July – August – September 2025 DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

Bureau Chief – Melanie Schuster

GENERAL UPDATE

The Development Bureau is currently managing 203 active projects totaling over \$200 million. The charts below illustrate where projects currently are in the development process by project phase and funding source. With the completion of another busy construction season, many projects have been completed, some construction will continue through the winter and some projects will start back up in the spring. This summer saw the completion of Eagle Island and TOC Bike-in Campground with minor work to wrap up. Bear Lake and Farragut Peterson Campground will be continuing and be completed soon while Henrys Lake has wrapped for the winter to be started back up again next year.



PROJECTS BY FUNDING SOURCE



A huge accomplishment under Joel Halfhill's close watch is the Kokanee Cove development at Ponderosa. Out of the dust of a former church camp, a new event center complex is nearly complete. The facility will include the former chapel remodeled into an event center with gorgeous views of the lake, six two-bedroom cabins, restroom building, and multiple layers of exterior patios overlooking the lake. This space will provide a completely new experience at Ponderosa State Park for events and shared use.

Actually rising out of the ashes is a new yurt to replace the Whispering Pines yurt that burnt down several years ago. Sarah Sundquist has been working with a new design-build team to construct the yurt deck. A team of IDPR employees will erect the yurt at the end of October for it to be ready and generating revenue for the busy winter season. This winter will see the Development Bureau busy wrestling with paperwork and planning for another busy year as we finally get around to working through the backlog of closing out projects.

ARPA FUNDING TRACKING *subject to change

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Project #	Park	Project Name	Earmarked Budget	AUG 1877 VV		Expended as of 9/30/2025	Start Date	Completion			
300037	North Region	Minor Maintenance	\$141,934.42	\$141,934.42	\$141,934.42	\$141,934.42	July 2022	April 2024			
300038	South Region	Minor Maintenance	\$168,028,05	\$168,028,05	\$168,028,05	\$168,028,05	July 2022	July 2024			

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300037	North Region	Minor Maintenance	\$141,934.42	\$141,934.42	\$141,934.42	\$141,934.42	July 2022	April 2024
300038	South Region	Minor Maintenance	\$168,028.05	\$168,028.05	\$168,028.05	\$168,028.05	July 2022	July 2024
300039	East Region	Minor Maintenance	\$50,954.24	\$50,954.24	\$50,954.24	\$50,954.24	April 2023	August 2023
300040	Dworshak	North Region Vault Toilets - Freeman Ck	\$367,633.43	\$367,633.43	\$367,633.43	\$367,633.43	Dec 2024	July 2025
310112	Priest Lake	Priest Lake CG Elec & Water Upgrades	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00	Sept 2022	June 2023
3101243	Priest Lake	New Day Use Areas	\$140,913.54	\$140,913.54	\$140,913.54	\$140,913.54	Feb 2024	Sept 2024
310333	Round Lake	Tree House Camping	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,204,793.05	Oct 2023	
3103251	Round Lake	IDL Cabins (ORFAC)	\$850,000.00	\$850,000.00	\$850,000.00	\$0.00	Nov 2024	
310413	TCDA	TCDA Bike-in Campsites	\$2,600,000.00	\$2,600,000.00	\$2,600,000.00	\$2,534,294.35	June 2023	
310531	Farragut	Peterson Group Camp	\$1,522,062.14	\$1,522,062.14	\$1,522,062.14	\$1,176,675.93	Feb 2023	
310611	Old Mission	Pathway Repairs and ADA Access	\$290,949.57	\$290,949.57	\$290,949.57	\$290,949.57	Sept 2023	Dec 2024
310731	Mowry	Campground Development	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$825,108.42	March 2024	
310815	Heyburn	Lakeview Cottage Renovations	\$70,160.60	\$70,160.60	\$70,160.60	\$70,160.60	Jan 2023	April 2024
310816	Heyburn	Rocky Point Lodge	\$487,144.36	\$487,144.36	\$487,144.36	\$487,144.36	Sept 2022	Nov 2024
310831	Heyburn	Wastewater Facility Repairs	\$3,900,000.00	\$3,900,000.00	\$3,900,000.00	\$3,900,000.00	Jan 2023	
310832	Heyburn	Replace Rocky Point Docks	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,131,651.62	May 2023	
3108243	Heyburn	Replace Chatcolet Docks	\$9,409,265.34	\$9,409,265.34	\$9,409,265.34	\$9,409,265.34	May 2024	
320215	Dworshak	Freeman Creek Phase 2 Waterline Upgrades	\$1,850,000.00	\$1,850,000.00	\$1,850,000.00	\$1,844,205.11	April 2023	
320312	Hells Gate	Hells Gate Marina Restroom Upgrades	\$147,528.58	\$147,528.58	\$147,528.58	\$147,528.58	Jan 2023	Sept 2023
320392	Hells Gate	Marina Dock Replacement Ph 2	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	July 2023	
3205251	Winchester	New Day Use Areas	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$15,132.55	July 2024	
330133	Ponderosa	Kokanee Cove Renovations	\$7,388,552.00	\$7,200,000.00	\$7,388,552.00	\$7,200,000.00	Sept 2023	
3301245	Ponderosa	Chokecherry CG Elec & Water Replacement	\$1,566,000.00	\$1,566,000.00	\$1,566,000.00	\$1,566,000.00	Sept 2024	June 2025
330231	Eagle Island	RV Campground	\$4,200,000.00	\$4,200,000.00	\$4,200,000.00	\$4,200,000.00	Jan 2023	
330233	Eagle Island	Calf Barn Reroof & Building Stabilization	\$389,932.44	\$389,932.44	\$389,932.44	\$389,932.44	April 2023	May 2024
330513	Bruneau Dunes	New Observatory	\$1,543,897.65	\$1,543,897.65	\$1,543,897.65		-	May 2023
3307252		Horsethief Reservoir Development (ORFAC)	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,688,552.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$696,891.94	Aug 2024	
340332	Thousand Sp.	Thousand Springs Vault Toilets	\$422,313.57	\$422,313.57	\$422,313.57	\$422,313.57	April 2023	Dec 2024
340333	Thousand Sp.	Replace Water Lines to Ritter Island	\$1,043,865.04	\$1,043,865.04	\$1,043,865.04	\$1,043,865.04	July 2022	Sept 2024
340395	Thousand Sp.	Billingsley Creek Campground	\$1,400,000.00	\$1,400,000.00	\$1,400,000.00	\$1,400,000.00	Aug 2024	May 2025
340542	Castle Rocks	Ranch Unit Bridge Replacement	\$423,196.45	\$423,196.45	\$423,196.45	\$410,950.60	April 2023	Oct 2024
350133	Massacre Rocks	Sewage System Replacement	\$883,295.04	\$883,295.04	\$883,295.04	\$312,202.63	May 2023	
350135	Massacre Rocks	New Day Use Areas	\$29,048.03	\$29,048.03	\$29,048.03	\$29,048.03	May 2023	Nov 2024
350311	Bear Lake	East Beach CG Ph 2 Elec Upgrades	\$132,000.00	\$132,000.00	\$132,000.00	\$132,000.00	Aug 2022	June 2023
350321	Bear Lake	East Beach CG Water Upgrades	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	Aug 2022	June 2023
350332	Bear Lake	Bear Lake Vault Toilets	\$181,397.38	\$181,397.38	\$181,397.38	\$181,397.38	Aug 2022	June 2023
350333	Bear Lake	East Beach Renovations	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$756,290.79	March 2023	
3503242	Bear Lake	Future Park Acquisition	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	Jan 2024	March 2024
360132	Harriman	Water & Septic System Upgrade	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$2,034,339.20	March 2023	
360231	Henrys Lake	Phase 2 Waterline Upgrades	\$528,199.88	\$528,199.88	\$528,199.88	\$528,199.88		Nov 2022
360232	Henrys Lake	Sewer Connection	\$816,000.00					
360233	Henrys Lake	Campground Expansion	\$2,434,000.00		The state of the s		Choub Miles Sub-creek	
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NORTH REGION

Project Number and Name

Status

310132 – Priest Lake Replace Group Camp RR/Shower Building Construction A Design-Build team was selected to deliver the project in combination with the Lionhead Entrance Station project. Construction started after Labor Day weekend. Concrete is complete and paving started on 10/10/2025. Vault toilets have been installed at the Lionhead Campground and at the Group Camp as well as the new septic system for the host site at Lionhead Campground.

310141 – Priest Lake Lionhead Entrance Station Construction See project 310132.





Lionhead Entrance Station under construction

310321 - Round Lake Campground Improvements

Construction

The project is underway with a Design-Build team. Defined camping pads have been installed in the lower loop (Sites 8-24). Parking spurs in the upper loop will be realigned as needed and camping pads will be installed when utilities are installed to those campsites in Fall 2025. See project 310332 for additional information.

310332 – Round Lake Electric & Water Upgrades Design is complete and reviewed by DEQ. Electric and water will be provided to sites 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 40-51. Construction will continue with living pad improvements fall 2025.

3103242 - Round Lake Backup Generators

Construction

Design complete and generators have been ordered. Two generators have been installed and third will be installed this fall.

3103244 - Round Lake Well Upgrades

Bidding

The pump has been replaced, and design of the new booster pump is complete. Working on construction pricing.

310333 - Round Lake Treehouses (ARPA)

Construction

Construction of the two new treehouses is complete. The park is staining the interior boards and working on finishing touches. Utility installation is ongoing. They are expected to be available for rent in Spring 2026.



Round Lake Treehouses



Interior of Treehouse

3103251 – Round Lake IDL Cabins (ORFAC-ARPA)

Design

Met with a tiny home manufacturer to review layouts. The cabins will be tiny houses on wheels due to permitting agency restrictions. Electric and road work will occur in Spring 2026 with cabin installation following.

310412 – Trail of CDA Land Acquisition & Construct Maintenance Shop Project is complete and the park has moved into the shop and duplex. Waiting for final close out documents.

Close Out

310413 - Trail of CDA Bike-In Campsites (ARPA)

Construction

Construction of the campground is nearly complete. Finalizing punch list.

310414 - Trail of CDA Survey Trail Boundaries (Surplus)

Design

The surveyor is under contract to survey the trail heading west from the shop ten miles to the county line. Survey has been received for review.

310531 – Farragut Peterson Campground (ARPA)

Construction

Contractor has installed water and sewer infrastructure; cabin, shelter, and shower house construction is ongoing. Paving has been completed, and work is ongoing on the roof of the second shelter and interior of cabins, restroom/shower house and shelters. Construction is expected to be completed in winter 2025/2026.



Farragut Peterson Campground Shelter



Farragut Peterson Campground Cabins



Farragut Peterson Campground

310532 – Farragut Buttonhook Bay Infrastructure Improvement (Surplus) Construction The Design-Build team has begun construction on some of the projects. The Eagle Cove Breakwater repair project is complete. The Buttonhook Bay dock and gangways and piers at Higgens Point are being fabricated. Road construction for Eagle Cove Boat Launch will also include replacement of the water main to occur in Spring 2026. The Snowberry Shower house is in design. Work on the Buttonhook restroom repair has begun.

310541 - Farragut Connect VC & Brig to Fiber Optic

Due to extremely high monthly costs for fiber service the park has opted to procure Starlink to provide internet service to the Brig and Shop. Equipment is being purchased.

3105251 - Farragut Roundabout

Design is complete and has been reviewed by IDT. The project is currently being estimated.

Construction

Bidding

310731- Mowry New Campground (ARPA)

Construction

Construction of staff duplex and new well has started. Work on the new campground, shelter, restroom & shower have started and work on the Mowry house will start as soon as the staff duplex is complete.



Mowry Ranger Duplex

310741 – Mowry House Siding and Foundation Repairs See project 310731

Design

310816 – Heyburn Lodge Remodel (Surplus & ARPA) Interior and exterior construction complete. Working through permitting issues with IDOPL and ongoing bat mitigation.

Construction

310824 – Heyburn Rocky Point Fuel Dispenser Replacement The project will be incorporated into the marina replacement project. The fueling station will be moved to the Chatcolet Marina. Design is complete and the new pad for the tank has been installed.

Construction

310831 – Heyburn Wastewater Facility Repairs (ARPA) Construction of the nine lift stations is now complete. Rock filters have been installed for Storage Ponds 1 and 2. Modifications to the headworks building are complete. Design for repairs to the transfer pump facility will be completed Fall 2025 and construction is expected to begin Winter 2025.

Construction

Construction

310832 – Heyburn Rocky Point Dock Replacement (ARPA) 95% design drawings are complete, and the Rocky Point Boat garages have been removed. Rocky Point Marina will be constructed in 2026.

Design

3108243 - Heyburn Replace Chatcolet Docks (ARPA)

Parking lot curbing and paving is complete. Marina store foundation has been poured and walls installed. Building will be dry next month so that the interior can be finished this winter. All the breakwater floats are onsite and being installed. The main walkway docks are onsite, and piles are being driven. The new marina will be completed in spring 2026.



Chatcolet Parking lot

DPW 23833 – Heyburn Rocky Point Cottage Upgrades North Region DPW Deferred Maintenance Design Build team are gathering bids for Electrical, plumbing and HVAC upgrades.

Bidding

DPW 26542 – Heyburn SP Rocky Point Shoreline ADA Access Working with DPW to define scope for project delivery and design.

Scoping

3109251 – CDA Parkway Higgens Point Dock Improvements (Surplus) The dock work will be included in the Farragut Improvements project. The design is complete and fabrication has begun.

Construction

320181- McCroskey Redtail Primitive Campground& Shelters

Design is complete. University of Idaho has presented their findings regarding site impact and public opinion. Project on hold. Waiting for input from park before proceeding.

Project Number and Name	<u>Status</u>
320141- McCroskey Develop Group Shelter, Toilet, Parking See Project 320181.	Design
320233 – Dworshak Surface Water Intake Replacement (Surplus) The Preliminary Engineering report (PER) has been approved by DEQ. Final design is complete. Waiting Army Corp approval.	Design
3202243 – Dworshak Wastewater Upgrades The Design-Build team is proceeding with wastewater system evaluation and recommendations for Freeman Creek and Three Meadows. Received USACE test pit approval on 10/17/25.	Design
3202244 – Dworshak Volunteer Site Expansion (Surplus) Received USACE project approval on 10/17/25. Waiting for contractor pricing.	Bidding
320321 – Hells Gate Sewer System & Facility Upgrade The Design-Build team is proceeding with non-ground disturbing activities while the design has been finalized and submitted to DEQ and USACE. USACE permit has been submitted, and we are waiting for approval.	Design
320392 – Hells Gate Marina Mooring Dock Replacement (ARPA) Deck panels on A & B docks are open to the public. Piles have been driven for C & D docks, and the dock frames are complete. C & D docks will be installed in Fall/Winter 2025 once additional permitting has been received from the USACE.	Construction
320396 – Hells Gate Bike-In Camping (ARPA) Design is complete. Waiting for the Corps of Engineers (USACE) approval to proceed with the project.	Design
DPW 25543 Hells Gate ADA Restroom Remodel (PBFAC) Design team is working on construction budget and construction documents for review.	Design
320531 – Winchester Additional Yurts (Surplus) Project on hold pending new pricing.	Design
3205241 – Winchester Staff House Repairs (Surplus) Staff house floor covering has been completed, and garage doors have been replaced. Electrical repairs to be scheduled.	Construction
3205242 – Winchester ADA Pathway (Surplus) Construction started after Labor Day and anticipated completion by Thanksgiving.	Construction
3205243 - Winchester Appaloosa Water Line Replacement (Surplus) Construction started after Labor Day and anticipated completion by Thanksgiving.	Construction
3205251 - Winchester New Day Use Areas (ARPA) Construction started after Labor Day and anticipated completion by Thanksgiving.	Construction

330133 – Ponderosa Kokanee Cove Dev & Renovations (ARPA) Phase 3 Kokanee Cove is nearing completion. A punch list has been prepared for the project. There are a few items to complete, but the overall timeline for completion is on schedule. Kokanee Cove should be ready for its intended use by spring 2026.

Construction



Ponderosa Kokanee Cove Development



Ponderosa Kokanee Cove Chapel

330141 - Ponderosa Reroof Ranger Residence A

The reroof is complete and the residence is being analyzed to finalize the remaining scope.

Construction

330142 - Ponderosa Reroof Ranger Residence B

The residing effort has been completed and the project is in close out.

Close Out

Design

3301251 - Ponderosa NW Passage Campground Bank Stabilization This is a joint project with IDFG to stabilize the bank between the river and the fishing pond. A design build team has been selected, and construction began in September 2025.



Ponderosa NW Passage Bank Stabilization

DPW 26543 - Ponderosa SP Activity Center Ext., ADA Access Working with DPW to define scope and project delivery.

Design

330231 - Eagle Island RV Campground

The campground has been open since Labor Day weekend. Punch list work continues. The landscape and irrigation work is being re-addressed as the contractor has replaced their subcontractor.

Construction

330233 - Eagle Island Calf Barn Re-Roof & Stabilization (ARPA)

The Calf Barn stabilization, re-roofing and security lighting installation have been completed. Building rehab into office and event space is now in the design process. Design

3302243 - Eagle Island Dorm Abatement (Surplus)

The Dormitory has been cleaned up and abated. The contractor is pricing structural bracing, exterior lighting, and means of securing the building to complete the project.

Construction

3302244 - Eagle Island Parking Lot Improvements (Surplus)

Construction

The graveled parking lot has been paved and striped and is being used as the main parking area while the rest of the work is completed. The work on widening the entry at the kiosk has started as well. The construction is scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2025.



Eagle Island Parking Lot Modifications



Eagle Island Parking Lot Modifications

3302251 – Eagle Island RV Host Sites

Construction

The addition of two RV host sites is currently under construction. These sites will have electrical, water and sewer connections.

DPW25540 – Eagle Island Staff Housing Renovations Working with DPW to define scope of work and delivery method.

Scoping

Construction

330432 – Lucky Peak Idaho City Additional Yurts (Surplus) Most of the site work is complete and the yurt structure will be erected at the end of October. Scheduled completion for Fall 2025.



Idaho City Yurt

330441 – Lucky Peak Sandy Point Erosion Control (Discovery) A design has been completed and is n the permitting phase. This project is scheduled for late winter 2026 construction. Design

DPW 26540 - Lucky Peak Sandy Point Lower Restroom Remodel Working with DPW to define scope and project delivery.

Scoping

Construction

330541 - Bruneau Dunes New Irrigation Well

A new well cannot be drilled due to water right restrictions, so Eagle Cove Campground will be xeriscaped to reduce water needs. Eagle Cove xeriscape is substantially complete, pending hydroseed and plant replacement in October.

3305251 – Bruneau Dunes Water Treatment Upgrades

The design of the water system upgrades is complete and has been submitted to DEQ for their review and approval. Once IDPR has the approval, a bid package Will be assembled and the bidding process will begin.

Design

3305261 – Bruneau Dunes Manager's Residence Siding Replacement The project includes siding and window replacement to address deferred maintenance Items. Work is to be completed fall 2025. Construction

3307252 - Horsethief Reservoir Development (ORFAC)

Design-Build contract is in place, and the project is in design. This project has been turned over to Idaho Fish & Game for management of the project.

Construction

DPW 26541 - HQ Bldg. HVAC Replacement

Working with DPW to determine delivery method.

Scoping

340322 - Thousand Springs VC Exhibits

The Project is being transitioned to a new Design-Build team as the former team has gone out of business. The revised Schematic Design 2 Design documents are in review.

Design

3403241 - Thousand Springs Manager House Maintenance (Surplus)

A contract has been signed to complete deferred maintenance on the Manager's Residence.

Construction

DPW 23887 Thousand Springs South Region Reroofs

Reroofs have been completed for the Red House, Yellow House, Ritter Island Shop, Horse Barn, Rock House, Rock House Garage, Bonnieview House and Ranger House.

Close Out

EAST REGION

Project Number and Name

Status

340531 - Castle Rocks VC Water System Upgrade Project is substantially complete. A letter contract has been issued for third party commissioning of the water treatment dosing system. Construction

340532 - Castle Rocks Lodge Improvements (Surplus) Construction started in April and was completed May 2024. The project is in close out.

340541 - Castle Rocks Fishpond ADA Improvements The project is complete, gathering close out documents.

Close Out

Close Out



Castle Rocks Fishpond ADA Improvements

3405251 Castle Rocks Ranger House Upgrades (Surplus)

Construction

New kitchen cabinets, floor covering, and roof are completed. A letter contract has been issued to paint and install new light fixtures on the interior. We are seeking a proposal to replace the HVAC/AC system.

3406251 Lake Walcott Water Systems Upgrades

Design

USBOR archeological team has received construction approval. Finalizing design with the USBOR team. Project will be bid winter 2025 with construction spring/summer 2026.

3406252 Lake Walcott Campground Electric Upgrade

Design

Design is complete. We will utilize a regional electrical service contractor for construction. Project will be completed spring/summer 2026.

350133 - Massacre Rocks Sewer System Replacement (ARPA)

Construction

The project approval process has been permitted in phases. Work is now proceeding on all phases of construction. Test wells are being installed as part of the permit approval process.

350134 - Massacre Rocks E. Fork Campground (Surplus)

Scoping

Met with engineer to evaluate project. Waiting for a cost proposal from engineer for design.

3501241 - Massacre Rocks East Region Maintenance Shop

Construction

Construction of the shop complete. Sewer system in and waiting for certificate of occupancy.

350333 - Bear Lake East Beach Renovation (ARPA)

Construction

Campground is under construction with 14 new sites and 2 group sites. Concrete pads are being poured, shelters are set, campsites and roadways near grade, rough in for water and electrical installed. Engineers working on final design for widening kiosk area for RVs.



Bear Lake East Beach Renovation

3503241 - Bear Lake N. Beach Boat Ramp Replacement

Bidding

The engineers have a final design drafted for approval, permitting is nearing completion project will be out to bid in October 2025 with construction winter/spring 2026.

3503244 - Bear Lake North Beach Dock Repair

Construction

Repairs are under way and will be completed Fall 2025.

3503251 - Bear Lake Permanent Staff Housing

Design

Final design has been approved for a duplex to be built behind the shop and Visitor Center. Anticipated construction is Spring/Summer 2026.



Bear Lake Duplex proposed design

360102 - Harriman Scovel Center Winterization

Construction

Grading is complete and decking installed. New HVAC has been installed and is functioning well. Remaining HVAC units being installed August 2025 and soffit repairs in October. The facility will be ready to be rented this winter.

360131 - Harriman Historic Ranch Office Rehabilitation

Construction

Construction is nearly complete with a final punchlist inspection scheduled for November.

360133 - Harriman Fishpond Campground (Surplus)

Scope Development

Due to the time needed to analyze the area and coordinate with outside agencies this project will be transitioned from ARPA funding to Surplus funding.

360134 – Harriman Historic Reroofs (Surplus)

Close Out

All reroofs have been completed. Additional bat boxes have been installed to help keep bats out of the newly cleaned and sealed buildings. Chimney repairs and structural upgrade have been completed. The project is in closeout.

3601248 - Harriman New Welcome Center (Surplus)

Design

The project is under design with the building location chosen and the schematic design phase nearly complete.

