

Idaho Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council  
October 19, 2023  
9AM-11AM MST  
**IDPR HQ- Boise**

**9:00 AM** Call Meeting to Order

**9:05-9:45** Introductions and comments from invited guests

**9:45-10:45** Project discussion

**10:45-11:00** Other business

**Join by Zoom:**

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**Meeting ID: 853 2931 4786**

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\* Under authority of Idaho Code 74-206. Executive sessions -- When authorized. (1) An executive session at which members of the public are excluded may be held, but only for the purposes and only in the manner set forth in this section. The motion to go into executive session shall identify the specific subsections of this section that authorize the executive session. There shall be a roll call vote on the motion and the vote shall be recorded in the minutes. An executive session shall be authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the governing body. An executive session may be held:

*(c) "To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency."*

- Executive Session\* - **Action Item**
  - (c) Interest in real property not owned by a public agency.
- Discussion and Decision(s) on a project applications – **Action Item**
- **11:00AM** Adjourn

Project Applications to be Considered by the  
Outdoor Recreation Advisory Council  
October, 19, 2023

This packet includes applications for:

- East Fork Rock
- Henrys Lake
- Horsethief Reservoir
- Ponderosa State Park

# Outdoor Recreation Fund

## APPLICATION

### Contact Information

Applicant Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Contact Adam Zaragoza

Address: 5657 East Warm Springs Ave. Phone: 208-590-8763  
*Street address*

Boise ID 83716 Email: adam.zaragoza@idpr.idaho.gov  
*City State Zip Code*

Supports: Camping  Fishing  Hunting  Trails  Other  Project Cost \$ 1,000,000.00

Project Location East Fork Rock Creek, Power County

### Briefly describe the overall project concept:

Common Name of Project:	East Fork Rock Creek
Description:	Improving primitive campsite locations and adding facilities along East Fork Rock Creek.

## Priority Merit and Scope Questions

1. Describe how this project:
    - a. Improves under-utilized outdoor recreation resources. (15 points)  
The area around East Fork of Rock Creek is endowment land and the project would designate primitive campsites. Users are already camping in this area but without designated sites.
    - b. Enhances recreation access. (15 points)  
This project would improve and designate primitive campsites as well as have vault toilets added to the area.
    - c. Increases revenue and potential revenue estimates. (15 points)  
An initial capital investment would be needed as well as an operations budget to support the development. Estimated revenue would be up to \$50,000 per year.
    - d. Improves long-term outdoor recreation sustainability. (15 points)  
Users have already established this is an area where they like to camp. IDPR will build designated camping areas and associated facilities.
  2. Describe the current outdoor recreation access deficiencies and how they may be corrected with the development of this project. Explain why this project is needed. (8 points)  
Currently, there is no recreational development on the three parcels. Users have designated areas where they have been camping. Grazing is also allowed and is intended to continue with this project.
  3. Project Urgency. Describe the urgency of this project due to potential resource damage or other impacts that may cause an opportunity to be lost if no action is taken. If this project is not funded, what effects will it have? (8 points)  
Recreational users have developed primitive areas for camping along the creek area. The resource damage is any trash or debris left from those users when there is minimal management of the land. IDL has closed off the area for recreationists.
  4. Justify the need and demand for the project. Describe the current use in the area and the potential use expected with this project. (8 points)  
User type will vary from hiking, biking, camping, etc. The area is currently closed and building facilities will allow the area to open back up.
  5. Describe the provisions for ongoing maintenance and operation of the project (who will be responsible for the maintenance and operation and what is the estimated annual budget to do so)? (8 points)  
Ongoing maintenance and operations would be done by Massacre Rocks State Park staff. Additional seasonal and operating budget will be needed.
  6. Describe planning, construction methods and schedule. The scope of work description should line up with budget items in project spreadsheet. (8 points)  
Planning and Conceptual Designs: Surveying has been completed and Engineering is under contract/on hold. Engineering could start immediately with construction to follow.
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## Project Elements

1. Please provide a location map (where does this project reside within Idaho), site map, and a general description of the area.  
[Attached.](#)
2. Is there (or will there be) a use fee at this location? If yes, justify the need to charge and specify the amount. How will the fee be collected?  
[Additional Fees may be collected for this area to help support operations and maintenance costs.](#)
3. If applicable, describe how you announced this project to the public in a way to collect public comment. Attach proof that the public had a reasonable public comment period.  
[Public comment has not been taken for this particular partnership project.](#)
4. Does this project require any necessary environmental permits or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation? If yes, describe:  
[Unknown.](#)
5. Ownership. Describe the land ownership of the property where the project is located.  
[Idaho Department of Lands is the current landowner.](#)
6. If available, provide a concept design plan.  
[Not available at this time.](#)

### Funding Note:

1. *The money is appropriated with IDPR under its Capital Development program budget for FY 2024.*
2. *The winning state agency(s) must demonstrate how they will have sufficient appropriation to spend the funds. There is no mechanism available to IDPR to "transfer" our appropriation. It will be up to the winning agency(s) to address their budget.*
3. *If reimbursement, prior written approval to transfer funds from capital outlay to the T&B classification is required.*

**BUDGET**

**Project Name: East Fork Rock Creek**

Project Components	Total Cost	Source of Funding		Amount Approved
		MATCH	GRANT	
Planning and Conceptual Design	\$100,000.00		\$	
Construction	\$850,000.00		\$	
Contingencies:	\$50,000.00		\$	
	\$		\$	
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$1,000,000.00		\$	
<b>% of TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>

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Signature:

Susanne Buxton

Date:

