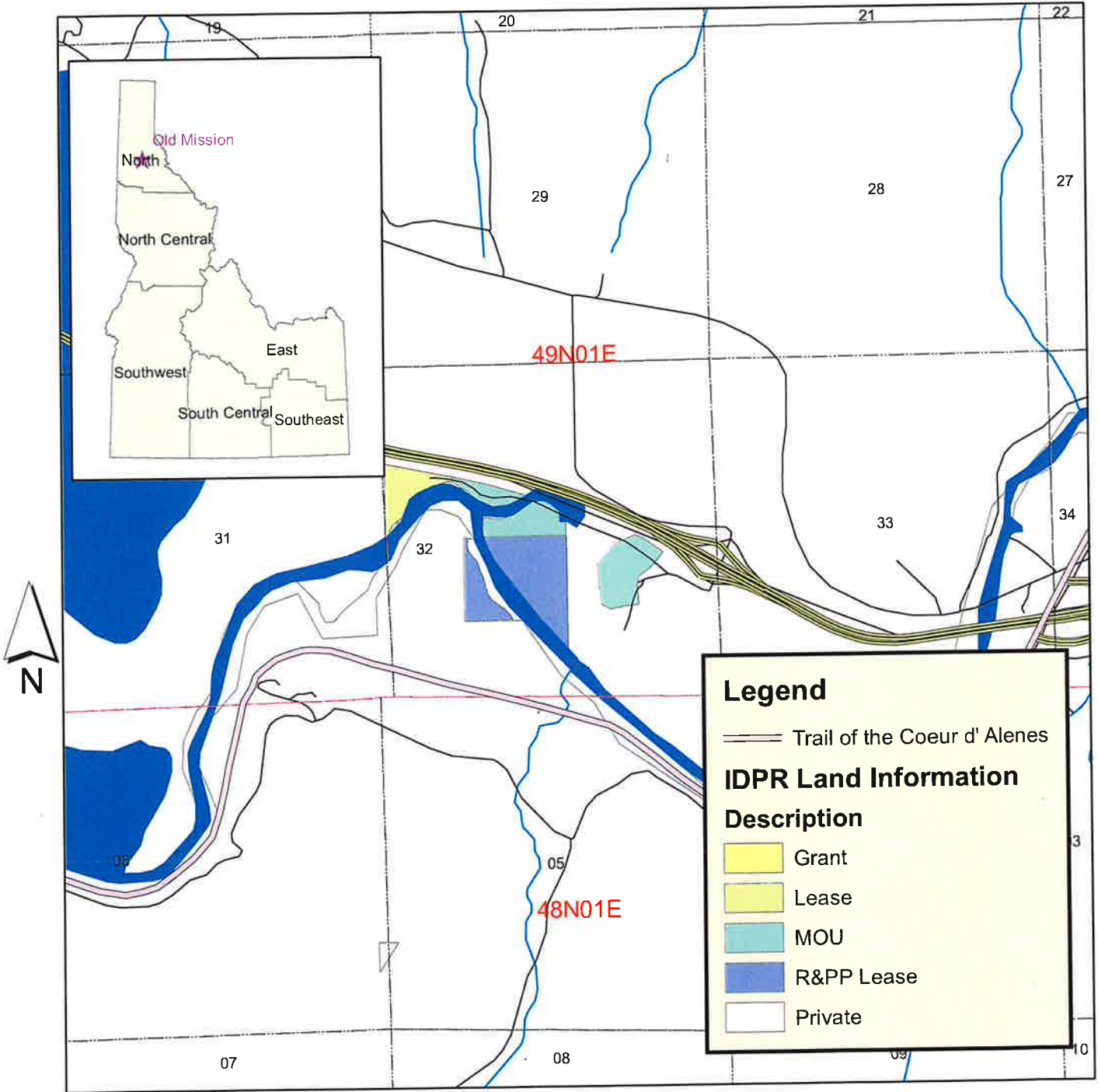
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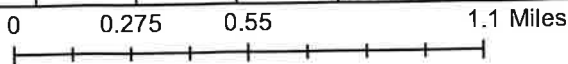
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Boise, Idaho, IDAHO

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# Old Mission State Park Deeded and Leased Lands



Official Park Name	County	Class	Acres	Description	Total Acres	6(f) Acres
Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park	Kootenai	H	18.38	2002 MU Cd'A Tribe	130.49	0.00
			49.53	1975 L R&PP (BLM)		
			46.58	1976 L Seattle First National Bank		
			16.00	1996 MU Shoshone County		



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