360132 - Harriman Water & Septic System Upgrades (ARPA)

Construction

The contractor has installed the underground portion of the Large Soil Absorption System (LSAS) which has been inspected and passed. Installation of all valves have been completed. Asphalt has been patched and sidewalks are ready to be poured. A new well has been installed by the Visitor Center and the old well is being re-furbished. Sewer repairs will be completed at Cattle Foremans, Ranch Office, and Cookhouse.



Harriman new drain field

3601248 – Harriman New Welcome Center (Surplus)
The project is under design with the building location chosen and the schematic design phase completed.

Design

3601249 – Harriman Honeymoon Hotel Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof, and bat abatement completed. Bats have moved into their new condos outside the building. Interior completed in September 2024. Re-wiring to be completed by August 2025.

Construction

36012423 -Harriman Dike and Culvert Repairs Construction for culvert and headgate repair at Silver Lake to begin Fall 2025. Golden Lake Repair is in the permitting process. Bidding

360232 – Henrys Lake Sewer Connection (ARPA) See project 360233.

Design

360233 - Henrys Lake Campground Expansion (ARPA)

Construction

The contractor has finished construction for the year. Excavation and fill are near completion and underground utilities are in place. The project will be completed next spring. Vault toilets are on site and will be installed next spring.



Henrys Lake Campground Expansion

3602241 – Henrys Lake Boat Ramp Replacement (Surplus) Design team is looking at construction options to repair the boat ramp.

Design

360431 – Ashton-Tetonia Trail Upgrades (EDA)

Construction

Trail project is under contract. Contractor graded and rolled the trail from Tetonia to Hwy 33. EDA has approved all documents. Construction to start spring 2026 and be completed summer 2026.

360432 – Ashton-Tetonia Visitor Center (Surplus)

Construction

Service Contractor completed, bathroom remodel, concrete ramp replacement, office remodel, HVAC replacement and reroof. Visitor Center opened in September. The contractor is finishing installing bollards around the Visitor Center with the Fire Marshalls instructions. Regional Maintenance crew will install shed when procurement is complete.

300036 – Ashton-Tetonia Trail Bridge Inspections & Repair (ARPA) Construction All historic bridge work has been completed and passed inspection with repairs including tightening of deck, railings, installation of expansion joints, piers and abutments poured.

360513 – Land of Yankee Fork General Rehabilitation (Surplus) Structural Engineer team surveyed structures in July 2023. Structural report was received and initial work is complete to shore up the Dryer building and Stamp Mill. Summer 2024 reroofs have been completed for the stamp mill, dryer building, caretakers building, pyramid roof house and green house. Contractor has completed repairs on the Stamp Mill.

Construction



Bayhorse Stamp Mill

360531 – Land of Yankee Fork Camping Improvements (ARPA)

The design team has completed master plan concepts for the park. Currently working with the engineer to define the water and sewer upgrades. Paving repairs have been made to the main entrance road to the park in May.



LOYF Entry Road Paved

3605251 – Land of Yankee Fork Bayhorse Bridge Replacement (ARPA)
Design updated to remove pressure treated wood as requested by BLM environmental review. Received ROW permit from BLM. Construction will be scheduled pending permit approval.

Design

☐ IDAPA RULE	☐ IDAPA FEE	☐ BOARD ACTION REQUIRED
☐ BOARD POLICY	☑ ı	NFO ONLY, NO ACTION REQUIRED

AGENDA ITEM
Idaho Park and Recreation Board Quarterly Meeting
November 4, 2025
Twin Peaks Guest Ranch
199 Twin Peaks Ranch Road
Salmon, ID 83467

AGENDA ITEM: FY 2026 1st Quarter Financial Reports

ACTION REQUIRED: Information Only

PRESENTER: Steve Martin

PRESENTATION

Attached are the first quarter financial reports for fiscal year (FY) 2026. The information presented reflects an overview of the department's revenues, expenditures, and cash balances along with a summary of the Passport Program. Also included for this quarter is the annual summary of the endowment fund accounts. We have elected to defer withdrawals this year because cash balances in these funds are sufficient to support activities for the next several years.

- Page 2 FY 2026 Financial Statement / Budget Status as of 09/30/2025
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- Page 7 FY 2026 Cash Balances as of 09/30/2025
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- Pages 9-15 FY 2026 Endowment Fund Reporting
- Notes

First quarter revenue for park operations shows a favorable \$1.1 million (24.9%) variance to the same period in FY 2025. This is primarily attributable to timing variances in the receipt of Federal revenue at City of Rocks and concession leases at Eagle Island (see Notes for additional detail). Comparable Passport revenue is up \$49,900 (3.8%) versus FY 2025.

Year-to-date expenditures are up consistent with increases in our budget appropriation. Overall, our ongoing base budget for personnel and operating costs is \$1.4 million (4.8%) higher than FY 2025 (see Notes for additional detail).

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

This item is for information only.

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation FY 2026 Financial Statement / Budget Status as of September 30, 2025

Program/Object	Αp	propriation ¹	Е	xpenditures	End	cumbrances 2	Balance	% Remaining
Operations								
Personnel Costs	\$	20,583,800	\$	5,927,187	\$	-	\$ 14,656,613	71.2%
Operating Expenditures		11,447,900		2,785,410		41,200	8,621,290	75.3%
Capital Outlay		3,269,131		412,970		734,563	2,121,598	64.9%
Trustee & Benefit		26,237,455		3,429,709		10,361,102	12,446,645	47.4%
Subtotal	\$	61,538,287	\$	12,555,275	\$	11,136,865	\$ 37,846,147	61.5%
Capital Development								
Personnel Costs	\$	-	\$	_	\$	_	\$ -	
Operating Expenditures		-		-		-	-	
Capital Outlay		115,167,198		25,383,268			89,783,930	78.0%
Trustee & Benefit		-		-		-	-	
Subtotal	\$	115,167,198	\$	25,383,268	\$	-	\$ 89,783,930	78.0%
Total	\$	176,705,485	\$	37,938,544	\$	11,136,865	\$ 127,630,077	72.2%

1	Αp	pro	priation	Includes:
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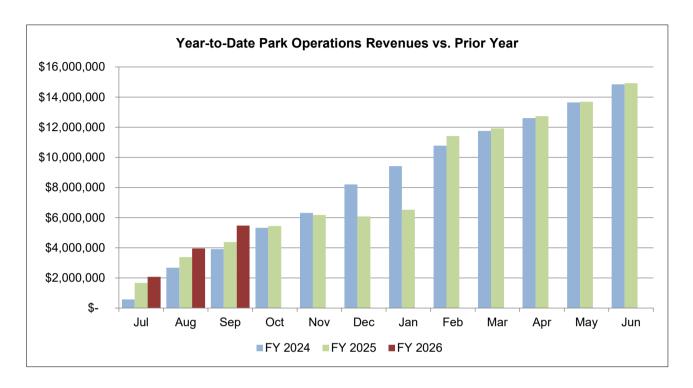
Original Appropriation	57,263,500
ECF Grants	9,881,405
ECF Purchasing	445,381
Capital Reappropriation	109,377,198
Program Transfers	-
Receipts to Appropriation	-
Holdbacks	(127,700)
Reversions	(134,300)
_	176,705,485

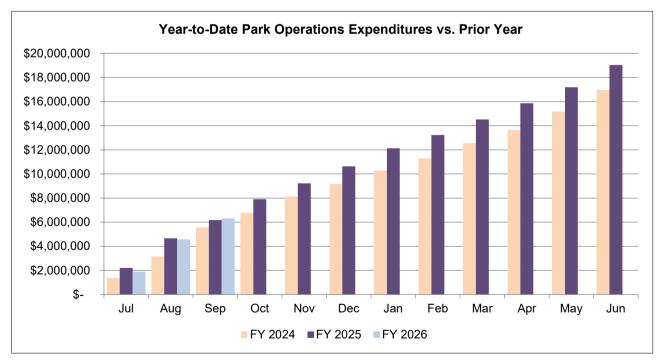
² Encumbrances Includes:

Grant Contract Balances 10,361,102 Open Purchase Orders 775,763

11,136,865

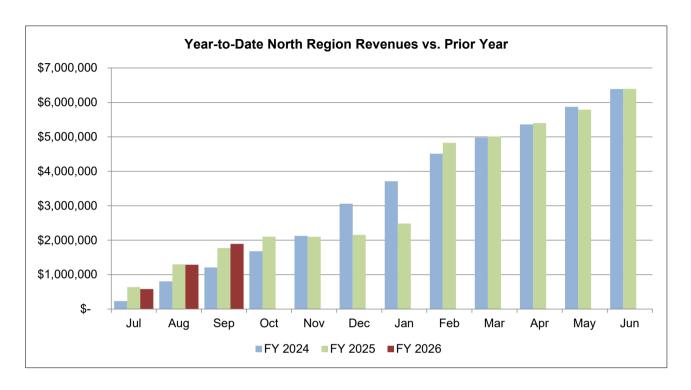
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Park Operations - All Funds Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures September 30, 2025

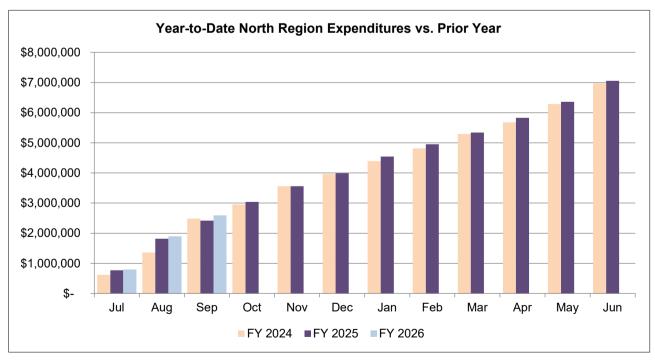




- All Park Operations fiscal year-to-date revenues are up \$1.1 million (24.9%) compared to FY 2025.
- All Park Operations fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$128,900 (2.1%) compared to FY 2025.

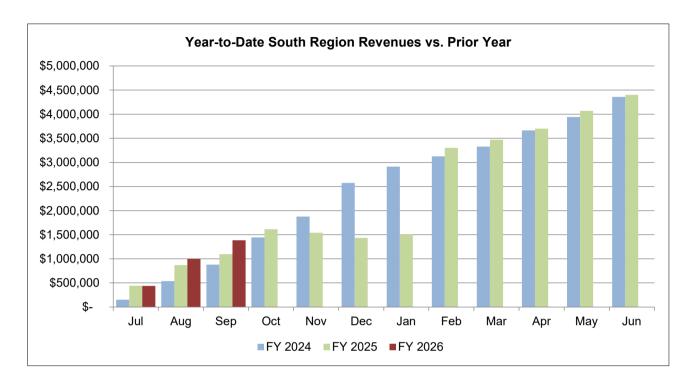
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation North Region - All Funds Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures September 30, 2025

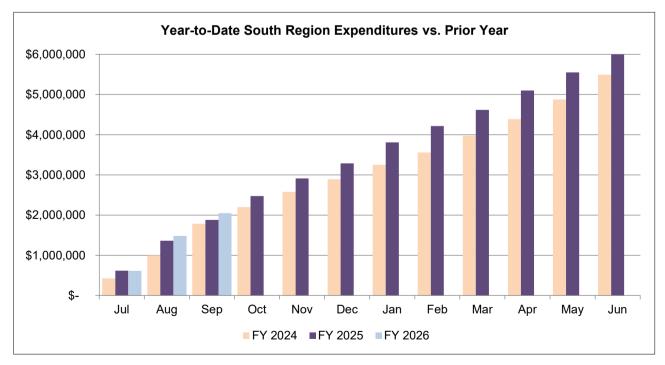




- North Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are up \$121,400 (6.9%) compared to FY 2025.
- North Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$174,100 (7.2%) compared to FY 2025.

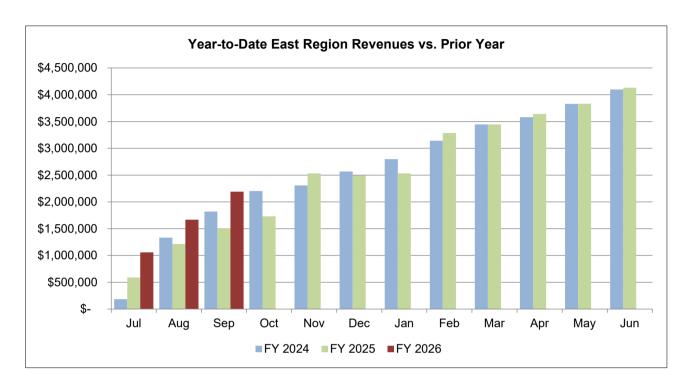
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation South Region - All Funds Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures September 30, 2025

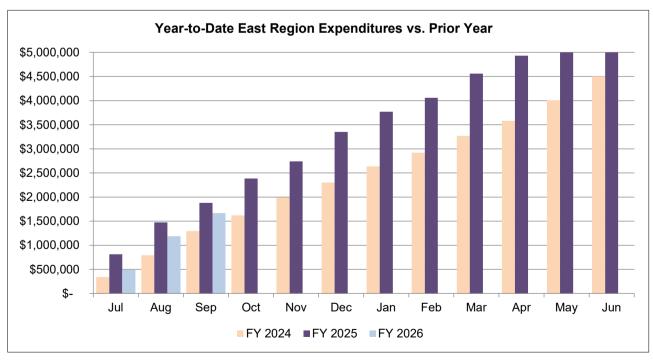




- South Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are up \$289,900 (26.5%) compared to FY 2025.
- South Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$167,600 (8.9%) compared to FY 2025.

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation East Region - All Funds Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures September 30, 2025





- East Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are up \$679,500 (45.0%) compared to FY 2025.
- East Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are down \$212,800 (-11.3%) compared to FY 2025.

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Statement of Cash Position By Fund - FY 2026 as of September 30, 2025

		Beginning	Cash	Cash	Cash	Gr	ants / Capital	Uı	nobligated
Fund	Description	Balance	Inflows	Outflows	Balance	(Obligations	Fu	nd Balance
12500	Federal Indirect Cost Recovery	\$ 48,668	\$ 239,040	\$ (188,331)	\$ 99,377	\$	-	\$	99,377
24300	Parks and Recreation Fund	89,621,383	12,809,142	(22,772,300)	79,658,224		63,880,866		15,777,358
24302	Parks & Rec - Registration Administration	6,076,465	1,597,573	(2,518,208)	5,155,830		-		5,155,830
24303	Parks & Rec - Sawtooth License Plate	2,472	38,638	(38,638)	2,472		-		2,472
24304	Parks & Rec - Cutthroat Wildlife Plate	114,929	45,625	-	160,554		-		160,554
24305	Parks & Rec - Mountain Bike	298,985	21,438	(19,594)	300,829		3,535		297,294
24701	Recreational Fuels - Capital Improvement	3,541,765	448,956	(194,824)	3,795,896		2,655,226		1,140,670
24702	Recreational Fuels - Waterway Improvement	3,069,866	448,956	(237,332)	3,281,490		678,396		2,603,094
24703	Recreational Fuels - Off-road Motor Vehicles	4,505,179	448,956	(390,996)	4,563,139		841,521		3,721,618
24704	Recreational Fuels - Road & Bridge	2,511,720	233,833	(63,859)	2,681,694		1,095,389		1,586,305
24706	Recreational Fuels - Administration	179,066	290,812	(202,212)	267,666		-		267,666
25001	Registration - State Vessel	-	-	-	-		-		-
25002	Registration - Cross Country Ski	257,939	283	(1,498)	256,724		-		256,724
25003	Registration - Snowmobile	1,976,447	818,912	(1,761,238)	1,034,122		-		1,034,122
25004	Registration - Motorbike	2,413,937	-	(432,871)	1,981,066		100,792		1,880,274
25005	Registration - Recreational Vehicle	30,175,450	2,533,698	(2,031,500)	30,677,648		8,708,829		21,968,819
25006	Registration - State Avalanche Fund	94,291	-	-	94,291		-		94,291
34000	Federal ARPA ¹	1,298,750	-	(19,664)	1,279,086		2,795,486		(1,516,400)
34430	Federal ARPA - SLFRF	20,553,519	-	(11,769,676)	8,783,842		8,439,818		344,024
34800	Federal Grant Fund ¹	2,299,116	4,195,167	(4,278,887)	2,215,395		7,615,778		(5,400,383)
34900	Miscellaneous Revenue	3,251,038	-	(83,611)	3,167,426		1,588,426		1,579,001
41001	Enterprise	7,600,185	969,067	(605,159)	7,964,092		58,849		7,905,243
49601	Expendable Trust - Park Donations ²	491,584	28,063	(5,503)	514,144		-		514,144
49602	Harriman Trust	1,456,708	74,284	(99,169)	1,431,823		184,422		1,247,401
49603	Park Land Trust	3,527,349	36,103	(17,755)	3,545,697		497,698		3,047,999
49605	Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes	 651,218	34,686	(33,638)	652,266		-		652,266
	Total	\$ 186,018,028	\$ 25,313,228	\$ (47,766,464)	\$ 163,564,793	\$	99,145,032	\$	64,419,762

Notes: ¹ Federal Grant Fund is a borrowing limit and does not represent department cash

²0496.01 Includes State Trust Outdoor Recreation Enhancement (STORE) Act Funds (see 67-4247)

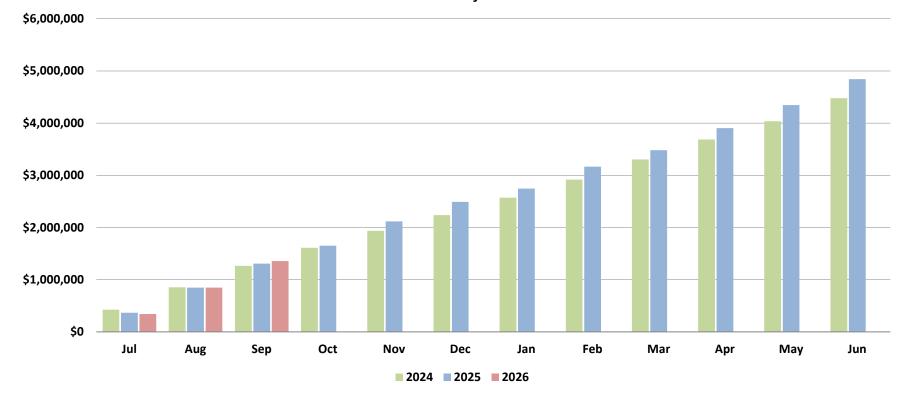
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Passport Program Revenue FY 2026

as of September 30, 2025

	F	Y 2025		FY 2026	lr	ncrease/	%
Gross Revenue	Se	eptember	Se	eptember	(D	ecrease)	Change
1-Year Registrations	\$	176,960	\$	197,300	\$	20,340	11.5%
2-Year Registrations		282,400		311,800		29,400	10.4%
Total	\$	459,360	\$	509,100	\$	49,740	10.8%
Transactions							
1-Year Registrations		17,696		19,730		2,034	11.5%
2-Year Registrations		14,120		15,590		1,470	10.4%
Total		31,816		35,320		3,504	11.0%

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FY 2025	FY 2026		Increase/	%
Y-T-D	Y-T-D	(Decrease)		Change
\$ 534,500	\$ 537,930	\$	3,430	0.6%
772,420	818,860		46,440	6.0%
\$ 1,306,920	\$ 1,356,790	\$	49,870	3.8%
53,450	53,793		343	0.6%
 38,621	40,943		2,322	6.0%
92,071	94,736		2,665	2.9%

Revenue Trend by Fiscal Year



Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

Endowment Fund Cash Distribution Statement FY 2026

Ritter Island Endowment Fund

											FY 2026
	Org Cost		F'	Y 2025	FY 2026 Budget		9/	12/25 Cash	Additional Cash		
Fund	CAM	Center	Account	Expe	Expenditures		Allocation		Balance		quirement
49603	34049603237PLT	23071	500 - PC	\$	-	\$	-				
49603	34049603237PLT	23071	676 - OE		4,237		15,000				
49603		13500	789 - CO		-		-				
			Total	\$	4,237	\$	15,000	\$	220,865	\$	(205,865)

Balance as of June 30, 2024		FY 2 Withd		FY 20	25 Fees		lance as of ne 30. 2025	FY 2025 stment Gain
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\$	1,998,421	\$	-	\$	7,073	\$	2,225,458	\$ 234,110

FY 2026 Withdrawal Amount _\$

No distribution requested due to sufficient cash balance for FY 2026 and FY 2027 requirements.

11.7%

11.7%

Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes Endowment Fund

		Org Cost			FY 2025	FY 2026 Budget			/12/25 Cash	_	Y 2026 tional Cash
Fund	CAM	Center	Account	Ex	Expenditures		Allocation		Balance		quirement
49605		21050	501 - PC	\$	17,289	\$	30,100				
49605		21040	500 - PC		119,546		126,500				
49605		21050	676 - OE		27,333		30,100				
49605		13500	789 - CO		-		-				
			Total	\$	164,169	\$	186,700	\$	640,263	\$	(453,563)

В	Salance as of June	nce as of June FY 2025				Ва	alance as of	FY 2025			
	30, 2024	Wit	hdrawal	FY	2025 Fees	Ju	ne 30, 2025	Inve	stment Gain		
\$	4.257.945	\$	-	\$	15.069	\$	4.741.683	\$	498,807		

FY 2026 Withdrawal Amount \$

No distribution requested due to sufficient cash balance for FY 2026 and FY 2027 requirements.



Ritter Island Endowment Fund - Investment Performance Report



Final Report June 30, 2025

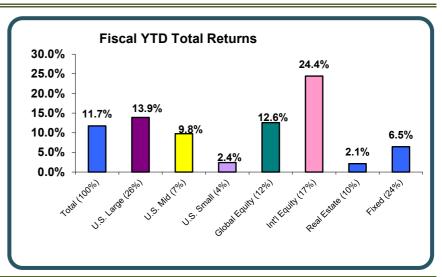
Current Value of the Fund \$ 2,225,458
Investment Change in Market Value Inception-to-Date \$ 1,764,145
Contributions Inception-to-Date \$ 1,000,000
Withdrawals Inception-to-Date (fees & distributions) 538,687

investment inception date September 2007

Gross Returns	Current Month	_			Three - Year	_	_	I-T-D
Total Fund Return	3.4%	8.2%	11.7%	11.7%	11.5%	9.4%	8.5%	7.2%
Benchmark*	3.7%	7.8%	13.2%	13.2%	13.1%	9.7%	8.5%	7.1%

^{*} Benchmark: 49% Russell 3000(R3), 21% MSCI ACWI ex-US (ACX), 30% BBC Aggregate(AGG)

Current Asset A	<u>llocation</u>
Large Cap	25.8%
Mid Cap	6.8%
Small Cap	3.7%
Global Equity	12.2%
Int'l Equity	17.6%
Fixed Income	23.6%
Real Estate	9.9%
Cash	0.4%
Total Fund	<u>100.0%</u>



Endowment Fund Staff Comments:

Financial markets experienced a strong rally in June with the DJIA, S&P500 and Nasdaq all reaching record highs. The surge was driven by progress on the "One Big Beautiful Bill", positive developments with tariff negotiations and the bold move by President Trump to join Israel in the bombing of Iran's nuclear sites. U.S. Treasury yields decreased due to slightly cooler than expected inflation which came in a 2.4%, softening labor markets and declining consumer spending. The Fed held interest rates steady during its June meeting to better understand how inflation and the broader economy will evolve with looming tariffs.