10/18/2023

# LOCATION MAP

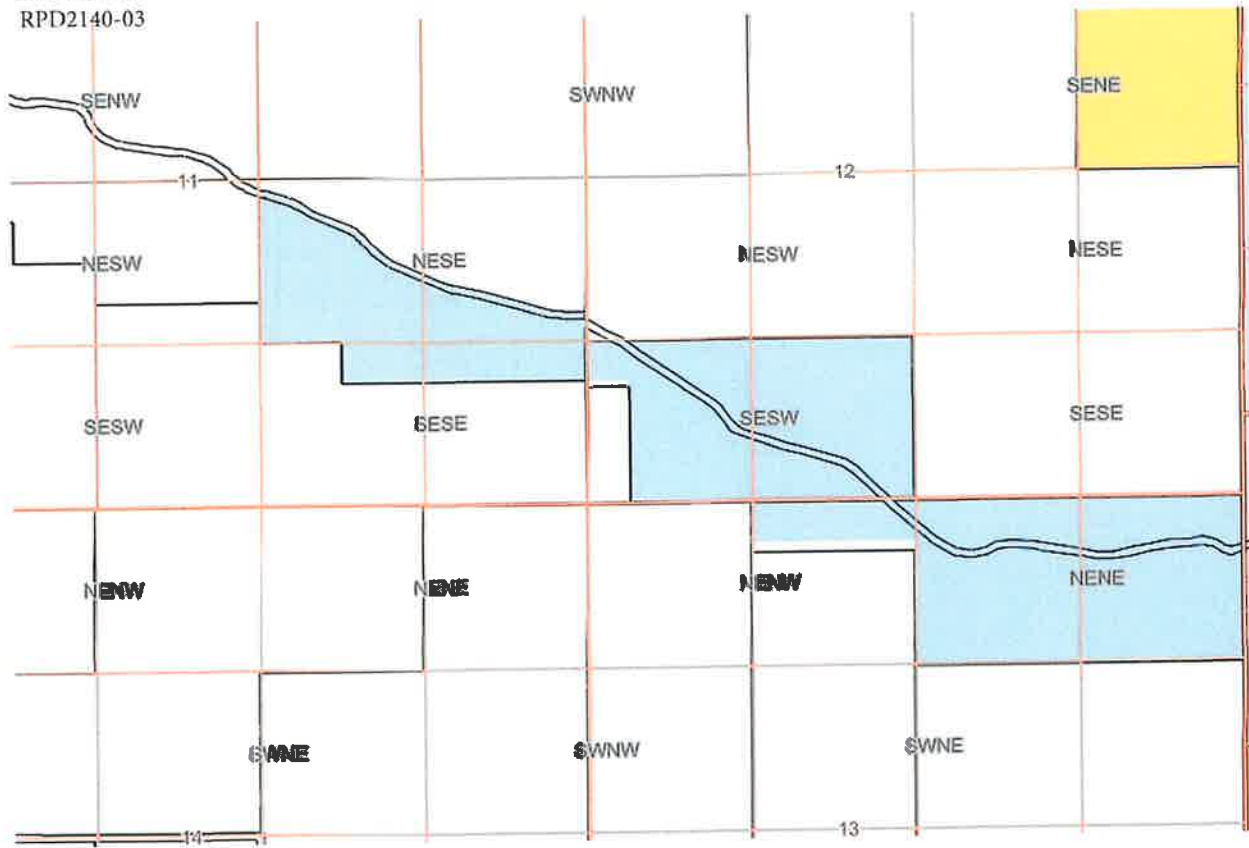






Rockland Map

Parcels:  
RPD2138-03  
RPD2134-01  
RPD2140-03



# Outdoor Recreation Fund

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Supports: Camping  Fishing  Hunting  Trails  Other  Project Cost \$ 2,875,000.00

Project Location Henry's Lake Park Expansion, Fremont County

### Briefly describe the overall project concept:

Common Name of Project: **Henry's Lake Park Expansion**

Description: **Expand Henry's Lake State Park and add trails, facilities, and overnight accommodations.**

## Priority Merit and Scope Questions

1. Describe how this project:
  - a. Improves under-utilized outdoor recreation resources. (15 points)

Approximately 1,000 acres of IDL land are adjacent to Henrys Lake State Park. The recreation resource could potentially be owned and managed by IDPR. It is an area that has seen ever increasing use due to its location to Yellowstone and Harriman State Park.
  - b. Enhances recreation access. (15 points)

This project would almost triple the size of Henrys Lake State Park, preserve the delicate resource of the watershed, and allow IDPR the ability to effectively manage the land, wildlife and its visitors.
  - c. Increases revenue and potential revenue estimates. (15 points)

An initial capital investment would be needed to develop trails, overnight facilities, utilities and potential day use areas. Revenue would begin after the facilities are built that fit the landscape and need. IDPR is currently designing a new 50 unit RV camping area and this addition may accommodate trails for those users.
  - d. Improves long-term outdoor recreation sustainability. (15 points)

This project would sustain and preserve the Henrys Lake area, west of Highway 20. It would also ensure management of the land, facilities and utilities that users are demanding.
2. Describe the current outdoor recreation access deficiencies and how they may be corrected with the development of this project. Explain why this project is needed. (8 points)

The Henrys Lake area has seen a dramatic increase in visitation since 2020. There are some private outfitters in the area that are operating overnight stays. With the land being immediately adjacent to Henrys Lake, the addition of trails and overnight stays can be easily managed by IDPR staff. The addition of the project would address facilities that are lacking in the area.
3. Project Urgency. Describe the urgency of this project due to potential resource damage or other impacts that may cause an opportunity to be lost if no action is taken. If this project is not funded, what effects will it have? (8 points)

Significant resource damage in the area has been observed in 2022 and 2023 due to the private outfitters not adequately addressing the user demands of facilities. While those outfitters are not on these properties today, the State could direct those outfitters to these properties that could be managed by IDPR.
4. Justify the need and demand for the project. Describe the current use in the area and the potential use expected with this project. (8 points)

Currently, the properties proposed do not have active management or facilities. The project would re-direct the locations where outfitter could operate, and, provide on site management by IDPR staff.
5. Describe the provisions for ongoing maintenance and operation of the project (who will be responsible for the maintenance and operation and what is the estimated annual budget to do so)? (8 points)

The maintenance and operations would be by IDPR staff. The estimated annual budget would be \$150,000 for the additional seasonal staff required to manage the area. It would not be anticipated this project would have winter operations due to the drastic winters near west Yellowstone.

6. Describe planning, construction methods and schedule. The scope of work description should line up with budget items in project spreadsheet. (8 points)
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| Planning/Transfer of Title             | 2024         |
| Conceptual Design                      | 2024/2025    |
| Trails and Overnight Stay Construction | 2026 to 2028 |
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### Project Elements

1. Please provide a location map (where does this project reside within Idaho), site map, and a general description of the area.  
[Attached](#)
2. Is there (or will there be) a use fee at this location? If yes, justify the need to charge and specify the amount. How will the fee be collected?  
[An "endowment conservation fee" could be added to the fees IDPR collects for any overnight stays and on top of the existing camping fees. These fees could be added to cover the expected operational expenses.](#)
3. If applicable, describe how you announced this project to the public in a way to collect public comment. Attach proof that the public had a reasonable public comment period.  
[No public comment has been taken for this project.](#)
4. Does this project require any necessary environmental permits or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation? If yes, describe:  
[No. The property is State of Idaho land and any project would be state surplus](#)
5. Ownership. Describe the land ownership of the property where the project is located.  
[The Idaho Department of Lands is the owner of the property.](#)
6. If available, provide a concept design plan.  
[None available at this time.](#)

#### Funding Note:

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## BUDGET

**Project Name: Henrys Lake Park Expansion**

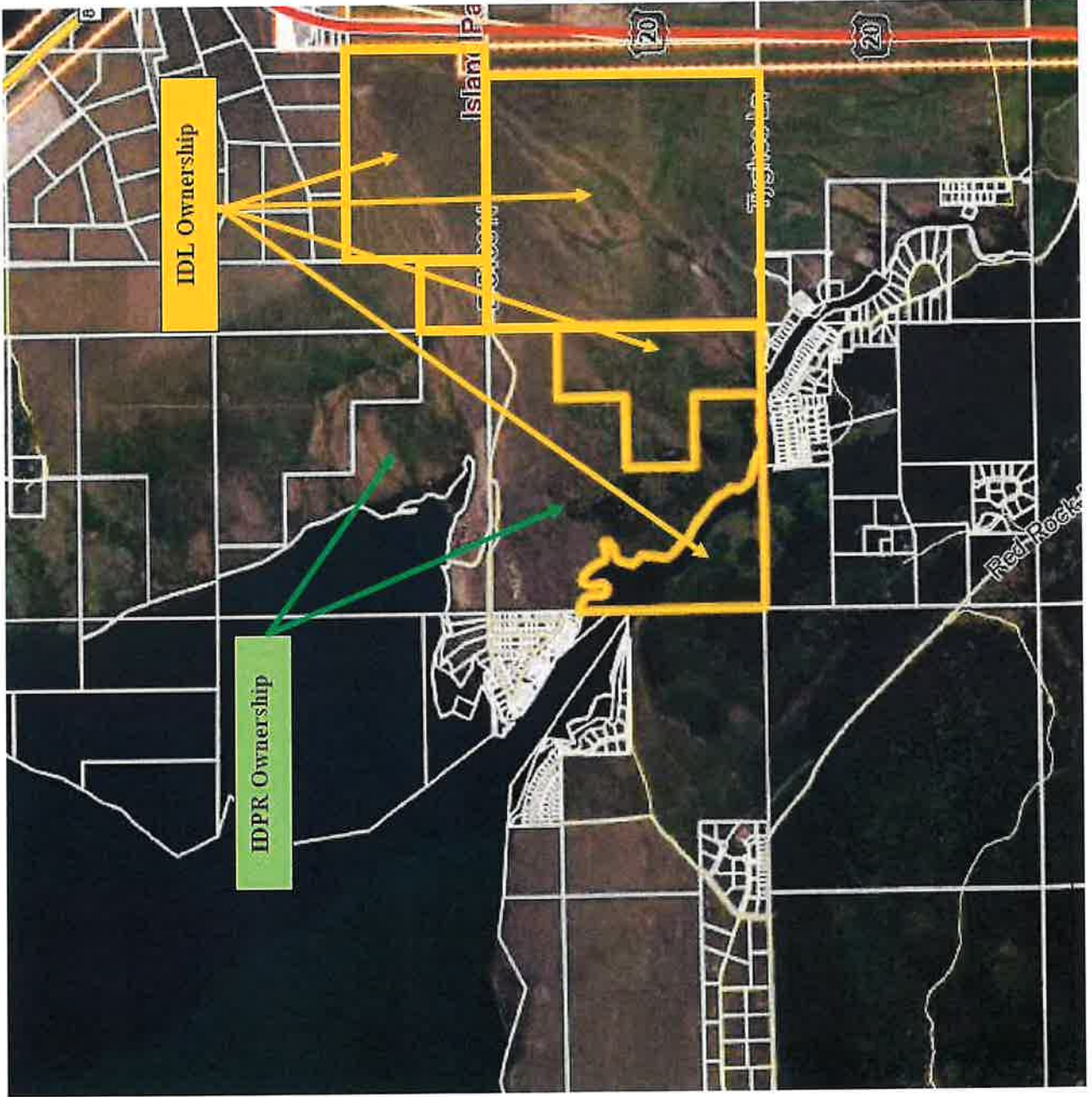
Project Components	Total Cost	Source of Funding		Amount Approved
		MATCH	GRANT	
Transfer of Title/Acquisition	\$125,000			
Conceptual/Facility Designs	\$250,000			
Overnight Stays/trail development	\$2,500,000			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,875,000.00</b>			
<b>% of TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	%	%	%

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	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>		
Supports:	Camping <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Cost	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>		
Project Location	<u>Valley County, Idaho</u>				

### Briefly describe the overall project concept:

Common Name of Project:	<u>Horsethief Reservoir Management Transfer</u>
Description:	<u>This project would transfer the management and operations of Horsethief Reservoir from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.</u>

## Priority Merit and Scope Questions

1. Describe how this project:
    - a. Improves under-utilized outdoor recreation resources. (15 points)  
Currently, IDFG has an MOU with the YMCA Camp to manage the campground on IDFG property. This project would transfer management from YMCA to IDPR. The outdoor resource would be preserved. Additionally, IDFG may consider transferring title of the land to IDPR thus wholly preserving it as a state park.
    - b. Enhances recreation access. (15 points)  
This project would transfer operations and potentially title of the property from Fish and Game to IDPR.
    - c. Increases revenue and potential revenue estimates. (15 points)  
Based on preliminary numbers, IDPR anticipates a revenue of up to \$125,000 annually.
    - d. Improves long-term outdoor recreation sustainability. (15 points)  
This project would sustain the investments that have been made in the campground by IDFG and others.
  2. Describe the current outdoor recreation access deficiencies and how they may be corrected with the development of this project. Explain why this project is needed. (8 points)  
For some time, IDPR and IDFG have discussed the potential of ownership transfer and operations to State Parks. Because of those historical discussions, IDFG has made development investments into Horsethief. IDPR has done preliminary estimates to enhance some areas within the park.
  3. Project Urgency. Describe the urgency of this project due to potential resource damage or other impacts that may cause an opportunity to be lost if no action is taken. If this project is not funded, what effects will it have? (8 points)  
The proposal may transfer land title and ownership to IDPR. There is currently an operating agreement between the YMCA and IDFG. The need for an operating agreement would be cancelled.
  4. Justify the need and demand for the project. Describe the current use in the area and the potential use expected with this project. (8 points)  
Historical occupancy for this area is 45%. The revenue assumptions assume a 50% occupancy rate. Attached is a summary of the area and map.
  5. Describe the provisions for ongoing maintenance and operation of the project (who will be responsible for the maintenance and operation and what is the estimated annual budget to do so)? (8 points)  
As proposed, ongoing maintenance and operations will be the responsibility of IDPR. Horsethief could potentially be a sub unit of Lake Cascade State Park. However, preliminary estimates show IDPR would be operating this facility at a net loss of up to \$200k annually. This net loss would need a subsidy to float operations.
  6. Describe planning, construction methods and schedule. The scope of work description should line up with budget items in project spreadsheet. (8 points)  
The operation is generally turn key. IDPR has estimated up to \$2 million of additional investments may be needed. IDPR would conceptually plan and make improvements as needed in the next 2 to 4 years.
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## Project Elements