Trail of the CDA Endowment Fund - Investment Performance Report



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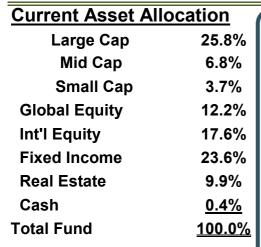
Final Report	June 30, 2025
Current Value of the Fund	\$ 4,741,683
Investment Change in Market Value Inception-to-Date	\$ 3,894,545
Contributions Incention-to-Date	\$ 2 163 600

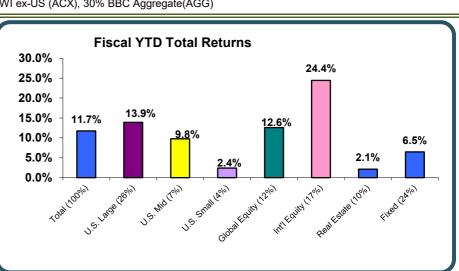
investment inception date June 2009

	Current	Cal.	Fiscal	One-	Three-	Five-	Ten-	
Gross Returns	Month	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>	I-T-D
Total Fund Return	3.4%	8.2%	11.7%	11.7%	11.5%	9.4%	8.5%	8.4%
Benchmark*	3.7%	7.8%	13.2%	13.2%	13.1%	9.7%	8.5%	8.5%

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Withdrawals Inception-to-Date (fees & distributions)





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Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund Investment History

Ritter Island Endowment Fund

Established September 2007

							Actua	als						
	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Principal Contribution (\$1,000,000) Investment Gain / (Loss) Withdrawals (Distributions)	1,000,000 (17,364)	(96,158)	95,041	168,553 (29,100)	29,836 (105,000)	90,201 (26,213)	152,686 (54,000)	27,527 (35,000)	22,437 (25,000)	153,084 -	117,201 (39,000)	121,508 (41,000)	74,021 (44,000)	443,138
Fees	(3,684)	(3,684)	(3,684)	(3,976)	(3,623)	(3,608)	(3,695)	(3,733)	(3,530)	(3,817)	(969)	(2,581)	(6,820)	(7,196)
Market Value (as of June 30)	978,952	879,110	970,467	1,105,944	1,027,157	1,087,537	1,182,528	1,171,322	1,165,229	1,314,496	1,391,728	1,469,655	1,492,856	1,928,798
Gross Annual Return (per EFIB Reports)	-1.7%	-9.8%	10.8%	17.5%	3.3%	8.9%	14.6%	2.4%	2.0%	13.2%	9.0%	8.9%	5.2%	29.7%
Net Annual Return (net of Fees)	-2.1%	-10.2%	10.4%	17.0%	2.4%	8.4%	13.7%	2.0%	1.6%	12.8%	8.8%	8.5%	4.6%	29.2%
Total Annualized Return (XIRR)	-2.1%	-6.4%	-0.7%	3.8%	3.6%	4.4%	5.7%	5.3%	5.0%	5.7%	5.9%	6.1%	6.1%	7.4%
Actual / Desired Distribution				3.0%	9.5%	2.6%	5.0%	3.0%	2.1%	0.0%	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	0.0%
Inflation Factor (CPI-U) as of June 30	218.815	215.693	217.965	225.722	229.478	233.504	238.343	238.638	241.018	244.955	251.989	256.143	257.797	271.696
Annual Inflation Rate	5.0%	-1.4%	1.1%	3.6%	1.7%	1.8%	2.1%	0.1%	1.0%	1.6%	2.9%	1.6%	0.6%	5.4%
Compounded Inflation Rate	5.0%	3.6%	4.6%	8.2%	9.9%	11.6%	13.7%	13.8%	14.8%	16.5%	19.3%	21.0%	21.6%	27.0%
Principal in Constant (FY 2008) Dollars	1,050,218	1,035,950	1,046,484	1,082,072	1,098,712	1,116,256	1,136,979	1,138,217	1,148,190	1,164,525	1,193,241	1,209,726	1,216,183	1,270,097
Market Value Variance to Inflation	(71,266)	(156,840)	(76,017)	23,872	(71,555)	(28,719)	45,549	33,105	17,039	149,971	198,487	259,929	276,673	658,701

(XIRR) = Internal Rate of Return for Irregular Cash Flows

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund Investment History

Ritter Island Endowment Fund

Established September 2007

		Actu	als		Projections							
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031		
Principal Contribution (\$1,000,000) Investment Gain / (Loss)	(242,043)	176,719	213,648	234,110	111,273	116,477	118,446	120,455	122,504	124,594		
Withdrawals (Distributions)	(57,000)		.		-	(69,886)	(71,068)	(72,273)	(73,502)	(74,757)		
Fees	(7,998)	(6,867)	(6,836)	(7,073)	(7,200)	(7,200)	(7,200)	(7,200)	(7,200)	(7,200)		
Market Value (as of June 30)	1,621,757	1,791,609	1,998,421	2,225,458	2,329,531	2,368,922	2,409,100	2,450,082	2,491,884	2,534,521		
Gross Annual Return (per EFIB Reports)	-13.0%	10.9%	12.0%	11.7%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%		
Net Annual Return (net of Fees)	-13.0%	10.5%	11.5%	11.4%								
Total Annualized Return (XIRR)	6.1%	6.4%	6.6%	6.9%								
Actual / Desired Distribution	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%		
Inflation Factor (CPI-U) as of June 30	296.311	305.109	314.175	322.561								
Annual Inflation Rate	9.1%	3.0%	3.0%	2.7%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%		
Compounded Inflation Rate	36.1%	39.0%	42.0%	44.7%	46.7%	48.7%	50.7%	52.7%	54.7%	56.7%		
Principal in Constant (FY 2008) Dollars	1,360,695	1,390,387	1,420,101	1,446,793	1,466,793	1,486,793	1,506,793	1,526,793	1,546,793	1,566,793		
Market Value Variance to Inflation	261,062	401,222	578,320	778,665	862,738	882,129	902,307	923,289	945,091	967,728		

(XIRR) = Internal Rate of Return for Irregular Cash Flow

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund Investment History

Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes

Established June 2009

						Actual	S					
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Principal Contribution (\$2,163,600)	2,163,600											
Investment Gain / (Loss)	176,195	199,265	139,458	194,959	323,831	59,056	49,854	326,572	250,369	257,832	157,773	944,530
Withdrawals (Distributions)		(240,200)	(200,000)	(61,523)	(165,000)	(75,000)	(50,000)	-	(84,000)	(89,000)	(94,000)	-
Fees	(2,472)	(3,679)	(7,644)	(4,315)	(4,492)	(4,522)	(4,121)	(4,738)	(2,069)	(5,502)	(14,537)	(15,339)
Market Value (as of June 30)	2,337,323	2,292,709	2,224,523	2,353,644	2,507,983	2,487,517	2,483,250	2,805,084	2,969,384	3,132,714	3,181,950	4,111,141
Gross Annual Return (per EFIB Reports)	8.2%	9.1%	6.4%	8.9%	14.6%	2.4%	2.1%	13.2%	9.1%	8.8%	5.2%	29.7%
Net Annual Return (net of fees)	8.0%	8.4%	5.7%	8.6%	13.6%	2.2%	1.8%	13.0%	8.9%	8.5%	4.6%	29.2%
Total Annualized Return (XIRR)	8.0%	8.4%	7.8%	8.1%	9.2%	8.2%	7.4%	8.0%	8.1%	8.2%	8.0%	9.4%
Actual / Desired Distribution		10.3%	8.7%	2.8%	7.0%	3.0%	2.0%	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%
Inflation Factor (CPI-U) as of June 30	217.965	225.722	229.478	233.504	238.343	238.638	241.018	244.955	251.989	256.143	257.797	271.696
Annual Inflation Rate	1.1%	3.6%	1.7%	1.8%	2.1%	0.1%	1.0%	1.6%	2.9%	1.6%	0.6%	5.4%
Compounded Inflation Rate	1.1%	4.6%	6.3%	8.0%	10.1%	10.2%	11.2%	12.9%	15.7%	17.4%	18.0%	23.4%
Principal in Constant (FY 2009) Dollars	2,186,390	2,263,389	2,299,391	2,337,350	2,382,187	2,384,865	2,406,443	2,441,785	2,503,914	2,539,581	2,553,552	2,670,201
Market Value Variance to Inflation	150,933	29,320	(74,868)	16,294	125,796	102,652	76,807	363,299	465,470	593,133	628,398	1,440,940

(XIRR) = Internal Rate of Return for Irregular Cash Flows

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund Investment History

Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes

Established June 2009

		Actu	als				Projec	ctions		
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Principal Contribution (\$2,163,600) Investment Gain / (Loss)	(515,694)	376,528	455,210	498,807	237,084	248,138	252,301	256,547	260,878	265,296
Withdrawals (Distributions)	(123,000)	-	-	-	-	(148,883)	(151,381)	(153,928)	(156,527)	(159,177)
Fees	(17,043)	(14,631)	(14,566)	(15,069)	(16,000)	(16,000)	(16,000)	(16,000)	(16,000)	(16,000)
Market Value (as of June 30)	3,455,404	3,817,301	4,257,945	4,741,683	4,962,767	5,046,022	5,130,943	5,217,562	5,305,913	5,396,031
Gross Annual Return (per EFIB Reports)	-13.0%	10.9%	12.0%	11.7%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Net Annual Return (net of fees)	-13.0%	10.5%	11.5%	11.4%						
Total Annualized Return (XIRR)	7.8%	8.0%	8.2%	8.4%						
Actual / Desired Distribution	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Inflation Factor (CPI-U) as of June 30	296.311	305.109	314.175	322.561						
Annual Inflation Rate	9.1%	3.0%	3.0%	2.7%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Compounded Inflation Rate	32.5%	35.4%	38.4%	41.1%	43.1%	45.1%	47.1%	49.1%	51.1%	53.1%
Principal in Constant (FY 2009) Dollars	2,866,218	2,930,459	2,994,748	3,052,499	3,095,771	3,139,043	3,182,315	3,225,587	3,268,859	3,312,131
Market Value Variance to Inflation	589,186	886,842	1,263,197	1,689,184	1,866,996	1,906,979	1,948,628	1,991,974	2,037,054	2,083,900

(XIRR) = Internal Rate of Return for Irregular Cash Flows

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

FY 2026 Q1 Financial Statements

Financial Officer Review Notes

Page 2 - Budget Status Comments:

- 1. Total budget appropriation now includes FY 2026 year-to-date totals including all additions and adjustments.
 - a. Original Appropriation = \$57,263,500 (HB 248 and HB 419) a 35% decrease from FY25 due to elimination of one-time ARPA appropriation and fewer capital projects.
 - b. \$262,000 reduction for 3% General Fund holdback (\$127,700) and unused CEC (\$134,300)
 - c. Capital Development Reappropriation = \$109,377,198 (FY25 carryover).
 - d. ECF = \$9,881,405 for grants. \$445,381 for delayed capital purchases, all approved by DFM.
- 2. PC and OE results are consistent with prior fiscal years, right where we would expect to be ¼-way through the year.
 - a. Combined Management Services and Park Ops
 - i. PC 71.2% remaining is typical for the first quarter as more seasonal money is spent as parks finish up the busy summer season (through Labor Day).
 - ii. OE 73.5% remaining is typical for the first quarter.
 - iii. CO 64.9% remaining is typical as we are busy completing the requisition and purchase order processes for the year.
 - iv. T&B 47.4% remaining is due to the complicated process of loading current year grant projects in Luma. This should be completed in the 2^{nd} quarter.
 - b. Capital Development carryover into FY 2026 was \$109,337,198 (in FY25 it was \$123.1 million).
 - i. \$75.6 million in 24300 from Surplus Supplemental and other previously budgeted capital projects.
 - ii. \$20.5 million was ARPA
 - iii. \$3.9 million in RV projects
 - iv. \$2.5 million in Federal projects (LWCF with RV projects)
 - v. In FY 2025 we had a total of \$52.1 million in expenditures, which must be the all-time record.
 - vi. Y-T-D we are already at \$25.4 million in expenditures, so it looks like we'll break the record again.

Pages 3 – 6 – Park Revenues and Expenditures Comments:

- 1. **Revenue** Total Park is up \$1.1 million (25%) over 1st quarter FY 2025. Revenue should be more consistent entering our 3rd year in Luma, except for some timing variances and new campground openings as noted below.
 - a. North Region up \$121,400 (6.9%) should represent a realistic look at how pricing increases have improved revenue.
 - b. South Region up \$289,900 (26.5%) is attributable to:
 - \$114,000 at Eagle Island which is timing variances for concession lease payments (overdue from FY25 posted in FY26). Camping reservations did not start until very late in September.
 - ii. \$86,800 at Thousand Springs New Campground finally open.
 - iii. \$60,000 at Ponderosa fully open Blackberry camping loop after renovations.
 - c. East Region up \$679,500 (45%)
 - i. \$582,800 at CIRO which is timing variances for annual NPS award.
 - ii. \$77,500 at Bear Lake new campgrounds and out-of-state fees.
 - iii. <\$49,000> loss at Mesa falls due to ending contract there.
 - d. Accounting for significant disruptions including Luma implementation, Brandt implementation, some significant price increases, and construction disruptions over the past three years our revenue has been remarkably resilient.
 - i. \$14.4 million in FY 2023
 - ii. \$14.8 million in FY 2024
 - iii. \$14.9 million in FY 2025
 - e. Passport revenue is up \$49,900 or 3.8% versus FY25. We had our first month(s) ever over \$500,000 in sales August and September.
- 2. Expenditures FY 2026 Park OPS Base PC up \$1.4 million (7.2% higher than FY 2025) 5.0 new FTPs, CEC, health benefits, and additional \$309,000 for FTP wages and OE up \$83,400 (0.7% higher than FY 2024 following General Fund holdback). Total PC and OE is a combined \$1.4 million (4.8%) higher than FY 2025.
 - a. So, being up only \$128,100 (2.1%) is lower than we would expect. This is primarily attributable to the offset on Capital Outlay in the East Region (see below) and the delay in implementing the additional \$309,000 in PC wages.
 - b. Base PC Increase by Region
 - i. NR (1 FTP) total increase pending additional wage increase.
 - ii. SR (1 FTP) total increase pending additional wage increase.
 - iii. ER (3 new FTPs and 2 additional FTPs transferred) total increase pending additional wage increase.
 - iv. Increases include CEC and health benefit cost changes (\$1,130 per FTP).

- c. OE Expenditures by Region
 - i. NR down \$9,200 (-1.1%)
 - ii. SR \$8,200 (1.5%)
 - iii. ER \$51,300 (13.1%)
- d. CO Expenditures significantly lower due to timing variances of Capital Outlay for East Region maintenance shop and equipment, \$820,000 that was originally budgeted in FY 2024 carried over into FY 2025 and was finally delivered and paid in FY 2025. No equivalent CO is budgeted in FY 2026.
 - i. Overall ER CO is down 376,900 (-100%).
- 3. Fund Balance Analysis No changes to significant funding sources for parks.
 - a. Grants / Capital Obligations equal the total ECF approved for FY 2026.



Human Resources Report November 2025 Board Meeting

Jennifer Quinno-Miller – Human Resource Officer

East Region Meeting/Awards and Certificates

In early October, the team traveled to and participated in the East Region Meeting, hosted at the new park property just outside of Salmon, Idaho. The team very much appreciates and enjoys participating in the region meetings and we love to take every chance we get to meet and spend time with staff.

We are also happy to report that at this year's region meeting, Director Buxton presented awards to the recipients of our newly reinstated IDPR Annual Awards. Traditionally these awards have been presented every year, but through Covid and many other changes and transitions, this program lapsed. Through lots of feedback and inquiries it was evident that these awards were meaningful and missed so we committed to bringing them back this year. It was decided that one of each award would be handed out in each region, and then there would be an additional award of a Statewide Ranger. Certificates of merit were also presented to those who were nominated for the award. Recipients of the **East Region** awards this year included:

Certificate of Merit

Ruth Elmakiss – Seasonal Office Staff, Land of the Yankee Fork Henry Tromba – East Region Trail Ranger, East Region Trails Ethan Lawrence – East Region Trail Ranger, East Region Trails Nathan Powers – Construction Manager, East Region Development

Volunteers in Parks

Rob King – Volunteer, Lake Walcott

Excellence in Interpretation

Sophia Bates - Interpretation Ranger, Castle Rocks/City of Rocks

Beth Durham Award

Brad Gilmer – Rec. Site Maintenance Foreman, East Region

Ranger of the Year

Amy White – Ranger, Bear Lake

Director's Award

Joyce Storey – Administrative Assistant, East Region

We look forward to presenting awards to the other regions and headquarters staff at the upcoming meetings. We are happy to have this program back and hope it assists in showing how much employees and volunteers are appreciated for the outstanding work they do.

Workers' Compensation Review

We recently met with the State Insurance Fund (SIF) to review our usage and claims, which provided valuable insights and data for the agency to consider going forward. Over the past year, we have placed significant emphasis on return-to-work efforts, ensuring that employees are offered light-duty or modified work as soon as possible and whenever feasible. This proactive approach has allowed us to minimize time-loss payments, which so far this plan year are nearly zero.

While our time-loss (indemnity) payments remain low, our overall number of claims and associated medical costs have been higher this year, resulting in an increased experience modification factor, which can lead to higher premiums. Fortunately, all State agencies are covered under a single plan, so we benefit from being grouped with agencies that have very few workers' compensation claims, keeping our premiums relatively low overall.

However, this does not change the fact that we have experienced several significant injuries this past year, highlighting the continued importance of safety and training. The majority of these injuries, and the highest-cost claims, have involved the back, legs, and wrists/hands. The leading causes of injury were overexertion and transportation-related incidents involving motorized vehicles such as UTVs, snowmobiles, and dirt bikes.

Looking ahead, an increased focus on safety and proper training will be critical. Our immediate goal is to invite SIF to our January Managers' Meeting to lead a supervisor-focused safety course, providing managers with additional tools and guidance to emphasize safety during onboarding and day-to-day operations. In addition, we have requested an additional FTE and funding in the upcoming budget for a dedicated Safety and Training Coordinator position, which would significantly strengthen our efforts. Currently, no employee has primary responsibility for safety and training, leaving this important area underserved. We remain hopeful that this position request will be approved in the upcoming budget and legislative session.

Employee Engagement Survey – Summary Results 2025

The agency conducted its third Employee Engagement Survey in 2025, marking the second consecutive year using consistent questions, allowing for meaningful year-over-year comparisons. Of the 177 employees invited to participate, 151 completed the survey, resulting in an 85% participation rate, an improvement from 77% in 2024.

Key Strengths

Overall, employee sentiment remains highly favorable in several areas reflecting organizational mission, values, and engagement.

- **Government Accountability** received the highest score, with **89% favorable responses** and only **2% unfavorable**, indicating strong pride in the agency's positive impact on Idaho's citizens.
- Living the Values achieved an 83% favorable rating overall. Within this category:
 - Belief in Agency Values was particularly strong at 92% favorable and less than 1% unfavorable.
 - Manager Behavior Consistent with Agency Values rated 75% favorable and 12% unfavorable, showing alignment between leadership and organizational culture.
- Intent to Stay scored 81% favorable, suggesting strong employee retention outlooks.

- Engagement also rated 81% favorable and 5% unfavorable, with particularly high marks for:
 - Work provides a feeling of personal accomplishment 88% favorable
 - o Recommending the agency as a great place to work **85% favorable**
 - Feeling proud to work for the agency 70% favorable

Areas for Improvement

While the majority of employees report positive engagement and value alignment, several areas emerged as opportunities for growth:

- Pay and Benefits received the lowest ratings, with only 33% favorable and 38% unfavorable— the only category where unfavorable responses outweighed favorable ones.
- Experience vs. Expectations was 36% favorable and 13% unfavorable, with a notable 52% neutral response, suggesting uncertainty or mixed perceptions among employees about how their experience compares to initial expectations.
- Survey Follow-Up remains a concern, with only 37% favorable and 26% unfavorable. More than one-quarter of respondents expressed doubt that meaningful follow-up will occur based on survey results, highlighting an important area for leadership focus.

Conclusion

The 2025 Employee Engagement Survey indicates a generally positive and committed workforce that believes in the agency's mission and values. Employees express pride in the agency's work and report high engagement and intent to remain. However, continued attention to compensation and benefits, managing employee expectations, and demonstrating visible follow-up actions from survey feedback will be critical to maintaining and improving engagement levels in future surveys.

Lupe Arteaga - HR Business Partner III

Below are the recent hires made. You will notice that some employees are highlighted in different colors. This is to emphasize the mobility within our agency, illustrating that commitment and dedication to IDPR can lead to growth opportunities, whether through seasonal or permanent roles.

Those highlighted in yellow are seasonal employees who were promoted to permanent, classified positions.

Those highlighted in green are permanent, classified employees promoted to other positions.

Those highlighted in blue are permanent, classified employees who laterally transferred or accepted a voluntary demotion to other locations.

EAST REGION			
Ranger	Bear Lake State Park	Vacant	
Ranger	Castle Rocks State Park	Vacant	
Ranger	Twin Peaks	Vacant	
Rec Site Maint Foreman	Castle Rocks State Park	Bryce Packer	09/14/25
Ranger	Land of the Yankee Fork	Johnny Cox	10/20/25
Ranger	Land of the Yankee Fork	Kris Greene	10/27/25
P&R Manager 2	Twin Peaks	Zack Grogan	11/02/25

HEADQUARTERS

Public Information Officer, Senior	Headquarters	Vacant	
Public Information Specialist	Headquarters	Sawyer Crenshaw	<mark>08/29/25</mark>
ATV Equipment Operator (Trail Ranger)	Headquarters	Kody Shay	09/29/25
NORTH REGION			
Ranger	Old Mission State Park	Vacant	
Ranger Ranger	Old Mission State Park Heyburn State Park	Vacant Vacant	
3			09/15/25
Ranger	Heyburn State Park	Vacant	09/15/25 10/12/25

SOUTH REGION			
P&R Manager 3	Lake Cascade State Park	Vacant	
P&R Manager 3	Eagle Island State Park	Vacant	
Utility Craftsman	South Region	Vacant	
Ranger	Lucky Peak State Park	Nels Rasmussen	09/29/25
State Park Regional Manager	South Region	Johannes Giessen	10/26/25

Patricia Hendrickson, Volunteer Services Coordinator

As we wrap up the 2025 season, it's officially timesheet-palooza! They're rolling in fast and getting logged just as quickly. I'll have accurate numbers ready to share at our next board meeting.

Looking ahead to 2026, we've made some smart upgrades to the digital Host agreement to address a few challenges from this year and generally boost efficiency. We're also excited to transition from Smartsheets for Business to Enterprise Smartsheets—big things ahead! That said, we're holding off on launching our 2026 forms until we get clarity on any upcoming changes so we can plan accordingly.

Host applications for 2026 are already arriving daily. We're reviewing them and forwarding matches as they come in, momentum is strong!

In the field, the Volunteer Program teamed up with HR and the Non-Motorized Trails Program, plus 32 stellar volunteers, to split and stock firewood at all six yurts in the Idaho City trails system. Mission accomplished!