1. Please provide a location map (where does this project reside within Idaho), site map, and a general description of the area.  
[See attachment for additional detail.](#)
2. Is there (or will there be) a use fee at this location? If yes, justify the need to charge and specify the amount. How will the fee be collected?  
[IDPR would charge IDAPA approved fees.](#)
3. If applicable, describe how you announced this project to the public in a way to collect public comment. Attach proof that the public had a reasonable public comment period.  
[This project has not been announced to the public. The land and facilities exist.](#)
4. Does this project require any necessary environmental permits or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation? If yes, describe:  
[Unknown and may vary if IDPR seeks Federal funding for any additional campground development.](#)
5. Ownership. Describe the land ownership of the property where the project is located.  
[Idaho Department of Fish and Game is the owner of the property. The property is located in Valley County, Idaho.](#)
6. If available, provide a concept design plan.  
[None developed yet.](#)

### *Funding Note:*

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3. *If reimbursement, prior written approval to transfer funds from capital outlay to the T&B classification is required.*

## BUDGET

**Project Name: Horsethief Reservoir Management Transfer**

Project Components	Total Cost	Source of Funding		Amount Approved
		MATCH	GRANT	
Design Drawings and Facility Updates	\$200,000		\$200,000	
Construction Improvements	\$1,800,000		\$1,800,000	
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$2,000,000			
<b>% of TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	%	%	%

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Date:

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



## **Horsethief Reservoir, Idaho – A Camping, Fishing, and Boating Destination**



### 2021 Campground Financials

Available Camp Nights:	# of Campsites	78 sites open in 2021
	# of Available Nights	110
	Total	8,580 available camp nights in 2021

Paid Nights:	# of Camp Nights avail	8,580
	# paid nights	3,850
	% occupancy	45%

Revenue from camping:	@ \$20/night	\$77,000
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#### Treasure Valley YMCA Expenditures (2021)

Operating:	Supplies	\$12,466
	Vault Service	\$12,060
	Maintenance	\$1,797
	Personnel	\$44,416

Total Expenditures:	\$70,739
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#### Full Capacity Potential Revenue

Available Camp Nights:	# of Campsites	110
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	Total	12,100

Paid Nights:	# of Camp Nights avail	12,100
	# paid nights	5,445
	% occupancy	45%

Potential Revenue:	@ \$20/night	\$108,900
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## Current Operations

### Summary:

IDFG owns the 270 acre Horsethief Reservoir and 180 acres of land surrounding the reservoir. The primary purpose of the reservoir is for recreational fishing. As such, IDFG manages the fishery through annual stocking programs and various other fishery management activities. IDFG also owns the dam and manages water levels in the reservoir. The Treasure Valley YMCA (TVYMCA) owns 415 acres at the south end of the reservoir (hereafter referred to as YMCA Camp). IDFG and TVYMCA entered into a recurring MOU in 2017, which delegates management of camping on IDFG property surrounding the reservoir to TVYMCA. IDFG has utilized more than \$2.5M in IDPR RV Fund grants, from 2018 to 2021, to develop the campgrounds on IDFG property around Horsethief Reservoir, and the TCYMCA has built a successful campground management program utilizing staff positions shared with the YMCA Camp. TVYMCA collect camping fees and reinvests those fees back into campground operation and maintenance. No day-use or access fees are charged – only camping fees. The public is allowed to access the entire shoreline of the reservoir for fishing. IDFG manages the fishery and associated infrastructure including boat ramps, docks, and half of restroom cleanings.

### IDFG Responsibilities:

- Reservoir and dam operation
- Boat ramps and docks
- ½ of restroom cleanings
- Fish stocking/ Fisheries Management
- Campground Development
- ½ of road maintenance
- Forest Management
- Weed Management (Valley County Weeds)

### Treasure Valley YMCA Responsibilities:

- Campground Hosts (6 hosts total – paid per diem)
- Host site services (power, water, and septic)
- Campground Management (½ of permanent position with YMCA Camp)
- Campground Maintenance (½ of permanent position with YMCA Camp)
- ½ of restroom cleanings
- Vault pumping
- Landscaping throughout campgrounds
- ½ of road maintenance

## Improvements Completed To-Date

### Overview:

- Loop road improvements to all 6 camping loops (3 paved and 3 primitive)
  - Improved grading
  - Culvert installation and contour drainage
  - Surface Improvements (including pavement in 3 loops)
  - Kiosks, site markers, and traffic signage
  - Traffic lines painted in paved loops
  
- 110 total public campsites developed (65 paved and 45 primitive)
  - New vehicle pads, parking bumpers, and tent pads
  - New picnic tables and fire rings
  - Traffic and site signage throughout loops
  
- 6 camp host sites developed (4 on Eastside and 2 in King's Point)
  - New well, pumphouse, and waterlines installed on Eastside
  - Electrical transmission lines, meters, and outlets installed on Eastside
  - New well, in-ground pressure tank, and waterlines installed at King's Point
  - Water service at all host sites
  - Electric and septic service for all 4 Eastside sites
  
- King's Point Boat Ramp Improvements
  - 65,000 square feet of expanded and paved parking areas for anglers and boaters
  - Brand new cement boat ramp installed in 2020
  
- Forest Management
  - 36 acre timber sale completed in 2021

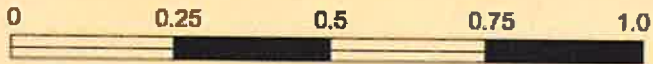
# Horsethief Reservoir

To Cascade and Warm Lake



**Legend**

- Roads
- Fish and Game property
- Developed camps or day use areas
- Private property



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## Visiting Horsethief Reservoir



### Camping -

- Camp in designated sites only
- Register and pay fees (\$20/night/site) before setting up camp
- A maximum of 8 people, 2 vehicles, 1 camping unit (RV) and 2 tents/campsite
- All tents/vehicles/RV must fit entirely within your designated site
- All sites are first come, first serve – No saving sites please!
- Quiet hours are from 10pm to 7am
- Camping season dates are flexible and depend on weather and other factors



### Fires/Firewood Cutting -

- No firewood cutting on Horsethief Reservoir site
- Open fires in provided fire rings only
- Follow campfire restrictions set by Idaho Dept. of Lands <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire/>



### Fishing/Hunting -

- Check Fish & Game fishing brochure for rules and seasons <https://idfg.idaho.gov>
- No hunting - all of Horsethief Fishing and Camping area is a safety zone
- No shooting of any gun, weapon, or other projectile launching device



### Vehicles and Boats -

- All county, state and federal licensing and operating rules apply
- Motorized vehicles may be operated on public roadways only
- Motorized vehicles are allowed for transportation only (i.e. - no joy riding)
- The entire reservoir is a No Wake Zone



### Pets -

- Pets must be leashed & under close control at all times
- All pet waste must be removed by the owner or attendee
- No horses or other livestock allowed