On the outreach front, the Volunteer Services Coordinator and HR team have been delivering fun, engaging, and informative presentations—first at the East Region Meeting, and soon at the North/South Region Meeting.

And finally... welcome to the Volunteer Program "slow season." Just kidding—it's anything but slow around here!









Communications Report July – August – September 2025 Susan Buxton, Director

The Public Information Office (PIO) position was vacant for majority of the quarter. The Communications Specialist position was filled in September and Sawyer Crenshaw, who previously was the social media intern for IDPR, was hired for the role. Sawyer, Administrative Assistant Alyssa Leavitt, and Registrations and Reservations Administrative Assistant Johnathan Sennett have managed public record requests, media inquiries, website updates, press releases, social media, and communications support to IDPR staff.

Social Media

Park staff continued to manage their own social media pages. Sawyer helped park staff with content and media management. Collaboration with Nelson Treehouse Company for the treehouse construction at Round Lake State Park continued to have high social media interactions. Video and photo viewing has increased on all platforms.

Facebook July 1 – Oct 1

207k views (34.42% increase from the previous quarter)
250k interactions (27,678% increase from the previous quarter)
814 new followers
560,252 non-followers reached

Instagram July 1 - Oct 1

158.2k views (3,758% increase from the previous quarter)

- 2.4k interactions (1,459% increase from the previous quarter)
- 1.5k new followers
- 2.7k non-followers reached

Website

Park staff now have the capability to make minor updates and upload event information directly to the IDPR website. This functionality was developed and approved by ITS to enable timely public communication at the park level. The added flexibility has significantly supported staff operations.

Following the completion of Phase 1 of the mandatory ADA compliance updates for the website, the interim communications team continued collaborating with both park and recreation staff to refine web content. Website editing access has been delegated to regional administrative assistants from the North, South, and East regions, as well as to the Boating Program Coordinator, Non-Motorized Program Coordinator, and OHV Training Coordinator.

This structure provides balanced representation—three from Parks and three from Recreation—allowing each bureau to manage content according to its specific needs. It also helps alleviate the communications workload during the absence of a Public Information Officer. All six designated representatives have received training and are successfully managing their assigned responsibilities.

Media Relations/Press Releases

Sawyer has fully assumed media relations and press release duties. Alyssa attends weekly meetings with Emily Callahan from the Governor's Office with other state department PIOs.

Public Record Requests

Alyssa works closely with Deputy Attorney General Joy Vega to respond to public record requests with the appropriate information.

America 250

Three Island Crossing State Park held an America 250 celebration for the 25th anniversary of their Oregon Trail History and Education Center. Approximately 200 people attended. 16 volunteer groups showcased static and interactive historical displays, provided musical entertainment, participated in the ceremony, and set up booths for the public to enjoy. Ranger Cardona prepared a seafood boil for all attendees.

Harriman State Park hosted their annual Harriman Ranching Days, at which approximately 100 people attended. This event celebrated the ranching history and culture of Idaho.

Bruneau Dunes State Park changed their traditional observatory programs to share the history of space exploration during the month of September. The programs were at capacity or near capacity every evening.

September 5 – Birth of NASA

September 6 – John Herrington, first Native American astronaut, gave 3 programs

September 12 & 13 – Unmanned Missions

September 19 & 20 - Manned Missions

September 26 & 27 – Space Telescopes

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – KEITH JONES

Mission

Help protect and enhance the natural resources of Idaho State Parks.

Goals

- Assist parks with forest and/or land management activities that promote resource health and safety, while meeting the objectives of the park.
- Assist parks with weed control efforts.
- Help parks with wildfire hazard mitigation.
- Develop a working network with natural resource professionals, partner agencies, and organizations that will benefit IDPR.

Quarterly Program Report

- Working with Harriman Park management and the grazing contractor for the Sheridan unit at Harriman State Park to improve the grazing lease on the unit, to include enhancing forage and habitat on the site.
- Coordinated with IDL to secure funding for a prescribed burn, pre commercial thinning and hazard fuel mitigation work on past Ponderosa Pine restoration thinning project areas. This will be approximately \$60k from the IDL shared stewardship program to help with these projects.
- Update for the Ponderosa pine restoration project in Ponderosa State Park: Residual slash piles from last winter's thinning will be burned this fall by Park staff. This project addressed the overstocked and grand fir dominated stand to the north of the water tower. This project treated approximately 65 acres with the same prescription as the adjacent MeadowMarsh II sale in the park, removing most of the shade tolerant Grand fir, and restoring the stand to its historic, pre fire suppressed stand composition of Ponderosa Pine, Larch, and Douglas fir.
- Working with IDL to set up a timber sale at Heyburn State Park to address an
 overstocked and overmature stand that is exhibiting extensive root rot. This
 will be a 125-acre project to improve stand resilience and durability, removing
 root rot susceptible species and freeing up resources favoring the Larch,
 Ponderosa Pine and Western white pine on the site.
- Set up a minor maintenance project to finish clean-up of logging debris and stumps in the Lionhead unit at Priest Lake state Park. This project removed 90% of the decadent and rotting overstory in the campground and around the shop that posed an alarming risk to visitors and staff.

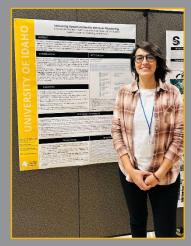
- Completed an extensive herbicide treatment at Eagle Island State Park to address the proliferation of Poison hemlock. We plan to release biological controls (bugs) next spring to help slow the spread of several other particularly invasive terrestrial weed species in the park, as well as researching the potential of using prescriptive livestock in select areas.
- Working with IDL to set up two direct sales at Farragut State Park to reestablish the safety corridor along hwy 54 through the park, while also removing trees for the Hwy 54 crossing project and new central entrance footprint into the park.
- Working with Dworshak State Park staff and the ACOE to address creating fuel breaks, defensible space, and road clearance in and around the Freeman Creek unit.
- In cooperation with IDL, IDFG, and Winchester Lake state park staff, we are continuing to conduct hazard fuel treatments along the trail system and pre commercial thinning in previously treated stands in the park to facilitate prescribed fire projects in the future.
- Park staff and I will be burning slash piles from a forest resilience project at
 Farragut. In addition to addressing density concerns, this project helped to
 facilitate the new forestry contest stations and open a new day use opportunity
 for Farragut State Park. The project removed approximately 500,000 board feet
 of overstocked mostly shade tolerant trees, creating a more open stand that will
 support seral species in a less competitive environment, promoting vigor and
 resilience of the remaining trees.
- Work with Park management to identify and prioritize natural resource infrastructure needs in each park, to be included in developments CIP process. This will be in alignment with the development process and will help maximize collaboration, identify, and allocate potential alternative funding sources for projects, and maximize efficiencies.
- Representing IDPR as a member on the Idaho Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) preparedness committee. This committee is tasked with creating the Idaho EAB response plan.
- Organizing the first in person meeting of the IDPR training committee.



Have data, will travel...



Idaho flooded the zone at the George Wright Society Park Forum in Missoula, MT October 21-23. Amber, Brey, Natalia, Nate, Drs. Engels and Zajchowski all presented research to over 200 international attendees. Highlights from Parks and Recreation Lab research included Dr. Zajchowski sharing the impacts of 2021's Idaho House Bill 93 on campsite access and occupancy at Priest Lake, Farragut, Round Lake, Ponderosa, and Henrys Lake State Parks, Nate Moody presenting guide training priorities expressed by outfitters on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, and Amber Hawes' thesis work on the importance of interpretive themes in park programming. Natalia Jaramillo and Brey Wegandt



literature reviews on public participatory GIS research with Tribes and Antarctic tourism monitoring with drones. Congrats to U of I graduate students for repping Idaho so excellently. While at the conference we were also requested to serve on the Advisory Council for a University of Montana USDA grant application focused on the impact on wildfire smoke to rural economies dependent on tourism and recreation.

Initiatives

We're Hiring!

The Dept. of Natural
Resources and Society is
hiring an Asst/Assoc.
Professor of Natural
Resources and
Environmental
Management. If you know
someone with a Ph.D. who
would be a great fit, please
send them our way.

Outdoor Recreation and Leadership Certificate

Our certificate proposal passed its first committee approval and looks slated to launch in Fall 2026.
Excited to partner with our colleagues in education to bring back an integrated recreation curriculum.



Dissertation Proposal

Shahriar Rahman successfully passed his dissertation proposal on 10/3. Shahriar will explore the impact of wildfire smoke on occupancy at Idaho State Parks using past reservation data to understand impacts on park operations. He will also survey potential clients of guided fishing experiences on Idaho rivers about how smoke impacts their bookings and cancelations to inform Idaho's outfitters and guides.



<u>Leadership for the Future:</u> <u>Directing Investment in Outdoor Recreation for the Benefit of Idahoans</u>

Director Buxton will visit Moscow in November as this Fall's ${\color{blue} \text{Outdoor Innovations}}$ speaker. Her talk will focus on Idaho's unprecedented investment in outdoor recreation infrastructure, guided by her leadership. We hope to have some IDPR folks in attendance, so please join us at the Kenworthy Theatre on $11/18 \ @ 7:00$ pm for this free community event.

Past and Upcoming Park Visits

Park	Date
IDRP Board Meeting Lava Hot Springs and Bear Lake State Park	Sept. 16 – 17 th
NRS 1250 Class Visit Heyburn State Park	Sept. 27 th
Interpretive Inventory Farragut State Park	Oct. 19 th
Interpretive Team Meeting Virtual	Oct. 22 nd
IDPR Board Meeting Virtual	Nov. 4 th
North & South Region Meeting Hells Gate State Park	Nov. 7 th

Heyburn Leaseholder Interviews

As part of *NRS* 1250, 32 undergraduate students visited Nathan Blackburn at **Heyburn State Park** and **Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's** to learn about the new marina, working with the Tribe, and management of leases. Students recently began compiling leaseholder perceptions on future park planning and management priorities as part of their semester-long project.



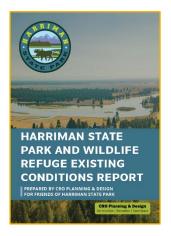
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Initiatives

Harriman State Park Existing Conditions Report

Dr. Zajchowski assisted CRO Planning & Design with finalizing an in-depth look at Harriman's ecology, visitor perceptions, collaborative management, and trail conditions and operations. The existing conditions report will be presented to Director Buxton, Friends of Harriman State Park, and community partners through open houses led by CRO Planning & Design on 11/9-11.



Interpretive Training

A big thanks to Drs. Erin James and Jenn Ladino from University of Idaho's Confluence Lab for offering a free training for IDPR staff – Re-storying Science: Narrative and Emotion in Interpretive Programs. Attendees included staff from Lake Walcott, Winchester, Ponderosa, Round Lake, and numerous other units.





MANAGEMENT SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT

July · August · September Fiscal Year 2026

Management Services Administrator Adam R. Zaragoza

IDPR Mission

Improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship.

Management Services Administrator Primary Functions

- Provide management services staff with the necessary tools to succeed in their jobs and provide leadership and direction for registration, reservations, grants, fiscal and development programs.
- Work with Operations Administrator (Troy Elmore) to identify the needs of the operations staff and assist in meeting those needs.
- Proactively work to meet the Director and Board priorities, projects, concerns and implement the agency's strategic plan.

Administrative Duties

- Focus on supporting the team members and providing them with the tools to do their jobs effectively and enjoy what they are doing.
- Continual review of agency policies, interpretations and where updates may be needed.
- Continual review of parks and where possible expansion opportunities exist.
- Continue to work on various projects for the agency.

MAJOR TASKS AND WEEKLY UPDATES

July 1 to 11

Family Vacation time 😊



July 14 to 18

General administrative duties as needed to support the agency initiatives and staff support. Tour with the South Region construction manager the progress at Eagle Island. Met with the Governor's office and DFM to discuss the draft FY2027 budget. Continued to work on closing or Twin Peaks Guest Ranch.

July 21 to 25

Worked the front half of the week in McCall for meetings with City staff and manager regarding the Kokanee Cove annexation. Met with Ponderosa park manager and reservations manager regarding rental rates and operations of Kokanee Cove. Met with Governor Little, Director Buxton, Board members and Governors staff regarding Twin Peaks Ranch. Reviewed development application for Evian subdivision, met with applicants engineer and provided development comments.



July 28 to August 1

General administrative duties and support with executive staff. Worked from the Idaho Falls regional office during the week. Continued working with human resources regarding the second phase of CEC implementation for staff.

August 4 to 8

Worked remote and took a couple of days off for golf tournaments. Provided general administrative support for the Director and staff.

August 11 to 15

Back to school week and worked at out headquarters all week. Attended the region managers conference call with Ops Administrator. Worked with our legal staff and east region manager regarding the Conant Creek subdivision and request for a crossing easement.

August 18 to 22

Executive staff meetings and support. Prepared the Director for a meeting with Senator Risch regarding LWCF. Spent a couple of days in McCall and attended the monthly contractor meeting, presented at the McCall City Council for the annexation of Kokanee Cove, and, toured the park and construction site with Representative Petzke, Director Buxton and Park Manager Matt Linde.





Kokanee Cove Cabin 6 Interior

Kokanee Cove Cabin 6 Exterior

August 25 to 29

Executive staff meetings and support. Drove to Salmon to continue to work on the closing of Twin Peaks. Met with representatives from DEQ, County Commissioners, Sheriff, Title Company and BLM. The meeting with BLM was to discuss the transfer documents for the housing unit and potable water line.



September 1 to 5

Flew to North Idaho and toured the new tree houses at Round Lake, construction progress at Farragut, the Chatcolet Marina and the TCDA new bike in campground. Construction on all projects were going really well. Spent a morning with the IDL Trust Lands Administrator looking at property on the lake. Returned to Boise and general administrative duties.





Treehouse under Construction at Round Lake

Parking lot preparation at Chatcolet Marina

September 8 to 12

General administrative duties and support. Spent a day at Kokanee Cove at Ponderosa to review the event center flooring with our general contractor. Attended a meeting with the AG's office regarding the Ashton Tetonia trail and the conant creek subdivision. Attended the America 250 kickoff at the capital steps. At the request of the Director, met with Senator Anthon and Grow regarding the Twin Peaks acquisition.

September 15 to 19

General administrative duties and support at the headquarters office and Board meeting week at Lava Hot Springs. No work travel this week and spent the weekend at Pebble Beach.

September 22 to 26

Returned from Pebble Beach with my son knowing we will be attending the Masters in April 2026. Attended the monthly contractor meeting at Kokanee Cove, stayed overnight at Ponderosa. Met with representatives from the Girls Scout Camp regarding the lease renewal for the access.

September 29 to October 3

General administrative duties and support. Continued working with HR and Fiscal Officer regarding any ongoing salary savings and where we could apply those savings to the staff. All emphasis during this week was closing by October 1 the Twin Peaks property, and, taking title to the State's newest state park.

End of Report

RESERVATION & REGISTRATION (R&R) PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT July – August – September '25

RESERVATION & REGISTRATION PROGRAM – SETH HOBBS

Mission

The R&R program proudly supports IDPR's customers. The program's scope of responsibility includes oversight of IDPR's camping resources, statewide retail sales, including permits, and the department's recreational registration program for snowmobiles, boats, and off-highway vehicles. The program also distributes registration funds to communities and other agencies statewide to develop and maintain trails, facilities, and programs for motorized recreation.

Reservation Memorial Day - Labor Day, Year-Over-Year Comparison

IDPR saw a 5.18% decrease in number of reservations made during the peak-season of 2025 from the same period last year. This resulted in 9,614 fewer camping nights stayed, a reduction of 7.34%.

Between 2024 and 2025, our largest decrease in camping nights came from domestic non-residents, accounting for 6,787 fewer camping nights, a reduction of 13.49%. This was followed closely with international non-residents accounting for 3,641 fewer camping nights, a reduction of 65.43%. Our resident camping nights increased slightly by 814 camping nights, an increase of 1.08%.

Reservation Breakdown, Memorial Day-Labor Day

Reservations Total		YoY % Change	Camping Nights Total	YoY % Change
2021	56,556	N/A	139,258	N/A
2022	51,641	8.69%	129,342	7.12%
2023	53,738	4.06%	135,011	4.38%
2024	51,306	4.52%	130,839	3.09%
2025	48,648	5.18%	121,225	7.34%

	Reservations								
	Resident	YoY % Change	Nonresident	YoY % Change	International	YoY % Change			
2021	27,485	N/A	29,025	N/A	46	N/A			
2022	27,839	1.28%	22,662	21.92%	1,140	2378.26%			

2023	29,814	7.09%	22,393	1.18%	1,531	34.29%
2024	28,575	4.15%	20,828	6.98%	1,903	24.29%
2025	29,730	4.04%	18,276	12.25%	642	66.26%

	Camping Nights									
	Resident	YoY % Change	Nonresident	YoY % Change	International	% Change				
2021	68,878	N/A	70,271	N/A	109	N/A				
2022	71,595	3.94%	53,983	23.17%	3,764	3353.21%				
2023	76,532	6.89%	53,812	0.31%	4,667	23.99%				
2024	74,984	2.02%	50,291	6.54%	5,564	19.22%				
2025	75,798	1.08%	43,504	13.49%	1,923	65.43%				

Impacts on Reservations for 2025

Impacts on reservations this year include new reservation system implementation, price increases, Harriman State Park closures for water and sewer upgrades. Dworshak State Park electric loops closed for maintenance upgrades. Heyburn State Park construction closed Chatcolet boat ramp and noise interference at campground. Thousand Springs campground opening 50 sites; Eagle Island campground opening 50 sites. Eagle Island sites opened on August 28th, allowing five days in the reporting period.

Recreational Management System Conversion

R&R staff continue to work with our new contractor to resolve system issues. Working to refine the product is occupying a majority or our staff time. We are working to bring online the following products/locations: Campground at the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes; Kokanee Cove Cabins/Event Center; Peterson Group Camp at Farragut; and the new state park in Salmon.

Group Camp Lottery

2026 season group camp lottery will be held December 01,2025-December 31, 2025, for Lionhead Group camp at Priest Lake State Park and Group Camp 100 and 101 at Bear Lakes State Park.

Registration

Staff is working on offering vessel registration hard cards to our customers. They will be like a credit card with the vessel registration information printed on them. This small, easy to carry, waterproof registration will be offered as an additional purchase for our customers. They have been used in many other states and desired by our customers.

Presales for 2026 summer recreation stickers will begin on November 01st. We will be sending renewal reminders to all customer contacts to encourage early renewal. This will reduce the summer rush for next years stick fulfillment.

OPERATIONS DIVISION QUARTERLY REPORT JUL-AUG-SEP 2025

OPERATIONS DIVISION - TROY ELMORE, ADMINISTRATOR

Mission: To improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship.

Goals:

- To provide leadership and direction for the ongoing daily operations of Idaho State Parks, the IDPR Recreation Bureau, and the Natural Resources Management Program.
- To leverage existing resources to provide staff with the necessary tools to accomplish the mission of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

Administrator's Report

- Participated in two different rounds of South Region Manager interviews. Hired Eagle Island State Park Manager, Johannes Giessen.
- Met with Idaho Department of Administration's Risk Management Division to find way to streamline the proof of insurance requirement process used by the parks for concessionaires, group use permits, and various other events held in our parks.
- Met with City of Eagle to voice our concerns about regulating access to Eagle Island State Park from greenbelt and future development by adjacent landowners. Encouraged visitation but explained the need to charge entry to pay for services.
- Met new United States Army Corps District Deputy, Major Blake Ritchey, at headquarters office. Blake is replacing Major Joe Collier whom we've worked closely with regarding Hells Gate and Lucky Peak State Park.
- Met with members of the Idaho Recreation Council to discuss working together on a statewide Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) agreement with the United States Forest Service. Discussed the progress made with the Nez Perce-Clearwater and Panhandle National Forest for GNA regarding specific projects.
- Met with Lake Cascade Park staff, IDPR Development Bureau Chief, Melanie Schuster, Tamarack President Scott Turlington, and contractors for a pre-construction meeting for the development of the Poison Creek Marina project. Construction has begun with completion anticipated by Memorial Day.





Smoke from the Rock Fire near Tamarack and Lake Cascade State Park's western campgrounds

- Participated in the Idaho Sportsmen and Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation annual shooting clay event in Caldwell. Met with legislators and other agency staff.
- Met with Girl Scouts of Silver Sage CEO Angela Hemingway to discuss the upcoming lease renewal at Ponderosa state Park in 2026.
- Conducted site visit of Girl Scouts of Silver Sage camp in McCall. Toured the leased grounds at Ponderosa State Park and the Girl Scouts property with Dana Gillespie, Camp Program and Property Director. Accompanied by Park Manager Matt Linde and Adam Zaragoza.
- Participated in Kokanee Cove site walkthrough with IDPR staff and construction contractors. Huge progress is being made. Discussed options for winter operations with Matt Linde and Adam. Working on way to provide winter visitation while minimizing impacts to the cross-country skiing operations within the park.





Kokanee Cove construction progress from the inside of the event center and out front of the event center

- Participate in monthly region manager meetings.
- Participate in monthly region park manager meetings.
- Regular meetings with Recreation Bureau Chief and staff.



Mule deer posing for the picture

QUARTERLY REPORT RECREATION RESOURCES BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORTS July – August – Sept – 2025

Boating Program

For the **July-September 2025** quarterly reporting period, these were among the activities of the Boating Program including Boating Safety Program:

- In August, boating program staff successfully completed the National Safe Boating Council's on-water boat instructor training. Staff are now certified and equipped with a nationally recognized curriculum to teach on-water boat operations to the public.
- Staff worked with industry partners in North Idaho to provide boating safety and mindful wake outreach during boat demonstrations.
- Provided boating safety outreach at boat launches around the state.
- Partnered with county law enforcement statewide for 'Operation Dry Water' which is a heightened education and enforcement effort to reduce boating under the influence over the July 4th holiday weekend. 30 boaters were cited for operating under the influence between July and September.
- From July-September there were 35 reportable boating accidents. A breakdown of the incident types is in the table below.

	All				
	Accidents	Injury Accidents		Fatal A	ccidents
	Number of	Number	Total	Number	
	Vessels	of Vessels	Persons	of Vessels	Total
Accident Types	Involved	Involved	Injured	Involved	Fatalities
Capsizing	1	0	0	0	0
Carbon Monoxide	1	1	1	0	0
Exposure					
Collision With Fixed	13	2	2	1	1
Object					
Collision With Vessel	7	0	0	0	0
Fire/Explosion (Non-Fuel)	1	0	0	0	0
Person Departs Vessel	1	0	0	1	1
Voluntarily					
Person Falls Overboard	2	1	1	1	1
Person Struck By	3	2	2	0	0
Propeller/Propulsion					
Unit/Water Jet					

	All Accidents	Injury A	ccidents	Fatal Accidents		
	Number of Vessels	Number of Vessels	Number Total		Total	
Accident Types	Involved	Involved	Persons Injured	of Vessels Involved	Fatalities	
Sinking	1	1	1	0	0	
Swamping	2	0	0	0	0	
Towed Watersport Mishap	4	4	4	0	0	
Unknown	1	0	0	1	1	
Vessel Struck By Another	9	2	3	0	0	
Vessel						
Totals	46	13	14	4	4	

- From July-September 327 people completed Boat Idaho courses.
- In September the program manager attended the annual National Association of State Boating Law Administrators conference. This conference is a valuable opportunity to collaborate with other states and the U.S Coast Guard to continually improve boating safety programs.
- Typically, the notice of funding opportunity for the U.S Coast Guard Recreational
 Boating safety grant is posted in July with an application due date in September. Due to
 much delay and uncertainty at the federal level regarding grant awards, there was
 nothing posted during this time frame. Fortunately, the notice of funding was finally
 posted this October and the state's grant application is due to be submitted in
 December. This delay should not have an impact to the state's Boating Program or our
 county partners.

Non-Motorized Trails Program

The following is a list of activities that have been recently completed by the Non-Motorized Trails Program. These activities are in addition to the routine tasks of answering questions from the public and routine tasks around the office.

- Maintained the Idaho City Backcountry Yurts and surrounding trail system
- Installed new decking at Skyline Yurt
- Hosted two volunteer weekends at the Idaho City Backcountry Yurts with Idaho Trails Association
- Hosted three volunteer wood splitting days at the Idaho City Backcountry Yurts





Elkhorn Yurt wood splitting crew

Hennessy Yurt crew in action

- Partnered with a class at Boise State University to start designing interpretive signage for the Idaho City Yurts
- Presented to the Idaho Mounted Cavalry about the Idaho Centennial Trail
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program Coordinator volunteered on two Idaho Trails
 Association Trips on the Idaho Centennial Trail Fault Lake and Fish Lake







Fish Lake project (left two photos) and Fault Lake project (right photo)

- Applied for an Innovative Readiness Training Program project to maintain the roads around the Idaho City Backcountry Yurts
- Attended a site visit with Rep. James Petzke, Backcountry Horseman of Idaho, Idaho
 Trails Association, and Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation up Mattingly Creek
 Trail
- Worked with the Development Bureau to plan and implement construction of the new Petersen Yurt
- Submitted proposal to add hitching rails and highlines to the Idaho City Backcountry Yurts
- Participated in Highway 21, Boise Forest Coalition, and Greater Boise Recreationalists Collaborative meetings
- Managed and audited the non-motorized trails layer of the Idaho Trails Map to ensure we are proving the most up-to-date information
- Audited the official route of the Idaho Centennial Trail to identify trespasses and worked with landowners to address them
- Worked with the Land Access Coordinator to write advocacy letters for non-motorized trails
- Worked to have a more active presence on social media to share Idaho's beautiful trails, volunteer opportunities, and updates about the Idaho City Yurts

Motorized Trails Program

For the **July-September 2025** quarterly reporting period, these were among the activities of the Motorized Trails Program including the Trail Ranger Program and OHV Education Program:

Trails Program Statewide:

- Attended ITMA (Idaho Trail Machine Association) State Ride, Burgdorf ID McCall Ranger Dist.
- Attended ISATVA (Idaho State ATV/UTV Association State ride held in the South hills Minidoka Ranger Dist.
- Site Visits to Twin Peaks Ranch to recon trail Connectivity and asses' routes for motorized travel from ranch to Forest Service and BLM lands.
- Working with Boise NF Mtn Home RD on potential re-route on William Pogue Trail, potentially constructing late fall with club volunteers.

OHV Education Program:

- <u>71</u> OHV safety classes held, SR 38, ER 15, NR 13
- 321 OHV students trained, SR 177, ER 93, NR 42
- <u>5</u> OHV Train-the-Trainer courses held, SR 3, ER 1, NR 2
- 12 OHV instructors trained, SR 3, ER 2, NR 7
- 81 OHV Accident Forms Collected, SR 36, ER 43, NR 2
- _7,300_ OHV in Idaho booklets distributed, SR 6,000, ER 300, NR -
- _1,000__ Public Outreach Events attended, SR 4, Cassia County OHV Safety Fair, ITMA State Ride, ISA/UTV State Ride, Ride with a Cop, ER – 3, Safety Fair, Youth Group, Search and Rescue Safety Fair, NR –
- <u>1,336,365</u> ATV/Motorbike Facebook page post views (**up** 3,446%)
- 3,822 ATV/Motorbike Facebook interactions (**up** 713.2%)
- 4,501 Snowmobile Facebook page post views (**up** 526%)
- 61 Snowmobile Facebook interactions (**up** 510%)

Trail Ranger Trail Cat Program

East

10 Trail Ranger shifts completed, shift total statistics:

MILES	NUMBER	TREAD	WATER	BRUSH	ATV (MI)	MB (MI)
CLEARED	DOWNFALL	WORK (FT)	BARS	WORK (FT)		
1,127.40	2,541	0.00	77.00	87,981	257.30	870.10

o <u>12</u> Challis_ATV Trail Ranger weeks completed, shift total statistics:

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MILES	NUMBER	TREAD	WATER	BRUSH	ATV (MI)	50+		
CLEARED	DOWNFALL	WORK (FT)	BARS	WORK (FT)				

186.1 564	0	14	17,900	107.5	78.6
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o 12 Cat shifts completed, shift total statistics:

MILES	MILES	DIPS	DIPS	STUMPS/TREES	ATV	Over
RECONSTRUCTED	CONSTRUCTED	CONSTRUCTED	CLEANED	REMOVED		50"
38.1	3.75	191	415	160	52.9	0

South

 \circ <u>2</u> Trail Ranger shifts completed, shift total statistics:

MILES	NUMBER	TREAD	WATER	BRUSH	ATV (MI)	MB (MI)
CLEARED	DOWNFALL	WORK (FT)	BARS	WORK (FT)		
65.10	897	90	47	3,330	0.00	65.10

o <u>11</u> Trail Cat shifts completed, shift total statistics:

MILES RECONSTRUCTED	MILES CONSTRUCTED	DIPS CONSTRUCTED	DIPS CLEANED	STUMPS/TREES REMOVED	ATV	МС
45.54	1.09	310	138	378	46.54	32.62

North

o <u>10</u> Trail Ranger shifts completed, shift total statistics:

MILES	NUMBER	TREAD	WATER	BRUSH	ATV (MI)	MB	(MI)
CLEARED	DOWNFALL	WORK	BARS	WORK			
		(FT)		(FT)			
563.60	3,397	1,138	21	21,119	36.30	543.2	0

 \circ 8 Trail Cat shifts completed, shift total statistics:

MILES RECONSTRUCTED	MILES CONSTRUCTED	DIPS CONSTRUCTED	DIPS CLEANED	STUMPS/TREES REMOVED	ATV	МС
79	2.8	524	333	960	80.8	18.6

ATV Trail Ranger Crew (Statewide)

o <u>5</u> shifts completed, shift total statistics:

ATV		TREAD				BRUSH	ROCK
MILES	NUMBER	WORK	WATER	SIGN	SIGN	WORK	REMOVAL
CLEARED	DOWNFALL	(FT)	BARS	VERIFIED	INSTALLED	(FT)	(FT)
64.70	391	0	0	0	0	29,510	1,600

Land Access Program

For the **July-September 2025** quarterly reporting period, these were among the activities of the Lands Program pursued by the Land Access Coordinator:

• Twenty (20) meetings and field trips were attended with Forest Restoration Collaboratives, State and Federal agencies, and recreation stakeholders.

Policy Status Tracking, Project Analysis, and Official Comments

- For the reporting period, staff submitted formal written comments on behalf of the
 agency for five (5) separate policymaking matters, all NEPA project planning processes
 affecting recreational access in some way. Three comments were direct-to-agency while
 two were communicated through "State Family" intermediary OEMR (State Family
 coordinating agencies are the Governor's Office of Species Conservation/OSC or Office
 of Energy & Mineral Resources/OEMR).
- Typical of the routine and ongoing policy analysis process, a small number of minor NEPA projects, mostly Categorical Exclusions and timber projects, were analyzed but determined not to require comment due to lack of application to recreation access. The number of Projects under comment was reduced over the normal cadence due to USDA's developing guidance to minimize Planning not related to timber harvest, especially curtaining those potentially containing a Travel Management component (i.e. trails, roads). Focus of FS and BLM has been to execute existing sale-ready timber plans at increased scale and pace over planning for current and future recreational needs.
- Executive Orders, and agency Policy changes and Directives continue to flow out of Washington D.C. in volume. These were monitored and analyzed for potential to impact Idaho citizens' interests in recreational access to federal public lands, including:
 - Withdrawal of BLM "Public Lands Rule" (Conservation as an equal Use)
 - Withdrawal of NEPA guidance at USDA Forest Service BLM (simpler planning process, more projects expected to be pursued by Categorical Exclusion)
 - Withdrawal of national version of Roadless Rule (the more-flexible *Idaho* Roadless Rule is retained for now and expected to continue to be in effect)
 - BLM's reconsideration of Minimization Criteria (road density)
 - Possible withdrawal of the 2005 Travel Management Rule (any planning containing TM aspect has been frozen but without a policy directive)
 - Possible ending the pursuit of Travel Management plans on any BLM and FS ground for which Plans have not already been completed

Other Activities

 Assisted Bureau Chief with Twin Peaks Ranch investigation by providing objective information and maps on proximity and quantity of recreational trail and road access opportunities surrounding the property. Identified potential connection impediments and posited solutions to securing motorized access to BLM and USFS ground necessary for the purposes of the intended OHV-recreation-focus this new State Park.

Idaho Trails Mapping Applications (trails.idaho.gov)

- Summer Edition:
 - Over the reporting period, with collaborative assistance of Non-Motorized
 Trail Program staff, 935 route records received one or more updates to
 attributes (e.g. narrative trail information, names, seasonal-open dates) or
 centerline geometry (e.g. trail reroutes; surface roads to trailheads added) to
 improve map quality and comprehensiveness for recreational access.
 - With thanks for a 2025 Fire Season that was much quieter than 2024's, Idaho Trails remained the only known online map service available focused specifically on Idaho, to communicate expeditious Fire Restriction/Closure information updates, merged with accurate recreational trail access and connecting road information, along with automatically updated daily Fire Perimeter information from NIFC to help recreationists make prudent decisions on where to go.

NORTH REGION QUARTERLY REPORT JULY – AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2025

MISSION: To serve North Idaho Park users and recreationists providing them with quality experiences that are safe and enjoyable while managing and protecting the public's investment and natural resources.

GOALS:

- Ensure that all facilities are kept clean and hazard-free.
- Utilize both paid and volunteer staff to man visitor centers and entrance booths to answer questions and sell park permits.
- Patrol parks ensuring user needs, user safety, and resource protection.
- Manage operations and opportunities to ensure quality experience and resources are provided and enhanced.

Primary Issues and Concerns

- 1. Seasonal Staff Shortages
- 2. Minimal budgets with increased fixed costs, and higher use.
- 3. Aging facilities and equipment
- 4. Meeting ever-increasing use and opportunity demands insuring quality experiences.

NORTH REGION SERVICE CENTER – DAVID WHITE, REGION MANAGER

- Participated in the NR & SR Park Manager's monthly Team's Meetings, OPS Region Manager Team's Meetings; USFS GNA North Idaho funding discussions; IRS internal and ITS discussions and training.
- Working as Interim South Region Manager while position is vacant.
- Presented an IDPR N Idaho update to the CdA Chamber Leadership Class.
- Attended Capital for a Day in Orofino; Theresa Perry retirement party MCing and presenting tokens of appreciation.
- Met with CdA Tribe and staff to review and discuss the IDPR/Tribe Chat Marina Agreement.
- Reviewed Park operations and new projects at Hells Gate, Round Lake, Heyburn, Mowry, and Farragut.
- Discussed TOC encroachments involving the CdA Trust with EPA and CdA trust.
- Inspected the Round Lake and Mowry residences on departure of staff.
- Met through Teams with USACOE and staff to discuss development projects and permitting.
- Attended retirement gathering for Ed Moreen, long term EPA employee, who was instrumental in all aspects of the TOC development and Silver Valley cleanup.
- Participated in the CdA Regional Chamber of Commerce Natural Resource Committee Meeting
- Worked with USACOE on the Lucky Peak Lease
- Attended Board Meeting in Lava Hot Springs, assisting with the Marina Moorage Fee Proposal, and toured Bear Lake State Park
- Participated in the SR Manager, Hells Gate Ranger, and Heyburn Assistant Manager candidate interview teams

NR MAINTENANCE CREW – LANNY NEIPERT, MAINTENANCE FOREMAN Dworshak:

• David dropped off the hammer drill for Jake to use

Hells Gate:

• Cut new disc golf sign and had David White deliver to park

Hevburn:

- Leveled gravel and rolled trailer pad, dug ditch for electrical and water, back-filled electrical trench and installed waterline to new trailer pad
- Picked up NR backhoe from Heyburn and brought back to NR
- Picked up Heyburn backhoe from shop in Tekoa and delivered it to park

North Region Office:

- Installed new ice machine in shop
- Scheduled fire suppression testing and fire extinguisher testing with Adv. Fire
- Replaced sprinkler in front lawn and re-adjusted some sprinklers
- Called North Idaho post and pole and ordered new logs for front entrance sign
- Shipped plagues and photo frame to Boise for Theresa perry's retirement
- Took delivery of new F-750 and had trailer brake controller installed
- Completed the annual sprinkler test and back flow test on the fire system, with both passing
- New tires installed, replaced taillight and fixed license plate light on car hauler
- We finished building bulletin board and installed it under front entrance to NR office
- Helped Keith replace belts and cutting teeth on stump grinder
- Replaced old logs at the entrance sign to NR complex; removed plastic signs and the old logs, drilled holes and cut slots in new logs to re-attached plastic signs to backer boards, then reinstalled the new logs and sign.
- Re-adjusted pintle hook on Walton trailer to match new F-750 height

Old Mission/TOC:

- Hung new TOC sign on new TOC shop
- Finished tearing off old metal roof on OM shop, re-insulated shop roof, installed new purlins and sheeted shop roof, and installed new tar paper and new metal roofing on OM shop
- Finished cutting mile markers for TOC and delivered to OM
- Picked up skid steer and auger attachment and helped David Lau dig holes for new traffic counters on the TOC
- Picked up mini ex and dug up irrigation filters and dug new trench to attach waterline from new irrigation pump
- Dug up irrigation line and found leak. Put compression fitting on for repair. Too much pressure from new irrigation pump. RC Worst is adding length of pipe to where break was and reattaching new waterline

Priest Lake:

- Tore down Lionhead group camp shower house building and took debris to log dump
- Tore down Lionhead campground entrance booth and took debris to log dump

OHV/Boating:

• Helped Bailey get 4-wheeler down from loft in OHV shed and replace battery

NR OFFICE STAFF

- Front desk Office Specialist 2 training.
- Assisted with scheduling in-person and Zoom interviews for open Heyburn Assistant Manager position and open Hells Gate and Round Lake Ranger position
- Worked with Fiscal buddies to get invoices and P-Card transactions coded correctly and submitted, helped track down to which park several invoices should be sent.
- Worked with Amanda from Ponderosa to distribute additional Interp Wildlife Viewing Guides, Jr Ranger Guidebooks and Ranger Badges to the NR Parks
- Forwarded inquiries from the IDPR website to the appropriate Park Manager and/or provided answers to the questions myself

- Corresponded with Alyssa over MVEF/Envelope order for NR Parks; distributed the remainder of order that needed to go out to the parks
- Worked with Registration department to document and forward issues regarding registration numbers being assigned wrong on boat transfers
- Participated in IDPR Web Site Teams meeting to discuss changes and updates that need to be made and how to handle information requests from the public
- Worked with Jenny from PL to get notices and information updated on the park website
- Worked with Marcie to get several new vendors set up in Luma to process payments to them
- Working with Joyce to get new/updated Ranger ID cards issued to NR staff who need them
- Began to coordinate the combined Fall NR/SR Meeting with David and Alyssa
- Began working with Mary to get two requisitions submitted for Round Lake
- Printed and mailed out almost 400 letters to the NR and SR Leases with updates to the Moorage Lease Fees
- Working with Lucas, Melanie and park staff to get MM project contracts and documentation completed
 - Process documentation with Nadine to submit for payment to be made to the contractors once projects have been completed
- Complied responses from park managers and staff into condensed report for NR Manger on several quick turnaround suspense's.
 - o NR Parks Minor Maintenance Needs List Update
 - o IDPR NR Grant Number 2025 Spreadsheet
 - o 5yr Facilities Needs FY25-27 Questionnaire
 - o NR Dump Station Information
 - o NR Park Emergency Protocol Spreadsheet
 - Seasonal Hiring Issues Feedback Spreadsheet
 - o Capital Replacement Items FY27 Spreadsheet

COEUR D'ALENE LAKE PARKWAY – LIZ PALFINI, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

• The Parkway is running smoothly. When the weather is good, the visitation is good.

Park/Program Usage

• 16 permits in August (12 Higgen's rentals, 1 for the CDA Triathlon, 1 Bike Ride Event, and 2 Running Events)

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

• Regular maintenance ongoing

Staff Training

• Staff attended the monthly safety meeting.

Park Manager's Narrative

• Reservations for events and shelter rentals are steady for Higgins Point but down compared to previous years.

FARRAGUT STATE PARK – LIZ PALFINI, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Overall customer complaints have been centering around weekend closures. Other complaints are generally about roads; how difficult it is to make a reservation and double pricing.
- Summer was in full swing. Campgrounds are busy but the park has fewer visitors than last year.

Park/Program Usage

• 93 permits (11 weddings, 24 Family Reunions, 1 girls camp, 3 company picnics, 3 company campouts, 13 friends/family campout, 1 youth camp, 13 churches, 6 High School XC, 5 XC Teams, 1 recovery group, 2 girl scout troop, 2 Girl Scout Campout, 1 Army Band, 5 Disc Golf Tournament, 1 YMCA group, 2 trail life group, 1 4H group, 1 boy scout campout)

Program Services

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	93	18,077
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Brig and Jr Ranger Station opened Friday before Memorial Day weekend
- 42 backpacks were lent, 9 fishing poles, 527 Badges, 343 patches, 432 guidebooks

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	9	461
Traditional Interpretation (Brig Tours)	61 days	6,705
Traditional Interpretation	36 days	1,389
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	50 days	3,466
School Programming	7	669
Special Events	13	2,283
Special Events Held Off-Site	2	222

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Hazard trees were removed within campgrounds and along trails and roadways.
- Cleanup and burning for the IDL sale have paused.

Staff Training

• Staff attended the monthly safety meeting.

Park Manager's Narrative

- Visitation was steady this quarter but it's still not as busy as we would expect.
 - o There are plenty of open campsites and very little walk in business.
 - O Canadians are still having a hard time booking and we are helping as many as we can who reach out but imagine there are others who just aren't reaching out.
- Our temporary phones have been replaced with new temporary phones, we still have only one line and no extensions, no individual voicemail, but IT has put us on the VOIP list. We do not have an installation date as of today.
- Construction meetings continue for both Peterson and TML. Both are progressing well.
- We had our DEQ Sewer survey, and Jason Worely is working on its completion and there is significant engineering costs associated with this permit renewal. We expect it will be over \$8000.
- Several lift station pumps are failing and need to be replaced we requested minor maintenance funds to order new pumps and Jason W is working on getting them ordered.
- SHPO came and did an inspection of the Snowberry restroom.
- We completed the 5-yr facility sheet for Nadine
- Our female full-time staff participated in a women's disc golf tournament, and while we did not win, we had a great time participating.

- We hosted the 25th Army Band during their 4th of July concert series at the Brig, it was an all-day event that was very well attended.
- We hosted another employee/volunteer appreciation potluck
- We hosted a Foster Family event on August 30 and had 12 foster families attend as well as several regular park visitors.
- We hosted the "I love State Parks" Girl Scout event and it was successful at both Parkway and Farragut
- Erin and I met with the new Fish and Game wildlife management area manager and toured the site to help him get familiar with Farragut.

DWORSHAK STATE PARK – JOHN SEELY, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The Big Eddy office is open 9am-5pm 7 days a week, until the last week of September.
 - Off season hours began September 20th and are Monday- Saturday 9am-5pm
- The marina store is closed for the season as of September 20th.
 - o Fuel sales are now available by appointment and when the Big Eddy office is open.
- The Big Eddy Lodge is open for rentals year-round.
- The entry station at Freeman Creek is open 8-4:30 Wednesday Saturday.

Park/Program Usage

- Primary users have switched from families and people recreating on the water to hunters and fishermen.
- The traffic count: Jul 2,024 / Aug 1,155 / Sep 1,170
 - o This is the highest number in the past 10 years.

Program Services

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

• August 30th Prairie River Library District put on a nature crafts program

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	1	39
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

Staff Training

• Jake Davis- completed *Crucial Conversations*- 20 hours

Park Manager's Narrative

- The water line project is almost complete. Hydroseeding is scheduled for September 22nd, however the park experienced a broken electrical line that cut power to the lift stations and well pump. This caused hydroseeding to be rescheduled for October 7th as water is needed.
- Power was also lost at all flush toilets and showers at Freeman Creek and the park maintenance shop. Campsites were unaffected. The break is scheduled to be repaired October 8th. The electricians recommended replacing the entire line but are splicing it together to restore power for now.
- The moorage dock, day use dock and 3M docks are all now beached for the season due to water levels.

COEUR D'ALENES OLD MISSION STATE PARK - WILL NISKA, MANAGER

<u>Customer Service</u>

• One seasonal was brought in mid-September after most left at the end of August

Park/Program Usage

- The traffic count: Jul 4,668 / Aug 4,455 / Sep 3,053
- Nearing Wedding- 100
- Immaculate Conception- 400
- Feast of the Assumption- 125
- Matheson Wedding 100

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	4	725
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

- Green River Tours- 32
- Kootenai genealogy- 15
- Pauletta-15
- Allied Group- 40
- Movie Night- 22
- Homeschool Groups 50pp
- Windsong School- 25st
- Harrison elementary- 23st
- Girl Time Getaway Tours 54pp
- Gonzaga University Choir 45 pp
- River City Leadership Academy 30pp
- Home Ed 360–100 pp
- Home Ed 360 70pp
- Road Scholars 30pp
- Windsong School 24 pp
- Landmark Motorcoach Group 26pp
- Harrison Elementary- 35pp
- Luther Latin School 35pp

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	1	22
Traditional Interpretation	8	235
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		

School Programming	11	436
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

• Removed samplings to propagate new Victorian cherry trees.

Staff Training

Park Manager's Narrative

- Irrigation issues throughout the park continue
- Mission Shop renovation (removed all drywall and insulation and replaced) roof was replaced
- AV Equipment replacement project completed
- Re-sealed Visitor Center's Parking lot.
- Replaced ADA Door's Motor System.
- Working on fixing alarm system for Parish House.
- Started getting light replacements for the Museum.

TRAIL OF THE COEUR D'ALENES - WILL NISKA, MANAGER

Customer Service

- One seasonal was brought in mid-September
- Keeping the trail open and clear for users.
- Visitors' needs and expectations are being met.