### Property Boundaries -

- See the attached map for approximate boundaries
- Much of the east side of the reservoir (including some docks) is private property
- The south end/tip of the reservoir is for YMCA guests only
- Much of the land surrounding the access area is private and closed to the public
- Please be respectful of private property



### Further information -

- Learn more about Horsethief Reservoir Fishing and Camping Area by contacting: (386/212-7123 - Campground Liasion) Idaho Department of Fish and Game 3101 S. Powerline Road Nampa, Idaho 83686 (208) 465-8465 <https://idfg.idaho.gov>

### YMCA

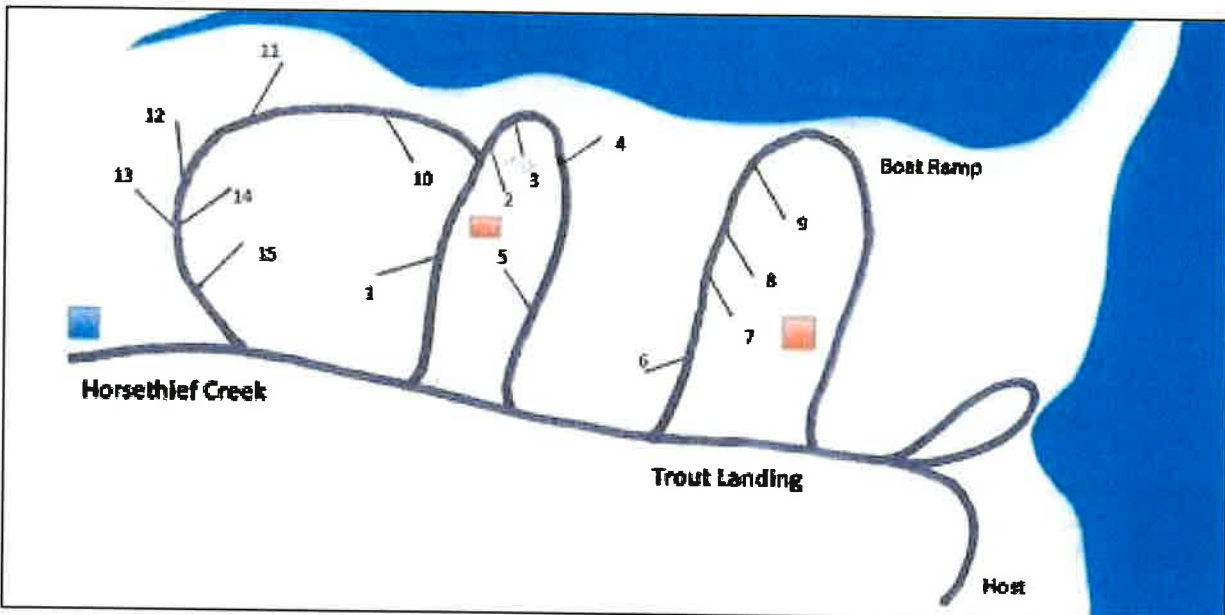
1050 W. State Street  
Boise, ID 83702  
(208) 344-5501 (Boise Office)  
(208) 344-5502 (Y-Camp)  
(386) 212-7123 (Campground Contact)

<http://www.ymcatvidaho.org>

### In case of emergency, contact:

Valley County Sheriff's Office  
(208) 382-5160

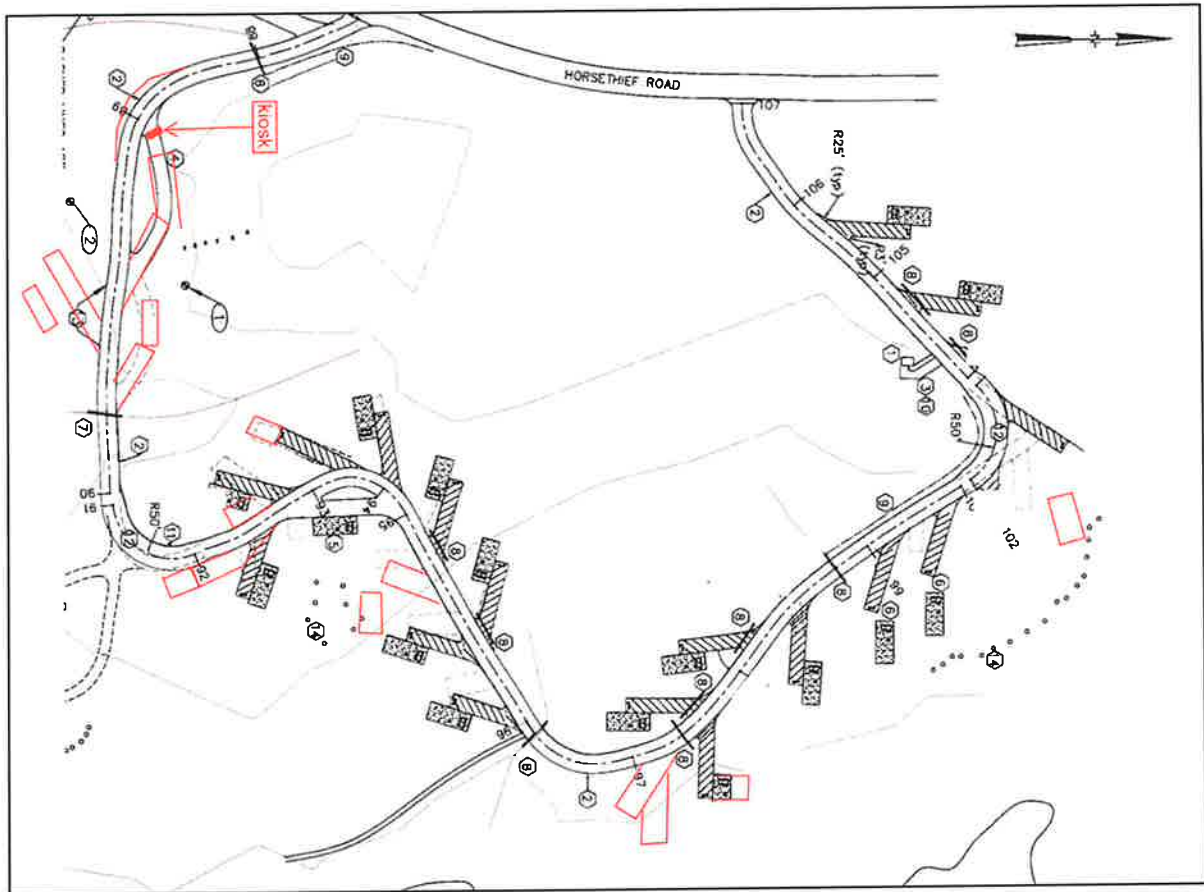
## Eastside Loops (Horsethief Creek, Trout Landing, and Host Area)