Park/Program Usage

- Traffic counters were removed for replacement
- The traffic count totals: Jul 19,894 / Aug N/A / Sep N/A
 - \circ Wallace Jul 5,647 /Aug N/A /Sep N/A
 - \circ Kellogg Jul 5,282 / Aug N/A / Sep N/A
 - \circ Enaville Jul 5,445 /Aug N/A /Sep N/A
 - \circ Harrison Jul 3,520 /Aug N/A /Sep N/A

Program Services

- Silver Hoops-2,000
- Bicycle Rides Northwest-250
- Under the Freeway Flea Market-3,000
- CDA Fondo 300

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	4	5,550
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	2	40
Traditional Interpretation	4	84
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		

Special Events	
Special Events Held Off-Site	

Staff Training

Park Manager's Narrative

- Manager attended two encroachment meetings, one in Osburn and the other in Mullan.
- Manager attended campground walkthrough with DEQ and Development
- Manager met with city of Kellogg for event wrap-up conversation.
- TOC Ranger attended a Kids Fair
- Traffic Counters are still being installed

HELLS GATE STATE PARK – STEVE KUSKIE, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Lewis and Clark Discovery Center: open 9:00am 5:00pm, seven days a week, except holidays
- Marina store, operated by Snake River Adventures: opens last weekend in April
- Jack O'Connor Center: open on Tues-Saturday, 10:00am 4:00pm and Sunday, 1:00pm 4:00pm
- The last part of the quarter was hot and dry. The campground was full every weekend with little reprieve mid-week.
- The scheduled closures of watering have served us well this season. We have been able to water sufficiently without disrupting customers already in the loop. Over 250 heads have been replaced, and a mapping effort has connected zones with their control boxes. With this, we have started to restore the automated clocks running things
- Shelter reservations remain strong into September.

Park/Program Usage

- Camper Cabins: Jul-50% /Aug-54% /Sept-37%
- Full hookup sites: Jul-84% /Aug-42% /Sept-94%
- Electric sites: Jul-73% /Aug-77% /Sept-85%
- Basic campsites: Jul-42% /Aug-53% /Sept-48%
- Marina: Jul-90% /Aug-90% /Sept-90%

Program Services

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	28	1,357
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming - Booklets	180	
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

- Irrigation on the south end continues to be balancing act with the available water table.
 - We are coordinating with the Corp on a new watering schedule and are now keeping it at 200 gpm vs 480 gpm, we can run when the table is full.
 - o Things are winding down so there is less demand which is helping.
- We have been able to get a few hazard trees dropped while clearing some widow makers from the canopy.

Staff Training

Park Manager's Narrative

• We brought on our third Ranger in September. It should be a good time of year for onboarding and training before next season. It will be nice to be fully staffed.

HEYBURN STATE PARK – NATHAN BLACKBURN, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Customer service needs centered on assisting customers with camping, cottage and cabin rentals, day use, planned dates for closures, informing the public of maintenance projects, educating customers on park rules and providing maps and directions to the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes.
- Staff informed guests of campsite rules regarding maximum occupancy, extra vehicle policy and quiet hours.
- In the Visitor Center, the focus was on collecting and verifying customer insurance requirements, lease payments, OHV and boat registrations, and other customer needs.
- Customers continue to remark to staff members about what a beautiful, friendly, clean park it is.

Park/Program Usage

- Campsite reservations were full throughout July. RV sites were almost completely full on both weekdays and weekends. Tent sites were mostly full each weekend throughout July in all the campgrounds. Day use remained high all month.
- Visitation in August similar to the previous year with all campgrounds being full on the weekends and RV spots full every day of the week.
- September visitation was steady throughout the park, particularly in day use areas that have direct access to the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes.
- Chatcolet campground closed in September, while Hawley's Landing and Benewah campgrounds remained open and nearly full every weekend.
- Mid-week Benewah campground had about half occupancy of the RV sites; Hawley's Landing remained about three quarters full during the week.
- As day-use areas continued to see overuse, rangers and visitor center staff provided alternatives for parking to access the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes both inside and outside of the park.

Program Services

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	8	316
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit	6	15 +
Other permits		

Program Type No. of Programs No. of Attendees

Experiential Programming	
Traditional Interpretation	
Environmental Education	
Jr. Ranger Programming	
School Programming	
Special Events	
Special Events Held Off-Site	

• Normal operations with no outstanding resource stewardship this month.

Staff Training

Park Manager's Narrative

- The Chatcolet Marina project, the foundation for the store has been completed and the utilities have all been laid. One foot of existing fill was removed throughout the parking lot to lay geo-textile fabric down and three feet of fill was brought in to raise the lot level for proper drainage. Curbs were also poured into the parking lot in preparation for asphalt. Rock filters for the wastewater line were installed. The breakwater for the dock and marina also started to be constructed.
- Staff have seen increased pressure in the wastewater line and are chasing breaks in the Air Relief Vents (ARVs) due to existing pipes not being able to withstand the increased pressure.
- At Mowry, site prep work began for the group camp by clearing trees and brush in the area.
 - o The foundation for the duplex is completed, and crews have started framing

MCCROSKEY STATE PARK – NATHAN BLACKBURN, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Customer Service was focused on vault toilet cleanliness, signage for park and vehicle information, clearing trees from the road for visitor access and guest interaction when maintenance crews could make it up there.
- Questions were answered at Heyburn Visitor Center regarding 2025 use and most stemmed around whether Skyline Drive was passable.

Park/Program Usage

- The traffic count: Traffic counter is broken, and staff are working on purchasing a new one.
- Usage was low during the quarter due to the increased heat and smoke.
- Maintenance crews have been making it to the park as often as they can, usually twice a week.

Program Services

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	70
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		

School Programming	
Special Events	
Special Events Held Off-Site	

• Normal operations with no outstanding resource stewardship this month.

Staff Training

Manager's Narrative (not covered above)

- McCroskey still saw use on the weekends from motorcycle riders and a few campers.
- At the end of September maintenance craftsman, Randy Rausin, winterized the water system at Redtail Campground. Continued attempts to have a camp host at Redtail campground have been unsuccessful due to heat, wind and rural environment.
- Traffic counters are non-functioning and need to be replaced.

PRIEST LAKE STATE PARK – LONNIE JOHNSON, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The store remains open 5 days a week.
- With all staff hired and on both seasonals and volunteers, we were able to provide a better quality of service to the park visitors this quarter, with clean and safe facilities and grounds, plus the store and its numerous flavors of ice cream.
- We have been bringing in new merchandise to the park store, as well as interpretive programs and special events
- Camping reservations ended at Indian Creek on September 30th. Good usage to end of month.

Park/Program Usage

- Dickensheet continues to have campers throughout the week.
- Indian Creek saw good usage on the weekends being almost full and weekdays about one third full.
- The Lionhead campground, group camp and the Schaefer cabin were all closed on September 10th for construction projects.
- All the septic tanks and vault toilets were pumped in August at Indian Creek and Lionhead.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

- Annual 4th of July parade.
- Annual pet adoption day held with SpokAnimal at Indian Creek.
- Experiential program: Fish & Game held a bear talk and bear spray demonstration at Indian Creek
- Environmental program: Seasonal staff lead talk on trees of northern Idaho at Indian Creek

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	1	82
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education	1	14
Jr. Ranger Programming	1	17
School Programming		
Special Events	2	161

Special Events Held Off-Site	

- Staff were able to get sites 115 to 121 open before July 4th at Lionhead campground. This was after the hazard tree removal. Staff continued clearing more sites at Lionhead throughout the quarter.
- A few hazardous trees were removed at Indian Creek.

Staff Training

• Luma training via videos on new site upgrades

Park Manager's Narrative

- We held our annual 4th of July parade at Indian Creek with many campers enjoying the fun activity.
 - o The local fire department came and drove their fire truck in the parade. This event is where the campers get to walk through the campground and wish others a happy 4th of July.
 - We hand out decorations so they can decorate their bikes, self's, wagons, pets and walk through the campground.
 - O Two flag bearers lead the parade one with the American flag and one with the state of Idaho flag. We ask for a veteran to carry the American flag.
- Huckleberries are at an all-time bumper crop. Berries can be found almost anywhere you go.
- The Simpsons had a special anniversary celebration this month at Indian Creek. They have been coming and camping at the park for 60 years. A wonderful memory for all.
- The Vinther-Nelson family celebrated their 125th anniversary of the Vinther-Nelson Cabin on 8-mile Island this month. They used the park for day use parking and shuttled family by boat to the island and back to Indian Creek.
- I nominated one of our camp hosts, John and Sherry and one of our maintenance volunteers Paula Nickerson for an award and they were picked to be on a PBS special of volunteers in Idaho State Parks.
- Ruth the producer and John the camera person from PBS in Boise came and did interviews and followed the volunteers around August 26th and 27th.
 - o I took Ruth and John on a boat tour of Priest Lake on August 27th so they could film Indian Creek and Lionhead campgrounds from the lake, and they also used a drone to get footage.
- Another great pet adoption day held with SpokAnimal at Indian Creek with 3 animals being adopted, 2 cats and 1 dog found their forever home.
- Another reservation season for camping is in the books.
 - We kept reservations going to September 30th at Indian Creek.
- Lionhead campground and group camp closed on September 10th for construction projects.
 - The new kiosk and new shower building construction projects are progressing with concrete poured at both locations before the end of September.
- Winterization of facilities has begun.
- All seasonals and volunteers were gone before the end of month.

ROUND LAKE STATE PARK - MARY MCGRAW, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The visitor center hours were reduced to 10:00 to 3:00 Friday Sunday
- Park staff provided regular updates to phone and web services to keep customers informed of operational changes for the current season.
- Water was turned off during the last week of Sept.

Park/Program Usage

• Park use was steady with day users, Dog walkers, & fisherman. There were lots of campers and we were full on most of the weekends and 3/4's full throughout the week most of the quarter.

• Shelter reservations were being made for the summer months but with the reservation system not being able to make the reservation, it has been confusing for our customers. We are handling these reservations at the park.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	7	335
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Evan though we were short staffed all summer we were able to present 3 programs all were well received. IDF&G presented a Bear aware program and staff presented two Bat programs using the new Bat Box that was put together from the Interp. team funding at the end of last fiscal year.
- There was a wedding at the amphitheater they also reserved shelter for the reception.
- Admin asst. presented a program to a group of homeschoolers.
- There were two other school groups that did their own programs and hiked the trails.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	3	188
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events	1	70
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

• Contractors have been working with the engineers to get DEQ approvals to continue the work in the campground.

Staff Training

- U of I web training: Restoring Science: Narrative and Emotion in Interpretive Programs; Chris Z was the coordinator.
 - o 2 staff members attended (1.5 hrs. each)

Park Manager's Narrative

- The Manager attended meetings with Development regarding campground improvements, treehouses, and the water system upgrades.
 - Construction to install the infrastructure started in the area where the treehouses will be constructed
- Nelson Treehouse construction workers have arrived at the park and have started building the treehouses!
 - o Pete Nelson visit with Scout for social media material
- Blue green algae arrived in mid-September in the lake, we are monitoring it and recording the test results with NOAA.
- Manager worked with a local artist to get some artwork for the treehouses and with a woodcarver that had reached out to us to provide wood cravings in and around the treehouses.
- We stabilized an area along the trail on the south side of the lake that had some serious erosion issues.
- Region crew assisted in fixing the water line that broke in front of the green restroom.

- Suburban propane company has installed the new propane tank; we are waiting for AmeriGas to remove their tank.
- Work to get the backup power to the shop continues, generator and propane tank have been set the final connection should be completed soon.
- Admin Asst. has developed a digital expense ledger to make it easier to record and keep track of park spending.
- Seasonal staff have started departing and leaving to go back to school.
- The UTV Gator had to have the fuel pump, and the fuel filter replaced. We also cleaned out the gas tank to remove the debris that was in the tank.
- The AA1 continues to work with the reservation office to get the reservation system issues corrected.
 - o The wireless CC readers to use with the tablets have shown up, we are working with RR and Brandt.
 - We received the Ranger and AA1 computers were set up to get access to the park (ROU) email and to the park files.
- Work Continues to be done to remove dead timber from the shop area after the beetle infestation to the lodgepole pine trees.
 - o Hazard trees were removed in the Day use areas, campground and entrance area.
 - With the help of the natural resource manager, we also removed hazard trees from the treehouse construction area.
 - o We spent time burning piles of slash where the beetle infestation occurred.

WINCHESTER LAKE STATE PARK – BETH SIMANEK, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- On the evening of July 3, the NP Tribe reported that there was a positive result for a Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) at Winchester Lake and continues to be an issue.
- Staff have been issuing quite a few GUPs. The shelter was booked most weekends in July and August but by September, hot weather, smoke, low water and HAB has slowed visitation.
 - O Seven group use permits were issued in August at Ponderosa Point, bringing over 300 people into the park.
- The kiosk is staffed every day to collect payment and orient visitors.
- Staff participated in the Winchester Days Parade. The Winchester Days fireworks went well and were very busy and staff stayed late to assist in parking issues.
- Ivan Sheffer, our new park ranger, started on July 1, 2025, just in time for the busiest weekend of the season.
- Appaloosa loop was shut down at the end of the quarter and construction of the new water lines have started.
- Most of the seasonal staff and volunteer hosts finished for the season.
- The shower house was shut down early, due to the lift station failing.

Park/Program Usage

- The traffic count: Jul 7,741 / Aug 6,042 / Sep 4,209
- In Appaloosa loop is now closed for the season

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	10	515
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	6	94
Traditional Interpretation	2	29
Environmental Education	6	126
Jr. Ranger Programming	9	171
School Programming		
Special Events	6	~612
Special Events Held Off-Site		

- Staff have been spraying and removing invasive species.
- IDL has continued to thin along Lakeshore Trail, park staff have been collecting rounds for firewood use.
- We are working closely with the Nez Perce Air Quality staff on additional signage to reduce the burning of trash within our firepits.
- Deer in the park were diagnosed with Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) and several were found dying in and/or near the lake.

Staff Training

- Ivan has been learning his new role as a park ranger.
- Beth attended an online interpretation training on narratives.

Park Manager's Narrative

- The manager attended Capital for a Day in Orofino.
- We had a major waterline break in the Bitterroot loop.
 - O Staff were able to repair it with minimum impact to park visitors.
- A pre-construction meeting was held with TML Construction, regarding the A-Loop waterline project, the Shower house ADA pathway, additional day use areas, and the Lodgepole yurt ADA access. The construction company brought in their equipment to stage.
- Visitation is down, but the staff has kept busy, continuing to spruce up the park. Some improvements we've been working on include painting signs, campsite work and improvements and spraying the invasive weeds.
- We made some improvements to the Camas Host campsite to accommodate larger rigs.

SOUTH REGION QUARTERLY REPORT JULY - AUG - SEP 2025

MISSION: To provide a safe and unique experience while preserving, protecting, and enhancing recreation. We interpret natural, cultural, and historic values and maintain park infrastructure for visitor services and programs, while looking for new opportunities.

GOALS:

- Ensure that all facilities are kept clean and hazard free.
- Utilize both paid and volunteer staff to staff visitor centers and entrance booths.
- Patrol parks ensure user needs, user safety, and resource protection.
- Assess operations and opportunities to ensure quality experiences are provided.

SOUTH REGION SERVICE CENTER -DAVID WHITE, INTERIM SOUTH REGION BUREAU CHIEF

- The summer season came to a close after Labor Day weekend and some parks have begun to close units, start the winterization process, and say goodbye to seasonal staff.
- Interviews for the South Region Bureau Chief position concluded in July but did not result in a successful hire. The position was subsequently reposted, and Johannes Giessen, Park Manager at Eagle Island State Park, was selected in September. His official start date is October 27.
- Regional staff collaborated to plan and organize the combined North and South Region Meeting, scheduled to take place in Lewiston in November.
- Three Island Crossing State Park and Bruneau Dunes State Park each hosted *America 250* events during the quarter. Park staff partnered with the Idaho State Historical Society, the IDPR Communications Team, and volunteer organizations to deliver these events.
- David White continued to facilitate the monthly park manager meetings.
- A retirement celebration for Theresa Perry was held at Eagle Island State Park in July. Friends and IDPR staff gathered to honor her career and to send her off with warm wishes.
- Eagle Island State Park hosted and provided interpretive programming for a foster family event on August 3, organized by Fostering Idaho Partnerships.
- Eagle Island State Park received numerous inquiries regarding the relocation of cross-country events. Headquarters staff developed messaging to assist park staff in responding to public questions.
- The South Region Administrative Assistant collaborated with each park to update individual park webpages as part of phase one of the mandatory ADA compliance initiative.
- The CEO team convened to discuss plans for upcoming training sessions.

BRUNEAU DUNES - BRYCE BEALBA, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The interior of the new telescope was painted by a park volunteer to match the galaxy design in the Steele-Reese building, and the results turned out great.
- Park staff buried concrete to chain the picnic tables at the Small Dune sledding hill to prevent them from being moved into hazardous spots for sandboarders.
- Eagle Cove campground landscaping upgrade project is close to completion.
- The irrigation mainline in the Eagle Cove Campground continued to have breaks.
- Many campers still had issues making a same day reservation. Park staff saw several instances of
 people not being able to make a reservation, take reserved spots, or simply opt not to reserve and
 pay in the morning.

- The park received 19 disc golf baskets from Eagle Island State Pake and are in the process of laying out a course and budgeting for T-pads and installation.
- The rental cabins and the Big Dune Shelter have been painted and we will be moving on to picnic shelters next month.
- New access has been created around the Small Lake.

Park/Program Usage

- Car counter numbers were 2,368 in July, 3,061 in August, and 2,793 in September.
- The visitor center had 1,474 visitors in July, 1,384 in August, and 1,243 in September.
- 226 sandboards were rented in July, 251 rented in August, and 227 rented in September.
- The Boise Astronomical Society held its annual Star Party and it was well attended.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- The BSU intern program has been a success and numerous schools have been sending volunteers.
- Due to high temperatures, the park was able to hold 21 Scorpion Walks.
- Sandboarding and the observatory remain the park's two biggest draws.
- America 250 Month was successful and highlighted by former NASA Astronaut John Herrington who spoke during the Sept. 6th presentation.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	35	3,657
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Skeleton Weed, Russian Thistle, and other invasive weeds are not subsiding despite great efforts to pull them up manually and spray.
- Southern District Health is requiring the proposed observatory septic system be engineered, dramatically increasing costs.
- The park added a new irrigation system to plant shade trees for the visitor center parking lot.

Staff Training

• No trainings were held this quarter.

Manager's Narrative

• The increase in permanent staff this year coupled with new FY2025 ranger will require that the park be granted more operating funding as the project backlog gets addressed.

- Significant public interest and support for a music- in -the park series at the observatory amphitheater continued. Funding requests have been made and the current observatory repair project contractor installed power in anticipation of this future project.
- The new observatory has several hidden and unplanned operating costs that are coming to light including the need for software upgrades, maintenance contracts, training contracts, as well as costs associated with taking the observatory "online" for remote operation and research.
- Seasonal housing is a necessity to attract qualified applicants. The housing being constructed at the SR dormitory will be used for interns (1-2) and does not satisfy the need for park aid housing for us to properly staff the maintenance and visitor services department.

EAGLE ISLAND – JOHANNES GIESSEN, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- There were more incidents in July with higher visitation. Some required police involvement and some were visitor complaints about behavior, but all were handled swiftly and to satisfaction.
- There were multiple incidents with visitors climbing the abandoned zipline towers, both at night and in broad daylight.
- The public has been enjoying checking out the campground, shop road, and new lake trail.
- Park staff worked with IDFG and Animal Control to relocate roosters disturbing the campers.
- The weekend our campground opened, we had 44 reservations made and 21 people stayed over the weekend.
- Park staff fielded many inquiries about details for the cross-country race held in the park with the change in race organizers, water quality in the lake, which lab testing resulted with positive news, and campground updates.
- Park staff worked to share parking lot closures with the public as well as the contractor during construction and staff spent time in the new campground to ensure positive visitor experience.

Park/Program Usage

- Park visitation for July was down 59% compared to July of 2024, but visitation numbers in July of 2024 were heavily skewed by 18-wheeler construction traffic entering the park, August was up 121% compared to August of 2024, and September was down 23% compared to September of 2024.
- Traffic count was 13,163 for July, 21,547 for August, and 11,431 for September.
- Visitation this quarter was primarily swimmers, picknickers, cross country runners, horseback riders, and disc golfers.
- 72 shelter reservations were held this quarter.
- Park staff hosted and provided interpretive programming for a foster family event in August organized by Fostering Idaho Partnerships.
- Paddleboard Idaho and Shaved Ice finished out their season Labor Day weekend. Wild Beginnings preschool started up their schoolyear at end of September.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	24	4,979
Special Use Permit	1	10
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

• Two seasonal held eight interpretive events during this quarter.

- The new cross-country race Eagle Island Invitational was held in the park as a replacement for the recently relocated Bob Firman XC race. The shuttle service worked well.
- Ranger Bailey represented the park at "Public Lands Day" at Bogus Basin.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education	8	69
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site	1	200

- The park put a heavy emphasis on weed removal this quarter. This included work from two courtordered volunteers, the Nez Perce tribe deploying weevils, Ada County Noxious Weed Control, community service volunteers, and park staff.
- In July, park management and HQ staff met with the developers for the new housing project outside the park's western border. The developers were interested in creating a walking path into the park from the development but were determined by management to not pursue.
- Irrigation issues continued to negatively impact the sod and landscaping and the park paid for temporary repairs until permanent repairs are made on the irrigation wiring.
- One of our hosts transitioned from being a maintenance host to a campground host with the opening of the campground. The host will be able to help with education with our campers on the natural, cultural, and historical resources in the park.
- There have been signs of milfoil regrowth in the pond and staff will coordinate with ISDA.
- Most of the park hay fields were mowed and bailed in September by the concessionaire.

Staff Training

- Rich Gummersall held an OHV safety course at Eagle Island on July 31, during which two of our seasonal employees got certified and our assistant manager got his trainer's certificate.
- Our office admin attended Emotional Intelligence held by DHR.
- The Park Manager attended the DHR sponsored "Laws for Leaders" event held in Boise.

Manager's Narrative

- Gateway Parks was issued a notice of termination for their zipline concession contract due to lack of insurance but submitted payment for the snow tubing concession in July that was due in May.
- Idaho power came to the park to disconnect both meters owned by Gateway Parks for non-payment. This did not affect park operations.
- The punch list process for the campground construction was started at the end of July.
- The park got a new ranger in July and has been a big help with division of labor.
- A suicide took place in July on the trail by the new pond. Park staff responded to a medical emergency call before realizing what took place. Ada County Sheriff's Office visited park staff twice after to check in, and staff did a commendable job handling the situation appropriately.
- The first campers to stay in the campground opening weekend found issues with the drinking water and had complaints about the landscaping.
- The contractor had to excavate some sections of the campground to find the catalyst for the sewer issues and eventually solved the problem.

- Over Labor Day weekend, campers extended their stay despite construction equipment continuing to operate in the campground.
- The parking lot upgrade began in September and Knife River Construction has worked quickly.
- There have been a few attempts of people over-extending their camping stays. Strict enforcement has been the key to rectify these situations, however, the park anticipates this to be an ongoing issue going into the future.

LAKE CASCADE – ZACK GROGAN, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Park staff finished repairing the water line at Van Wyck and reactivated the dump station.
- The park participated in Fourth of July celebrations by entering a vehicle in the city parade and cleaned porta-potties in partnership with Cascade Chamber of Commerce. The park opened units to visitors for multiple fireworks shows across the lake, which led to high sales of day passes.
- Lake levels dropped faster this year but not as low. Park staff installed warning signs at Buttercup and Boulder Creek in August then removed those handling docks in September.
- Staff worked diligently to ensure all facilities and grounds were accessible and in good working order throughout the quarter.
- Park staff completed painting bathrooms in west side units.
- The park's retail sales experienced lower than average sales throughout August. Staff will continue to explore creative methods to increase revenue produced through the retail program.
- There was a cyanobacterial bloom in the lake. Staff have put out warning signs as well as information being sent out in the visitor center and visitation had little change due to this.
- Construction of the Poison Creek Marina began after Labor Day and will shut down the campground for the remainder of the year.

Park/Program Usage

- Park staff continued to sell substantial amounts of OHV Passport stickers to park visitors in July before visitation dropped with smoke throughout Valley County and colder temperatures. Labor Day remained a busy weekend.
- The park hosted several group users for events such as Fourth of July, weddings, family reunions, camps, and a firearms class.
- The park completed a LUA with the Rock Fire IC team for the use of Poison Creek Boat Ramp area. This contract brought in \$125 per day for the duration of the fire.
- Buttercup, Huckleberry, Poison Creek with the construction, and Sage Bluff closed in September.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	8	521
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

• Ranger Katchmar hosted five interpretive programs in July averaging 30 attendees per event.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	9	170
Environmental Education	2	58
Jr. Ranger Programming	20	20

School Programming	
Special Events	
Special Events Held Off-Site	

- The fencing project at Blue Heron, Big Sage, Sage Bluff, Ridgeview, Boulder Creek, and West Mountain dump station was completed.
- Park staff continued working with BOR to reorganize the BOR shop space. This will better fit BOR needs and will improve workspace efficiency for our staff.
- Shoreline erosion occurrences were noted for future projects including the falling out of paved walking and biking trails.
- The Van Wyck water line was repaired.
- Park staff implemented techniques to reduce fire hazards through vegetation removal and irrigation.
- Park staff completed noxious weed removal with chemical and mechanical methods.
- The algae blooms in the lake reduced rental boats from the park, but there was still a decent amount of visitation regardless of the algae.
- Park staff worked on trimming branches higher and removing hazard trees in campgrounds.

Staff Training

- Assistant Manager Crane attended and completed the Verbal Judo instructor course.
- Ranger Katchmar attended the Preservation Field School near Portland, OR.

Manager's Narrative

- The Rock Fire began on August 13 and was one of several lightning-caused fires that started. The west side units were put on "ready" and "set" evacuation notice. Park staff activated an emergency action plan. Fire crews set up camp at the Osprey Point unit. The fire ended at the beginning of September.
- Staff attended Valley County Waterways, Tamarack Marina construction meetings, Chamber of Commerce, and the South Region Managers meeting.
- The absence of seasonal staff always has an impact on park operations.
- The park had many aging pieces of equipment fail, and the fleet of Ram 1500 trucks failed as well. Multiple mechanics said the rough roads cause the TIPMANS in the trucks to fail.
- Park staff began to winterize water systems throughout the park, as temperatures dropped.
- The lack of housing and affordable housing options has continued to be a limiting factor in the recruitment of both seasonal and permanent staff, hindering operation efficiency.
- A variety of issues were documented within the park's patrol logs related to paying the MVEF, extra vehicle fees, overnight parking/camping fees, dogs off leash, congestion issues at boat ramps and designated beaches, and noise issues.

LUCKY PEAK – SURAT NICOL, PARK MANAGER

<u>Customer Service</u>

- Spring Shores store was open with products such as ice, soda, ice cream and basic supplies.
- Nearly the entire seasonal staff left due to school starting in August and Sandy Point operating hours dropped as a result.
- Lake levels dropped in August and required boats to be removed from the marina, fuel dock to shut down, and move irrigation pumps out of the water by September.

Park/Program Usage

- Attendance at Spring Shores increased well above average this quarter while Sandy Point and Discovery remained just at average.
- Iron Man 70.3, Southern Idaho Sailing Outreach sailing regatta, Challenged Athletes Foundation, and Boise Watershed Project were some of the large group uses in the park this quarter.
- A group of Hell's Angels arrived at Spring Shores and law enforcement notified as instructed. There were no incidents.
- US Coast Guard Auxiliary member Scott Prestel handed out education packets for non-motorized boaters at Discovery.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	30
Special Use Permit	2	55
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Interpretation programs held by staff were in full swing in July.
- Staff conducted a fall wreath building workshop using natural materials found in the park.
- Sandy Point hosted JustServe volunteer Day for the 4th year in a row. Approximately 136 volunteers with tools came out and spent half a day doing groundskeeping chores throughout the park.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	5	120
Traditional Interpretation	7	151
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	11	217
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site	2	300

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Development and a contractor created a concept plan for erosion control at Discovery Beach.
- The Recreation Bureau loaned the park a boat to fix troublesome docks. Assessments and repairs will be made when the water levels have lowered adequately.

Staff Training

- Park Manager Nicol attended training on the Hells Angels conference in Boise.
- Park Manager Nicol attended IRS online training.

Manager's Narrative

- The power plant next to Sandy Point is going through FERC relicensing. IDPR has been included in all discussions and comments, and it does not appear to have much impact on IDPR lands.
- Ada and Boise County patrol contracts were shortened by nearly a month due to budget issues with the USACE, reducing law enforcement presence and boating services such as towing.
- Park management, HQ staff, and USACE continued to work on finalizing a new lease and property boundary lines.

- A small supply of milled wood from hazardous trees was made at Discovery. A volunteer and park staff have made retail items and benches to place within the park out of the wood.
- A new irrigation pump control panel was installed at Discovery.

PONDEROSA – MATT LINDE, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The visitor center was open every day this quarter.
- The entrance kiosk was open every day in July and August but only open on Saturdays in September as the park lost more seasonal staff members.

Park/Program Usage

- Campgrounds and day use were at capacity for July, near capacity for camping and at capacity for day use in August, then both declined in September.
- Large groups used the shelters for events such as family reunions and weddings.
- Trail usage was highest in July for bikers and hikers.
- The Boise Astronomical Society held their annual star party.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	9	1,265
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Junior ranger programs are held every Saturday in July and evening programs are Wednesday and Saturday nights.
- Roots preschool started back up in September.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	5	178
Traditional Interpretation	6	270
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	10	216
School Programming	38	490
Special Events	5	686
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Work continued on the Water Tower 1 thinning of regeneration.
- Work slowed on the Water Tower 2 thinning work mainly due to the money associated with cleanup would be federal money. Progress continues with park seasonals and local SITPA crews.
- The Meadow Marsh 2 restoration cut was set to do an under burn, but too much rain again postponed us until fall of next year, the third year in a row rain has caused postponement.

Staff Training

- Three rangers attended a forest insect and tree disease class put on by the forest service in July.
- One ranger attended a virtual class on verbal judo.

Manager's Narrative

- The lack of camp hosts at the Northwest Passage Campground has been difficult as several people have occupied a site without a reservation since the unit used to be walk-in. Park staff have been trained to handle these situations but are still tough interactions to deal with.
- The park's boat ramp use has increased with the new fees on the city ramp in McCall.
- We have had an exceptional office staff this year with several returning and new seasonals.
- The store at the visitor center has been re-invigorated by our new administrative assistant and we have received positive feedback from the public.
- Park staff continued working diligently on the ranger houses.
- Rep. Petzke had his wedding at the park, and it went beautifully. Staff did an excellent job.

THOUSAND SPRINGS - DAVID LANDRUM, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- All units had an increase in visitors throughout the heat of the summer and start of fall.
- The visitor center was open seven days a week through Labor Day weekend then reduced hours to five days a week 9am-3pm with the loss of seasonal staff.

Park/Program Usage

- The visitor center had 5,857 visitors in July, 4,712 in August, and 2,347 in September.
- Day use continued to increase with primary areas of impact being Box Canyon, the bike path at Billingsley Creek, and the riding arena at Billingsley Creek with the weather cooling off.
- The park hosted several events this quarter varying in activities including the Magic Valley Arts Council Annual Art Festival on Ritter Island.
- Billingsley Creek campground has been nearly booked every weekend since Memorial Day.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Park staff hosted our annual ice cream social on Ritter Island to honor Minnie Miller's tradition.
- Park staff held a water safety class that reached 150 children and parents.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	45	309
School Programming		
Special Events	4	5,326
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Work with NFusion for the schematic design of the visitor center continued.
- A crew from City of Rocks fell a large hazard tree in the day-use area at Malad Gorge, saving our park thousands of dollars by not having to call a tree service.

Staff Training

- Staff participated in weekly safety training; all staff full-time, seasonals, and volunteers.
- Staff conducted OHV training at the Malad Gorge OHV training site.

Manager's Narrative

- A new ranger was hired in August and has been a great help to the team.
- Most of the feedback from the campground has been positive but park staff continues to fix issues from negative feedback.
- Park staff began winterizing buildings, equipment, and blowing out sprinklers in September.

THREE ISLAND – NITA MOSES, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The Oregon Trail History & Education Center (OTHEC) was open every day from 9am to 4pm.
- The cabin staining project continued this quarter.
- Park staff poured new concrete in front of the restroom at the Trailbreak Cabin.

Park/Program Usage

- OTHEC served 1,741 visitors in July, 1,527 in August, and 1,591 in September.
- The traffic counter read 4,561 in July, 4,013 in August, and 3,943 in September.
- Visitors to the OTHEC came from the United Kingdom, Australia, Morocco, China, Mexico, France, Sweden, Spain, Germany, Scotland, New Zealand, and Canada.
- The park held an America 250 celebration for the 25th anniversary of the OTHEC. Three local vendors included a taco truck, shaved ice, and Homestead Hardware. Volunteer groups included Fort Boise Calvary, Idaho Civil War Volunteers, Idaho Side Saddle Association, Miss Junior Rodeo Queens, Mountain Men, and Glenns Ferry Historic Opera House. Musical volunteers included Curtis Laib, Gary Eller, and Colten Holly. Special guests included Glenns Ferry Mayor Billy Galloska, Sho-Pai Councilman Brian Thomas, former Crossing Development Corporation President Donna Carnahan, and historian Paul Dinwiddie. Ranger Cardona and his fiancé prepared and cooked a shrimp boil for all attendees. News media covered the event and about 200 people came to participate in the celebration.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	25	1,492
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

- The Crossing conference room was used by STEM Intern Amy Alfredson who conducted five presentations.
- The park gave out seven loaner backpacks.
- OTHEC continued to host tours and the park hosted astronomy programs in September.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	6	185
Traditional Interpretation	2	64
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		

- All staff helped clean up the fallen trees after a windstorm in July and staff continued to remove hazard trees and fallen branches throughout August and September.
- Park rangers continued to apply chemical and mechanical means of trying to control the puncture vine.

Staff Training

• Park staff attended virtual training on the new Incident Reporting System in August.

Manager's Narrative

- Park staff participated in the Glenns Ferry 4th of July parade.
- Staff continued with the Surplus Minor Maintenance remodel of the Trailbreak Cabin for Ranger Cardona to move in.
- Three of the park's Wagon Wheel camp loop electrical panels were upgraded with new air conditioners and breakers so the panels remain cool and the breakers no longer trip.
- West Nile virus was detected in the park and at the Glenns Ferry boat launch.
- Park staff had to repair a potable water leak multiple times in the day use area.
- Park staff worked on repairs to the Prickly Pear Dump Station.

<u>SOUTH REGION MAINTENANCE CREW – CHRISTOPHER RE, FOREMAN</u> Headquarters

• Installed an additional 300 feet of jack fencing in July.

South Region Office

- New maintenance utility craftsman was hired and completed all necessary training.
- Attended ITD CDL instructor classes and supervisory academy through DHR.
- Transported equipment to and from parks.

Thousand Springs

- Worked on stairs to the river and decks on park houses on Ritter Island.
- Continued the Malad Gorge park housing project and finished the deck, clean up area, moved
 extra items into storage, finished the trim inside and outside of the door, siding, and replaced the
 door from the garage.







Eagle Island State Park

- Took down the old water slide in August.
- Moved boulders out of the equestrian area and into an area for long term storage.

Ponderosa State Park

Started to bring equipment to the park in September in preparation for fall projects.

EAST REGION QUARTERLY REPORT JUL-AUG-SEP 2025

MISSION: To provide a safe and unique experience while preserving, protecting, and enhancing recreation. We interpret natural, cultural, and historic values. To maintain park infrastructure for visitor services and programs, while looking for new opportunities.

GOALS:

- Ensure that all facilities are kept clean and hazard-free.
- Utilize both paid and volunteer staff to staff visitor centers and entrance booths to answer questions and sell park permits.
- Patrol parks ensuring user needs, user safety, and resource protection.
- Assess operations and opportunities to ensure quality experiences are provided.

<u>EAST REGION SERVICE CENTER – RYAN BUFFINGTON, EAST REGION BUREAU CHIEF</u> Staffing Updates

City of Rocks / Castle Rocks

- **Bryce Packer** was selected for the **Maintenance Foreman** position. Bryce, who has served as a Park Ranger for the past two years, has proven to be a highly skilled and capable leader. This complex role requires strong organizational and technical skills, and he is transitioning into it successfully, eager to continue building the park's large maintenance program.
- Bryce's promotion creates a **Park Ranger vacancy**. We are working to post and fill this position as quickly as possible.

Land of the Yankee Fork (LOYF)

- Larry Garry retired from his Park Ranger position at the end of September. Larry served the department for over 10 years and was a valuable resource, appreciated for his maintenance skills and extensive knowledge of the park units encompassed by LOYF. His ability to engage with the public and share the park's history and local connections will be missed.
- We currently have a strong pool of candidates and are hopeful that we can fill both this vacancy and the Ranger position vacated by Nina earlier this summer from the same round of interviews.

Bear Lake

- We currently have a **Park Ranger vacancy**. The lack of suitable and affordable housing options in the area remains a primary factor contributing to this hiring challenge.
- The good news is that we recently held a round of interviews and are optimistic that a successful hire will be finalized soon.

Operations

Event Highlights

This quarter has been very busy, highlighted by the successful execution of several large annual events across the region:

- Bear Lake Brawl Triathlon Bear Lake
- Race at the Rocks Castle Rocks / City of Rocks
- Wine in the Woods Harriman State Park
- Ranching Days Harriman State Park
- State Disc Golf Championship Lake Walcott
- Ride the Bay Horse Land of the Yankee Fork

Regional Management and Support

• **Site Visits:** I regularly visited units throughout the region, dedicating time to work directly with staff and managers to address operational concerns. With numerous major capital projects

- underway and resulting operational disturbances, a high volume of issues required attention and resolution.
- Social Media Support: The Regional Office continued to provide posting support for all parks. Approximately 140 social media posts were fielded by our office staff this quarter. Parks have expressed satisfaction with this initiative. We have seen substantially increased guest engagement throughout the summer and are working with parks to ensure timely and appropriate responses to comments.

Twin Peaks Guest Ranch Acquisition

The acquisition of the new unit at the Twin Peaks Guest Ranch is moving forward with the Board's support and has required significant attention:

- Prior to the closing date, we performed a **complete inventory of all assets** on the property to facilitate effective oversight during the transition.
- Recruitment for the Unit Manager position has begun, and all utilities were successfully switched over for a smooth transition on October 1st.
- In conjunction with our internal team, I met with partners at the **Bureau of Land Management** and the **U.S. Forest Service** to establish the groundwork for future cooperation and preliminary work necessary for **NEPA and NHPA clearance** regarding public land connectivity.

Project Coordination and Partnerships

- I regularly met with our **Development Team** and Park Managers to facilitate the numerous ongoing capital projects. Due to the high volume, many of these meetings were held virtually via Teams, though in-person meetings were held whenever possible.
- I continued to build and strengthen relationships with our state and local partners throughout the region, including the IDFG,IDL, SHS, USFS, NPS, and BLM.
- I worked with Jess Brumfield and the Operations team to prepare and release the **Request for Proposal (RFP)** for **Harriman's horseback tour concessionaire**. Dry Ridge Outfitters, who have provided this service for 20 years, are concluding their service. We are seeking a company that can provide a service consistent with guest expectations and enhance the overall experience. We anticipate bringing a selection before the Board for approval soon, potentially during this meeting.

BEAR LAKE - ANDREW STOKES, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- July is a very busy time of year and park staff try very hard to meet the needs of everyone that visit Bear Lake. With the number of people we see in a season, I'm always amazed at how well we move folks through. Speaks volumes to the amazing crew we have helping.
- I just want to acknowledge my staff and all their efforts. Even with being down a ranger, they have stepped in to make sure all our customers' needs are addressed. It was another wild summer and a lot of work to ensure our patrons had the best experience possible.
- Amy White was acknowledged by Board Member Liddiard. He had a great encounter with Ranger White during his visit to Bear Lake. He spent five days boating on Bear Lake and gave us a 10+ on our customer service but specifically noticing the job Amy was doing.
- We've lost most of our seasonal staff but still have some decent usage. Keeping every location staffed has proved difficult. We have been keeping our busiest locations staffed and spotchecking other locations.
- I am considering a change in staff scheduling for the VC and changing its hours to provide better coverage on the weekends.

Park/Program Usage

• July was exceptionally busy, setting a new monthly revenue record. The park earned \$411,575, including \$208,685 from pre-sold North Beach parking permits. We sold 10,619 non-resident

- MVEF passes (\$148,677) and 2,340 resident MVEF passes (\$16,384). Approximately 30,000 vehicles and an estimated 172,000 visitors entered the park during the month.
- August brought some of the busiest Saturdays of the year, especially following Raspberry Days, with up to 1,400 vehicles at North Beach in a single day. The park generated \$259,432 in revenue—primarily from day-use fees—including \$105K from North Beach reservations, \$115K from non-resident MVEF, and \$12K from resident MVEF. Entrance surcharges totaled 144, adding \$2,862.
- Park activity slowed significantly in September, with total revenue of \$57K. This included about \$20K in camping fees—mostly for next season's reservations—and \$30K from day-use fees.
- We hosted the Bear Lake Brawl triathlon, which was held at East Beach for the third consecutive year. A normally otherwise slow weekend now generates over \$5,000 in revenue.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	245	12,735
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

• We held our 2nd annual bike parade in the campground. We had the Sheriff's office lead the parade with their cool side by side and IDFG officer followed the parade with their truck and patrol boat.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	1	30
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- We purchased 80 white traffic cones to make the 100ft mark from the water's edge so we could keep vehicles back. Once we had the cones, we allowed for vehicular traffic down on the Beach in July as the lake level dropped enough to allow for safe travel.
- Continued participation in the Bear River Environmental Coordination Committee (ECC) meetings. The ECC is a stakeholder group formed under a settlement agreement for the PacifiCorp Bear River Hydroelectric Project.
- We worked with our Highlands Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) group on a spray day around Bear Lake. Park participated with staff and equipment that will count towards an inkind donation for future grant requests.
- We continued to assist the county in spraying invasive species around Bear Lake on the lakebed and worked with US Fish and wildlife on treating the east hills for cheat grass.
- We worked with Idaho Department of Agriculture for days to treat milfoil near North Beach. Staff Training
- We discussed training opportunities we would like to implement for our rangers including a Ranger Emergency Responder Course.

- Andy and Amy attended a joint boat operation training with agencies from both Utah and Idaho. SAR search patterns.
- Andy and Amy attended a diver tender training with Bear Lake County Dive Team.

Manager's Narrative

- The 40-year-old irrigation system experienced another main line break. While seasonal failures are common, ongoing repairs have significantly improved the system over recent years.
- In September I attended the Capitol for the Day in Oakley.
- Construction of the new Sage Springs Campground is progressing well. Utility pipes are being installed, roads and spurs are taking shape, soil work is complete, and back-in site slopes have been improved.
- We attended the board meeting in Lava and toured the state-owned hot springs area. The next day, board members and staff toured Bear Lake, visiting the visitor center, new west-side property, east side, and North Beach, followed by a boat trip to view Utah's marina project. The tour ended with a timely F-35 flyover, dinner at Coopers Restaurant, and a soak in the hot pools.
- I met with Verkada representatives over possibly equipping the park with high-end security cameras.
- I met with Sarah from Development at the new west-side property to discuss site layout, needs, and priorities.
- We are still working on the plans and bids for our North Beach ramp project and will start in the spring.
- We have plans for employee housing and hope to get the construction process started soon. We
 will have a few hurdles to face with Saint Charles City but hopefully we will be able to move
 forward without issue.
- We need to continue our conversation with PacifiCorp in updating our lease for North Beach to allow for concessionaires and a clear understanding of the insurance requirements. The current lease doesn't expire until 2028.

CITY OF ROCKS - TRENTON DURFEE, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

• We've improved the visitor center with new products showcasing the park's natural resources and recreation and have updated the inventory system with scannable codes to streamline operations and assist staff.



Some of our new designs.

- James participated in a "Flat Person" class project from a school in Manitoba, Canada. He took the "flat class" around the park and photographed its adventures. He then created a PowerPoint slideshow, which was sent to the class. In response, the French class sent a thank-you video.
- We had someone come to the visitor and tell us that we had a great Facebook page.

Park/Program Usage

- Visitation slowed in July, with 7,668 visitors at City of Rocks and 6,154 at Castle Rocks—down about 3,000 from June and 1,000 from last July.
- August rebounded slightly, with 7,801 visitors at City of Rocks and 4,456 at Castle Rocks. The
 visitor center welcomed 2,194 guests, and the orientation video was shown 165 times to 519
 viewers. Facility use remained steady, with the Ranch House occupied 14 nights, the Yurt 6
 nights, and the Cottage 4 nights. Visitation typically dips in August due to local fairs, back-toschool activities, and hot weather limiting climbing and horseback riding, attracting mostly
 retirees and travelers.
- September maintained consistent campground and facility use, totaling 1,262 site nights—912 at City of Rocks and 350 at Castle Rocks—reflecting continued strong visitor interest. The City of Rocks saw a higher visitor use with traffic counts of 8,510 for September and CRSP at 6,978.
- Only one park permit was issued in July—a CIRO backcountry camping permit for five individuals who camped at Indian Grove from July 2–4.
- On September 20, Castle Rocks and City of Rocks hosted their first 50K race, drawing runners nationwide. The event coincided with "Almo Days," featuring live music, vendors, and fundraising for the local Rec District. Additional permitted uses included school field trips and backcountry groups.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	3	340
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit	1	
Other permits	3	9

- Ranger-led hikes were held every Monday in July. On Tuesdays, we offered a variety of demonstrations, and on Fridays, we hosted interpretive events including fishing and archery instruction. Additional programs included various demonstrations and open mic events.
- September featured ranger-led geology hikes, pine nut talks, and strong community outreach, including a Latino Fest booth, a meeting with the Hispanic Chamber, an open mic night, the Mini-Cassia Leadership Tour, and a Malta Homeschool field trip.
- The inaugural "Race the Rocks" 50K on September 20, 2025, successfully linked City of Rocks and Castle Rocks across 8,000 feet of elevation gain. The event filled park facilities and local campgrounds, with staff and volunteers supporting operations. Proceeds benefited Almo charities, and participants praised the event for fostering a deep connection to the landscape and community.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	17	236
Traditional Interpretation	32	74
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	2	90
Special Events	2	64
Special Events Held Off-Site	1	200

- Over 200 gallons of herbicide were applied at CRSP. Mechanical treatments were also completed for Spotted Knapweed, Common Mullein, and Rush Skeletonweed.
- From July 28–31, Tara McClure-Cannon conducted archaeological fieldwork in Graham Creek Canyon to collect data on previously identified sites. Of five sites documented in 2021, one was deemed ineligible for the NRHP in 2023; the remaining four still require further evaluation.
- Fall 2025 project planning continues at City of Rocks, with biweekly NPS Sage meetings. A key effort with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe and Lomakatsi Restoration Project aimed to use an Indian Youth Corps to address juniper and pinyon pine encroachment in Circle Creek Basin. Work set for October 27 was halted after NPS voided its funding agreement with Lomakatsi on September 23, and the park is awaiting guidance on next steps.