### Features:

- 15 primitive camp sites developed in 2018
- Kiosk with Iron Ranger at gated entrance
- 2 CXT restrooms
- Boat ramp and fishing dock
- Admin area with 4 developed host sites (full service)
- New (2018) well and pumphouse, and electrical transmission line to service host sites

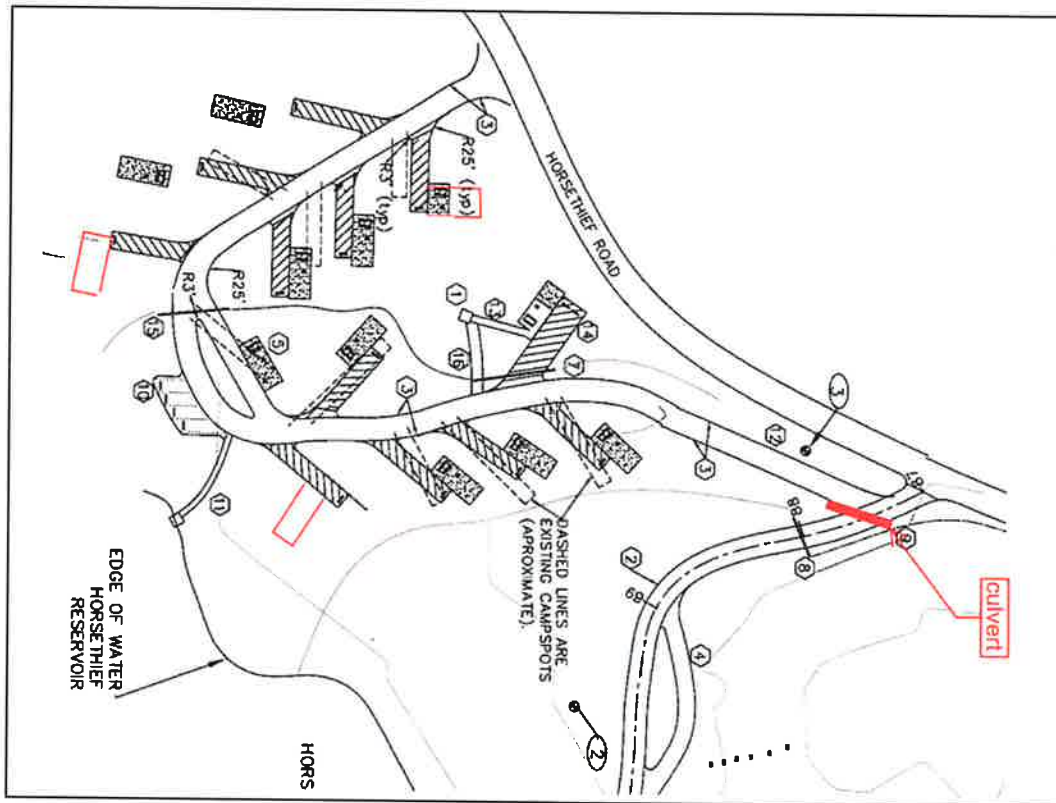
## Osprey Bay Campground



### Features:

- 23 camp sites (1 pull-through site) developed in 2020
- Paved loop road and paved vehicle pads
- Kiosk with Iron Ranger at gated entrance
- 2 CXT restrooms
- Day-use area with 11,000 square feet of paved parking, CXT, and fishing dock

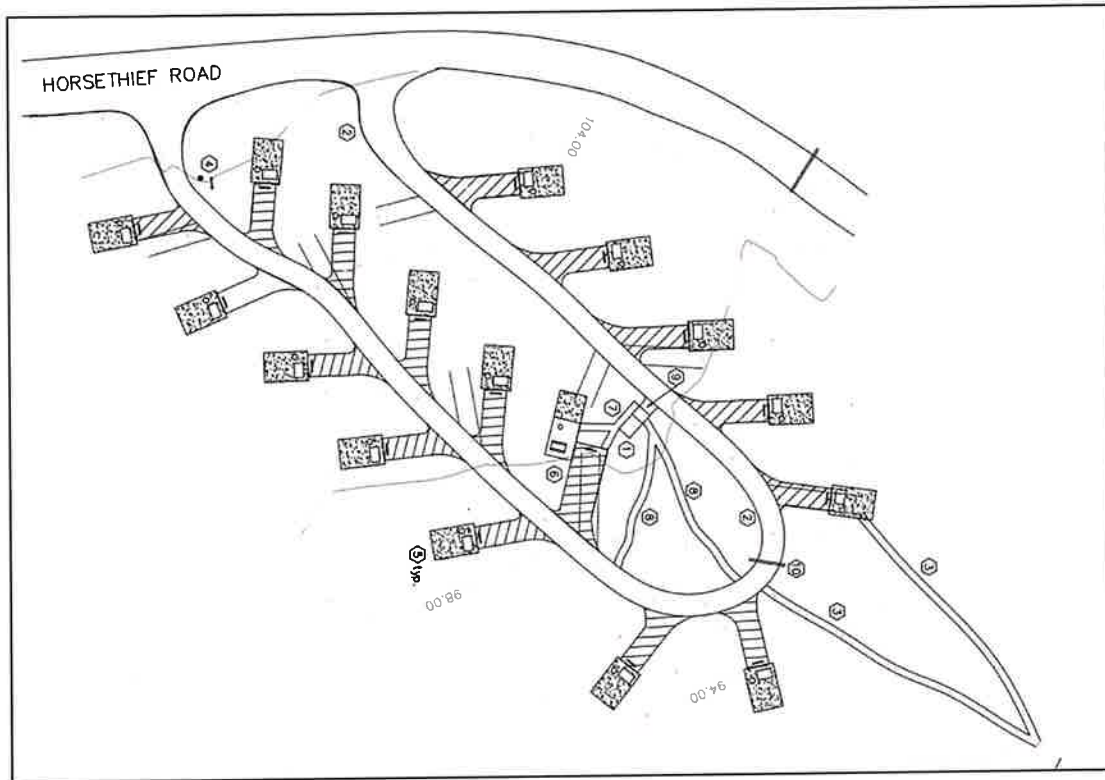
## Easter's Cove Campground



### Features:

- 13 primitive camp sites developed in 2020 (1 ADA site; 1 pull-through site)
- Kiosk with Iron Ranger at gated entrance
- 1 CXT restroom
- Hand-operated well on-site
- 4-stall overflow parking area
- Walking trail to kayak/canoe launch

## Timber Bay Campground



### Features:

- 17 primitive camp sites developed in 2021 (1 ADA site)
- Kiosk with Iron Ranger at gated entrance
- 1 CXT restroom
- Walking trail to kayak/canoe launch

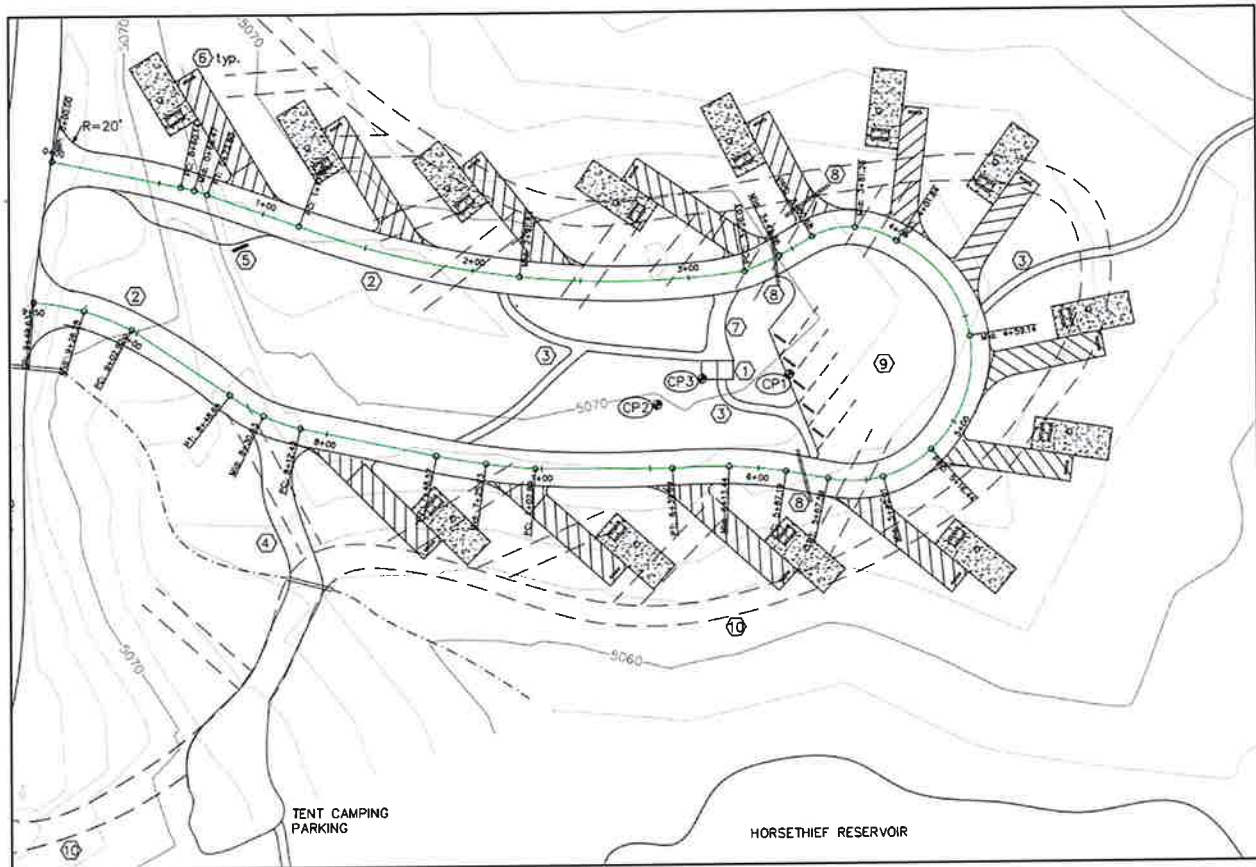
## King's Point Campground



### Features:

- 27 camp sites (4 ADA; 1 pull-through) developed in 2019
- Paved loop road and paved vehicle pads
- 2 camp host sites with water service (New well and waterlines in 2020)
- Underground conduit in place for future electrical and water service to all sites (if desired)
- New boat ramp in 2020 and 54,000 square feet of paved parking for day-use
- Kiosk with Iron Ranger at entrance (not gated; open year round)
- 2 CXT restrooms

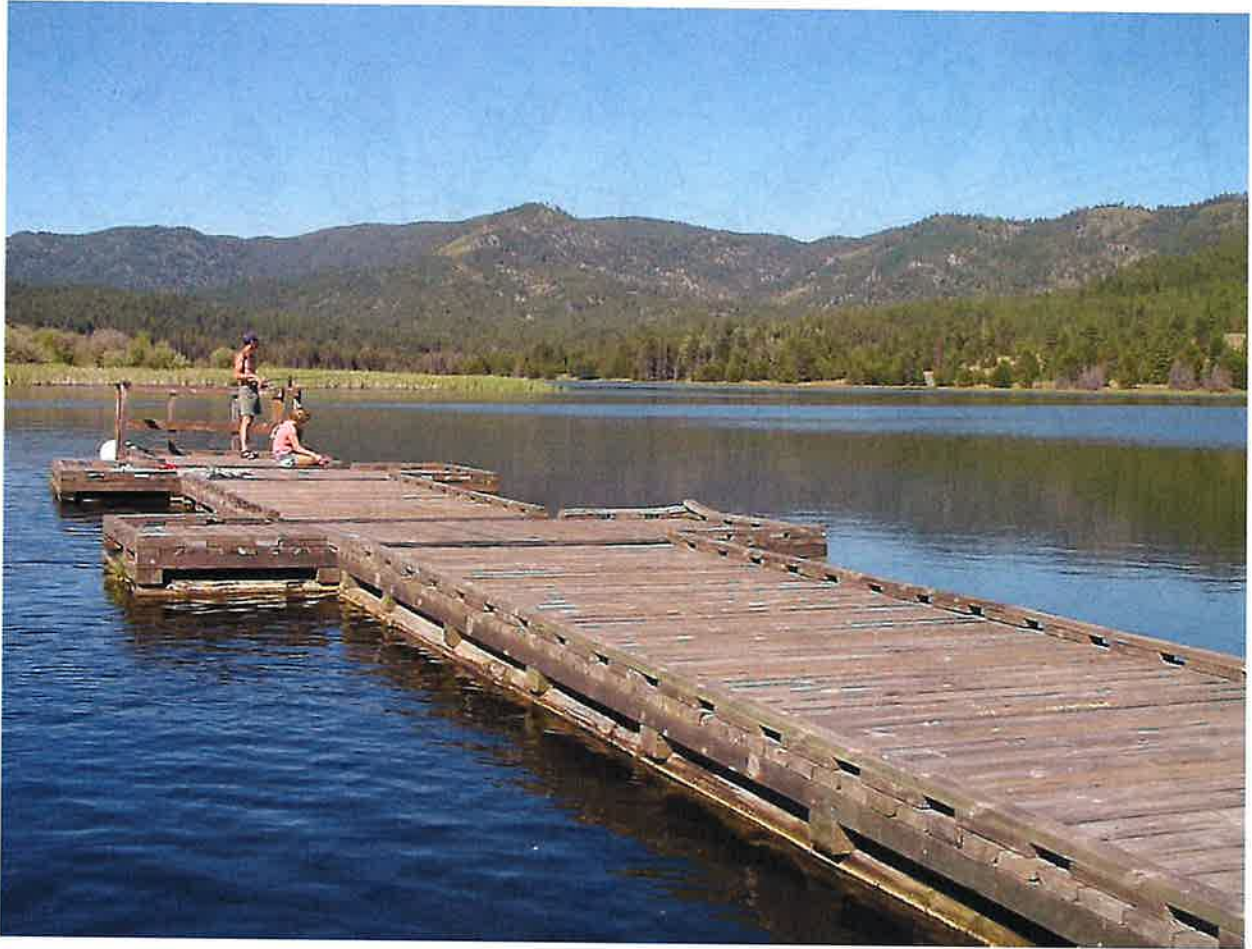
## Bear Knob Campground



### Features:

- 13 RV camp sites and 2 tent-only sites developed in 2021
- Paved loop road and paved vehicle pads
- Kiosk with Iron Ranger at gated entrance
- 1 CXT restroom
- 5-stall overflow parking area
- Walking trail to kayak/canoe launch

## T-Dock Fishing and Day-Use Area



### Features:

- 2,500 square foot fishing dock
- 4,000 square foot day-use parking area
- 1 CXT restroom



# Outdoor Recreation Fund

## APPLICATION

### Contact Information

Applicant	<u>Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation</u>	Contact	<u>Adam Zaragoza</u>		
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	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>		
Supports:	Camping <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Cost	<u>\$ 9,600,000</u>		
Project Location	<u>Valley County, Idaho</u>				

### Briefly describe the overall project concept:

Common Name of Project: **Ponderosa State Park Expansion**

Description: This project would expand Ponderosa State Park to Idaho Department of Lands properties surrounding Payette Lake.

## Priority Merit and Scope Questions

1. Describe how this project:
  - a. Improves under-utilized outdoor recreation resources. (15 points)  
The area surrounding Payette Lake is all endowment land and conservation/preservation of the land is the purpose of this project. McCall is the hub of outdoor recreation in Idaho, and, this project would develop and manage trails, hiking, and improve water access for non-motorized vessels. There is a potential for backcountry, off the grid overnight stays with groomed trails.
  - b. Enhances recreation access. (15 points)  
This project would promote and improve the recreation access around Payette Lake. Water access along the North Fork of the Payette could be improved, day use areas added, and established hiking trails from north beach to the peninsula are possibilities. Winter trail access could be enhanced for cross country skiing or snowshoeing.
  - c. Increases revenue and potential revenue estimates. (15 points)  
An initial capital investment would be needed as well as a sustainable operations budget to support the development. Revenue would be determined by an on-site investigation of the ground by IDPR staff.
  - d. Improves long-term outdoor recreation sustainability. (15 points)  
This is a project that would check all the boxes in central Idaho for long term recreation sustainability. This would lock the area around Payette Lake into perpetual public ownership.
2. Describe the current outdoor recreation access deficiencies and how they may be corrected with the development of this project. Explain why this project is needed. (8 points)  
Currently, there is little recreational development on parcels H and I. Users have designated areas where summer and winter trails could go. Users have also shown us areas where they would like water access along the North Fork. IDPR would facilitate and use those areas to develop trails, overnight stays and water access.
3. Project Urgency. Describe the urgency of this project due to potential resource damage or other impacts that may cause an opportunity to be lost if no action is taken. If this project is not funded, what effects will it have? (8 points)  
Recreational users have developed primitive areas of hiking trails, water access, along the river and in the mountainside. The resource damage is any trash or debris left from those users when there is minimal management of the land. If this project is not funded, management of the area will continue to lack and potential for trash and debris build up will continue.
4. Justify the need and demand for the project. Describe the current use in the area and the potential use expected with this project. (8 points)  
User type is seasonal, and will range from water sports, hiking, biking, camping, overnight stays, fishing, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, etc. It is anticipated that the expansion to Ponderosa will be a 24/7/365 operation. Revenue estimates are unknown at this point as on-site investigations of the ground, potential trails, and overnight stays have not been evaluated.

5. Describe the provisions for ongoing maintenance and operation of the project (who will be responsible for the maintenance and operation and what is the estimated annual budget to do so)? (8 points)

Ongoing maintenance and operations would be done by Ponderosa State Park staff. IDPR estimates an additional 2 to 4 FTP's will be needed, along with at least 2 new maintenance shops for each unit, plus ongoing utility fees and general maintenance. These FTP's and shops will require an ongoing revenue stream to support this operation.

6. Describe planning, construction methods and schedule. The scope of work description should line up with budget items in project spreadsheet. (8 points)

Planning and Conceptual Designs: 2024  
Trails Development/Signage: 2025  
Construction of Facilities: 2025 to 2030

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### Project Elements

1. Please provide a location map (where does this project reside within Idaho), site map, and a general description of the area.  
Attached.
2. Is there (or will there be) a use fee at this location? If yes, justify the need to charge and specify the amount. How will the fee be collected?  
Additional Fees may be collected for this area to help support operations and maintenance costs.
3. If applicable, describe how you announced this project to the public in a way to collect public comment. Attach proof that the public had a reasonable public comment period.  
Public comment has not been taken for this particular partnership project.
4. Does this project require any necessary environmental permits or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation? If yes, describe:  
Unknown.
5. Ownership. Describe the land ownership of the property where the project is located.  
Idaho Department of Lands is the current landowner. The following are options:
  - a. IDPR/IDL enter into a lease agreement to develop recreational amenities
  - b. IDL deeds or exchanges the parcels to IDPR
6. If available, provide a concept design plan.  
Not available at this time.

#### Funding Note:

1. The money is appropriated with IDPR under its Capital Development program budget for FY 2024.
2. The winning state agency(s) must demonstrate how they will have sufficient appropriation to spend the funds. There is no mechanism available to IDPR to "transfer" our appropriation. It will be up to the winning agency(s) to address their budget.
3. If reimbursement, prior written approval to transfer funds from capital outlay to the T&B classification is required.

## BUDGET

**Project Name: Ponderosa State Park Expansion**

Project Components	Total Cost	Source of Funding		Amount Approved
		MATCH	GRANT	
Planning and Conceptual Design	\$100,000		\$100,000	
Facilities/Structure Designs (Cabins, yurts, maintenance facilities, office, water, wastewater, power)	\$600,000		\$600,000	
Construction	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000	
Contingencies:	\$900,000		\$900,000	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$9,600,000</b>		<b>\$9,600,000</b>	
<b>% of TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	%	%	%

### Disclaimer and signature

*I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

*It is hereby mutually agreed and understood that the use of these funds will be for the purposes stated in this document only and are subject to the terms of the Grant Agreement for this project, as signed by the authorized individuals.*

Signature:           *Susanne E. Buxton, ISPR Director*                Date:           *10/18/2023*

# LOCATION MAP