Staff Training

- July, Austin attended the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Graduate Certificate training on managing NEPA projects & teams, completing a total of 13.5 hours.
- August, Austin completed USU NEPA Graduate Certificate Cultural & Natural Resource Compliance (13.5 hours) and USU NEPA Graduate Certificate – Clear Writing for NEPA Austin Zollinger (13.5 hours)
- September, Austin completed the following training: USU NEPA Graduate Certificate Reviewing NEPA Documents (13.5 hours), USU NEPA Graduate Certificate Reasonably Foreseeable Effects Analysis (9.0 hours), Continuing Education University Aquatic Weed Management (2 hours), FEMA 100 (3 hours), FEMA 700 (3 hours).

Manager's Narrative

- I continue to work closely with the NPS and Brad Elwell regarding the potential sale of a 490.5-acre inholding within the CIRO boundary. We have received the requested letter of no objection from the Cassia County Commissioners. I am also coordinating with Susan Buxton and Troy Elmore to obtain a letter of support from the Governor's Office. The finalization is expected in September.
- I am currently working with Pam Huck at the Boise IDPR headquarters on several projects:
 - o Finalizing the Environmental Assessment for Graham Creek. We have meetings scheduled for early next month to begin reviewing potential contractors.
 - o Addressing a pipeline request from the former owner of the Ericson acquisition on the Castle Rocks side.
 - o Beginning the process of renewing the Smoky Mountain lease with BLM. The water lease expires in 2026, and the campground lease in 2027.

- We have approved six new bolted climbing routes to be installed at City of Rocks. Permit holders have one year to complete installation.
- Carolyn joined as the new Trails Ranger on July 28.
- Austin completed grant modifications and the Categorical Exclusion for the new CXT restroom at Flaming Rock.
- Construction on the Ranger House continues, with new lighting, sheetrock repairs, and exterior
 painting completed by the contractor and YCC crew, including window wrapping, trim repairs,
 and fence painting.
- The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) gave their end-of-season presentation on July 31, 2025. Most staff members were in attendance, and the presentation was well received.
- Austin and I have been busy with meetings involving the NPS, Lomakatsi, and the Pocatello Tribes. I'm also working with IDP staff on projects at Graham Creek, Almo Schoolhouse, and NPS roads.
- In August, the kickoff project for the CIRO roads began. A CIRO road meeting followed on August 20, and the IDPR East Region Manager Meeting was held on August 21.
- The Visitor Center received new lighting in the kitchen, bathroom and retail space and work was also done in the CIRO campgrounds including a new tent pad in site #46.





New lighting for the Visitor Center

Tent pad installed in site #46

<u>HARRIMAN/HENRYS/ASHTON TETONIA TRAIL - JESS BRUMFIELD, PARK MANAGER</u> Customer Service

- Harriman tested positive for E. coli in July. Staff promptly informed guests about the situation and proper water usage procedures. During the response, several issues within the park's water system were identified. With assistance from the East Region Construction Crew and Rivers West Construction, the problems were resolved, and the park successfully passed follow-up water testing.
- Currently all overnight rental facilities with water and sewer are closed due to the construction of the water and sewer upgrades. However, the park's four yurts remain available. During the month, the yurts had moderate occupancy keeping staff on their toes to ensure facilities are continuously cleaned and prepared for our guests' arrivals and departures.
- The park continued offering loaner fishing poles and tackle, encouraging families to use them at the Harriman Fishpond. We also continued the Junior Ranger loaner backpack program, which received positive feedback. Families enjoyed the educational materials and found them helpful for teaching children about nature, with many commenting that they "couldn't wait to take them out again."

Park/Program Usage

- The Wine in the Woods event was a success, drawing approximately 350 participants and several vendors and the event was enjoyed by all. Staff assisted with parking, setup and takedown of tables, chairs, and canopies, coordinating vendors, providing guided facility tours, and managing trash collection.
- The Fremont County Track Race was well attended, with over 900 participants and spectators. To improve future events, the coordinator noted that next year's Group Use Permit should clearly outline expectations for park staff regarding fee collection, parking, ATV use, and lawnmower activities.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	3	1346
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	4	40
Traditional Interpretation	163	975
Environmental Education	22	372
Jr. Ranger Programming	12	91
School Programming	8	425
Special Events	1	80
Special Events Held Off-Site	0	0

- Formal tours in the historic area ran five days a week, generating over 650 informal contacts in July, 736 in August and 437 in September. Despite having only two permanent staff, the park maintained a full calendar of activities, including weekend programs, trail roving, and informal hikes. The return of a key volunteer at the end of July eased workloads and allowed for expanded programming in August.
- The monthly evening Bat Program was a success, attracting over 55 attendees in July, 60 attendees in August and 25 attendees in September, many of them first-time park visitors—and identifying more than five bat species using handheld detectors. The Wildlife Olympics also drew 39 participants, supported by Idaho Master Naturalists.
- Programs & Partnerships: guided hikes (including one recognizing John Muir's visit), and youth
 activities for Ranching Days (calf roping, Wildlife Olympics). The park partnered with outside
 groups for additional education, featuring a Nature Photography class (Henrys Fork Wildlife
 Alliance), the IDFG Bear Trailer, and a talk by a local railroad author.
- Staffing, Volunteers, and Planning: Returning volunteers eased the burden on interpretive staff, enabling more roving visits and tour availability. A volunteer transitioned from the office to the historic buildings to assist with tours. The park certified 31 new Junior Rangers. channels.
- Successful September Programs: The park concluded its season with a full calendar of weekend activities, including Junior Ranger Days, and a Fireside Chat with a Ranger (featuring free snacks and evening wildlife viewing). A total of 17 new Junior Rangers earned their badges.
- Future Planning: The park scheduled and executed school group visits for September and October. Planning is underway and promotions have begun for the 23rd Annual Haunts of Harriman event on October 17 and 18, 2025. All September programs were advertised through local media, the website, and social media.

• Construction continues to have positive impacts at the Ranch Office with a complete interior overhaul.

Staff Training

- New Staff Training: Newly hired full-time permanent staff continued their basic onboarding, covering a wide range of topics, including Visitor Center operations (POS, passes, phone), facility maintenance (cleaning, yurts, fire suppression), administrative duties (timesheets, P-cards, invoices), equipment use (trailer towing, chainsaw operation), and safety/compliance (bear spray, park rules).
- Multi-Agency EMS Drill: Staff participated in an all-day, multi-agency EMS training scenario focusing on bear attack response. The drill included the Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol, Fish and Game, the Sheriff's office, and Fremont County EMS.
- Specialized Certification: Six staff members completed OHV training led by the East Region Training Coordinator, and four full-time staff members completed Chainsaw Training with the East Region Program Specialist.
- Staff Training and Readiness: Newly hired full-time staff completed comprehensive onboarding, including training in Visitor Center operations, administration (timesheets, P-cards), facility maintenance, and safety (bear spray, park rules). Staff also participated in a multi-agency; all-day EMS training scenario focused on bear attack response.

Manager's Narrative

- The annual Harriman Spray Day was highly successful, with over 40 participants from various agencies collectively spraying or hand-pulling weeds across 270+ acres.
- Inaugural Ranching Days: Staff successfully hosted the first Ranching Days event at the Sheridan Unit, which drew approximately 80 attendees. The event featured educational and youth activities, cattle demonstrations (roundup and branding), horse rides, live music, and a complimentary BBQ lunch funded by the Friends of Harriman. This event is slated to become an annual production.

ASHTON TETONIA TRAIL

Customer Service

- Social media and emails are checked to respond to questions and provide updates on the trail.
- Visitor Center hours are 9-5. Open 7 days a week.

Park/Program Usage

- Ashton Visitor Center: 246 visitors. This number was recorded using our "guest register" sheet
 that is signed by the visitor at the visitor center. Actual number of guests is significantly higher
 as not all visitors sign the guest sheet.
- Marysville: Installed on 9/1/2025.
- Judkins: Installed on 9/1/2025.
- Ashton Visitor Center: Installed on 9/1/2025.
- Marysville: 1,099Judkins: 1,095
- Ashton Visitor Center: 262

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

• ATT had a small group of volunteers help with some clearing of dead tree limbs and brush from the trail on July 25th.

We host a small farmers market in our	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
grass area every Friday. Program Type		
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events	1	4
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

• Car counters installed and running starting in August

Staff Training

- ATT Ranger Jason completed Idaho State Parks OHV training.
- Ranger Jason completed Idaho State Parks Chainsaw training.
- Ranger attended two interpretive workshops via a Teams Meeting.

Manager's Narrative

- Poured concrete pad in preparation of new shed at Visitor center.
- Met with various contractors at the Marysville parking area to start the bidding process for the ATT paving project.
- Ranger Jason assisted with Harriman State Park's Ranching Days event.
- ATT Ranger met with Pam Huck, IDPR real-estate officer. They drove the Ashton-Tetonia Trail to look at what crossing agreement/easement we may have and which ones we must investigate further.
- Ranger and the Park Manager attended a County public hearing about a county road that crosses the trail near Marysville parking lot. The road was deemed official, then vacated, and the ½ to ½ acre of roadway that crosses the trail was given to IDPR by Fremont County commissioners in that meeting. The landowners who own property adjoining that road, were given the roadway land to add acreage onto their properties.
- Ranger Jason attended Ashton City council meeting for an introduction as the new park ranger of ATT.

HENRYS LAKE

Customer Service

• BFC Diversified has begun work on the Damsel Loop sites, dump station, and new entrance station. The RV dump tank is set and backfilled, but concrete work remains. Arco Electric will coordinate with High Output to run power to the RV dump by the end of 2025. The plan is to complete utilities and set CXT units by year-end, allow the road base to settle over winter, and finish the kiosk and RV dump concrete in 2026. A&E will study cabin placement to finalize the kiosk location.



- The fish cleaning station seems to be working great
- The dog run will be built over the fish cleaning station drain field with a 100' x 100' chain-link fence, 4' and 10' gates, and a natural floor for this year. A water feature (e.g., kiddie pool) will be added. Park staff cleared and mowed the area, while the region crew delivered materials and set all fence posts except the gate posts.
- Water lines in the shop area were replaced and lowered to 6 feet down to keep them from freezing this winter. The region crew started working on it in the last week of August. They completed the project by the middle of the month of September. Steel posts are now marking lines.
- Several decisions were also made about winter, such as Harriman's 9030 tractor and blower will be used here, sites, cabins, and shower house will be kept open along with the cabin, house, shop, pump house, day use parking, and road from the highway.
- A poster was created for the winter seasonal position and sent to HR and put in the IP Newspaper.
- Idaho Dept. of Lands-Staff received a copy of the director signed Outdoor Recreation Fund application and a draft copy of the Development and Management Plan between IDL and IDPR and a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that was entered into on October 29, 2024.



Park/Program Usage

- July occupancy decreased by 20 sites per night in 2025 compared to 2024 and day use visitation decreased by 1,431vehicles. August occupancy decreased by 6.87 sites per night in 2025 compared to 2024 and day use visitation increased by 1,086 vehicles. Although, occupancy decreased, the number is closer than most of the summer. September occupancy decreased by 4.52 sites per night in 2025 compared to 2024 and day use visitation decreased by 158 vehicles. September did have a gain August this year. Note: there are several sites occupied by construction workers.
- July's vehicle count was 14,863, down from 16,294 in 2024, mainly due to fewer campers. Fishing was fair, mostly from boats, and day use held steady. August saw 12,156 vehicles, up from 11,070 in 2024, with steady day use and most fishing at Howard Creek. September's count

was 10,611, down slightly from 10,769; fishing improved near shore late in the month while day use stayed consistent.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

Some of our Junior Ranger programs included: Being Bear Aware, What is an Ungulate?, "Nature Trails", a 4th of July-Parade, Wildlife Olympics, Crafts and Watermelon, Bear Awareness, Kayaking 101, Aspen Loop Nature Hike, an Avian Adventure, Fly into Action-Citizen Science, True Tales Storytelling, Nature Games, Wildflower Wander, and Nez Perce Camas Meadows Ceremony.





Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	56	337
Traditional Interpretation	26	383
Environmental Education	0	0
Jr. Ranger Programming	17	106
School Programming	0	0
Special Events	2	225
Special Events Held Off-Site	0	0

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The swans still had their five cygnets. They were staying over in the Outlet and visible from the park's trail.
- Fire Breaks/Spray Invasive Species: Mid-month, a seasonal was given permission to run the tractor. The fire breaks and much of the campground were mowed by the end of the month.

Staff Training

• Nothing to report.

Manager's Narrative

- Ranger cabin project is now complete.
- It was verified that Henrys' budget would be increased to accommodate a winter seasonal.
- Dark Sky at Henrys Lake-The light on the front of the shop was replaced with a dark sky compliant light. It is still bright enough to look around the area of the shop.
- We've made progress in helping Henrys Lake State Park move to year-round:
 - o A stove was purchased to install in the seasonal House for heat and emergencies.
 - O An electrician from Cutting Edge came to check the cabins to make sure they were ready for the winter, and the generator pad was poured, and the generator was set in place.
 - O A walk-behind snowblower brought from Harriman (may not be usable because it is so small).
 - Winter seasonal hired.
 - O Staff were told the new Gator was coming at the start of this month.
- Dr. Tim Halverson has finished the two flower pamphlets based on color, one for spring flowers and one for summer/fall. They will be added to the pamphlet boxes in the campground for customers to access and use. The Citizen Science program found there are 36 different species of butterflies in the park, and more flowers were added to the flower book as he continues to find new flowers.
- Entrance Sign-Looks great! The "FULL" signs are the only things that survived.



LAKE WALCOTT – KIRSTEN MARCH, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The Lake Walcott Visitor Center is now open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.—its first full summer on this schedule. In past years, split shifts covered more hours, but staffing dropped when seasonals returned to school in mid-August. The 9–5 schedule is being tested to maintain service with available staff.
- We received complaints about the partial closure of the disc golf course for a 300-person family reunion on July 25–26. To prevent conflicts, staff removed 10 baskets in the day-use loop, leaving 11 playable. All baskets were reinstalled Sunday morning. The park manager will continue evaluating how large events affect recreation.
- The Bureau of Reclamation lowered the lake by over two feet in early August, bringing it to about 75% capacity. Caution signs were posted July 28 after notification from the Minidoka Dam manager. Lower water levels reduced boating activity, and some boaters struggled to launch—

- one damaged a trailer after backing off the ramp. Staff now advise boaters to check ramp conditions before launching.
- Visitor Services coordinated with the local disc golf club to return lost discs ahead of the Idaho State Disc Golf Tournament in August. Owners with contact info were notified, and discs were either picked up, mailed, or donated to the park's loaner program.

Park/Program Usage

- The vehicle entrance count for July was 8,903. Despite expectations, Fourth of July weekend averaged 499 cars per day, 6% from the five-year average and 11% from 2024. July visitation was lower overall, but year-to-date numbers remain similar to last year.
- In August, 8,434 vehicles entered the park—a 22% increase over the five-year average of 6,875. Visitors enjoyed picnics, boating, camping, and disc golf. Seven group events were held, including reunions, company picnics, a celebration of life, and the disc golf championship.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	17	1372
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

• Handed out 41 Junior Ranger Badges in August. Twenty-seven of the badges were given to a local schoolteacher from Paul, ID for her class to participate in the junior ranger program.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	87	292
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	25	89
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Tree removal continued for six weeks before the contractor was dismissed for not completing the job. Park staff finished the work and repurposed a large trunk section into a log bench.
- Staff continue removing fallen and dead limbs, which is a constant task at Lake Walcott. Lacking proper equipment, including a stump grinder, makes the work challenging. Replanting trees to replace recent losses remains a high park priority.

Staff Training

• 8/5 IRS Training – 1 hour KM

Manager's Narrative

- July continued to see events happening at the park. We had several family reunions, company picnics, and parties. Lake Walcott also saw two fishing tournaments with the ramps at the state park being used by the participants. There was a large family reunion at the park July 25 26 with an estimated 300 participants. This is one of the larger events held in the last few years.
- The park manager was contacted by a potential volunteer for campground hosting. Having additional help in the campground will provide the park with 40 volunteer hours a week and will help relieve the workload for our current volunteer. The new volunteer is set to arrive around

- August 15 and will stay in a host site next to the park housing. He has volunteered at other Idaho State Parks before and was highly recommended by their management.
- The annual Idaho State Disc Golf Championship was a success. Every August, disc golfers from across the nation come to Lake Walcott State Park for the three-day tournament. This year we had 215 players coming from Idaho, Texas, Colorado, Utah, California, and even one player from Australia. The players complimented park staff on how well the park has been maintained this year.
- Construction at the Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge headquarters continues. They have finished demolition and are beginning to build the framework of their new facilities. The construction timeline has been updated to continue into October.
- The new Incident Reporting System has helped park management handle recent events. On August 3, staff and deputies responded quickly to a medical emergency at the Visitor Center. On August 23, a child was bitten by an off-leash dog near the boat ramp; staff and deputies intervened immediately. In response, the park plans to update signage and increase staff presence to reinforce leash rules, an ongoing issue across all state parks.
- September looks like it will continue to be busy in the campground with weekends still booked solid in the RV sites. Tent camping has slowed down in reservations, but we expect walk-ins to happen during the weekends.

LAND OF THE YANKEE FORK- BLAKE PACKER, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The interpretive center was open from 8:30am-4:30pm, Wednesday-Sunday, Closed: Monday-Tuesday.
- Starting on September 2nd, the Challis Hot Springs Pools and Visitor Center transitioned to fall hours of operation from 8:30am-4:30pm on Monday, 8:30am-8:30pm on Tuesday-Sunday. The Challis Hot Springs will be transitioning to winter hours starting on November 1.
- A volunteer assisted visitors with mining history at Bayhorse Ghost Town and nearby mines through July. Since then, a Seasonal Interpretive Ranger has provided historical information and tours Wednesdays through Sundays, serving as a valuable asset throughout the summer.
- Challis Hot Springs saw steady visitation from July through September. Monthly pass use rose from 204 in July to 226 in August and 283 in September
- OHV Idaho State Passports have seen an increase in sales due to the parks increase in enforcing the MVEF with OHVs at the Challis Hot Springs since the start of the peak season.
- The park has had a Seasonal Interpretive Ranger on site throughout most of August providing interpretive/historical information and other pertinent park and area information to visitors Wednesdays through Sundays. This Seasonal Interpretive Ranger has been a great asset to oversee this location and provide interpretive tours to various size groups throughout the summer season.
- The park is still in the process of expanding its social media presence with the assistance of the East Region Administrative Assistant. This is part of a region wide effort to increase park visitation and expand the social media presence of IDPR throughout the State of Idaho and to people outside of the state.

Park/Program Usage

- Interpretive Center traffic counter data was: 1,362 (June), 1,809 (July), 1,573 (August), and 1,075 (September). Visitation at the Visitor/Interpretive Center peaked at 688 in July (up from 630 in June), decreasing to 530 in August and 376 in September.
- Bayhorse Ghost Townsite saw 1,907 visitors in July, 2,296 in August, and 1,648 in September. It continues to be a popular stop for Challis Hot Springs campers, local visitors, and recreation-bound travelers. The months of July-September the historical film was shown 130 times and viewed by 501 visitors.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	2	120
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- The parks Interpretive Ranger assisted the Bureau of Land Management with hosting an interpretive program on birds and bats on July 12 at the Challis Hot Springs. In addition, the parks Interpretive Ranger completed a program on alkali bees at the Challis Hot Springs on July 26
- The park hosted a Field Trip on July 12 that included touring the Interpretive Center, Challis Bison Kill Site, and the Bayhorse Ghost Town. This Field Trip utilized two (2) American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters to provide ADA assistance to these student visitors.
- The park held the 16th Annual "Ride the Bayhorse" OHV Riding Event on August 16th. There were 18 individual OHV's that participated in the day's events which included riding on high mountain roads and trails as well as touring the mining sites at Sherman, Skylark, and Ramshorn Mines and enjoying lunch and a park raffle at the Bayhorse Ghost Town for a midway point through the ride. This event is a great opportunity for visitors to explore unseen country in some of Idaho's most amazing mountains while learning about the rich mining history in the local area.
- Interpretive programs related to the areas rich in mining history including Bayhorse, Custer, Bonanza, the Yankee Fork Gold Dredge, and the surrounding mines and mining towns. These interpretive programs also included information on the Bison Kill Site, and hands on demonstrations and practice panning for gold. This includes roving interpretation at both the Interpretive Center and the Bayhorse Ghost Town.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	564	2242
Environmental Education	2	18
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	1	42
Special Events	2	516
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Park staff have worked diligently to address noxious plants throughout the park from spring to fall.
- Staff re-sheeted and painted three pump houses at Challis Hot Springs and planned additional projects, including painting the Interpretive Center bridge, staining and replacing fencing, and installing a second informational kiosk in the campground.
- Park staff evaluated the structures at Bayhorse, Ramshorn Mine, and Skylark Mine. Park staff
 met with Nathan Powers, Brad Gilmer, Brian DiLenge, and private contractors to determine the
 best course of action to stabilize and preserve these historic structures during the month of July
 2025.

Staff Training

• Blake Packer attended Wilderness First Responder Training from September 10 through the 14 to increase knowledge on responding to medical emergencies inside of the park and on motorized trails adjacent to the park.

Manager's Narrative

- The Seasonal Trail Ranger crew completed extensive trail work across the Land of the Yankee Fork Historic Area this spring and summer, with reports detailing miles maintained for the 2025 season
- A variety of issues were documented within the park's patrol logs related to paying the MVEF staying within designated parking areas. This has been an issue at the Challis Hot Springs and will continue to be an issue until the park develops campsite spurs and delineates campsites boundaries through barricades and other methods.
- We are working with the IDPR Development Bureau and design team on a master plan for the Challis Hot Springs Unit. Key elements include utility upgrades, campground redesign, a new visitor center, pool improvements, cabins, added parking, and roadway upgrades. Plans also include an archery range, fishing pond, trails, and habitat restoration. This long-term project is expected to finish in FY28–FY29, with funding identification a key priority.
- Park staff, the IDPR Development Bureau, and design contractors met throughout the year to
 refine the Challis Hot Springs Master Plan, assess infrastructure needs, and explore utility
 options. After meetings with the City of Challis and consultants, IDPR chose to pursue
 independent sewer and water systems. Follow-up meetings in April and June reviewed updated
 designs and project phases, and the East Region Maintenance Crew completed test pits for sewer
 permitting on June 18.
- Park staff and IDPR Development Bureau identified needed repairs to the Challis Hot Springs entrance road, funded through ARPA. Rivers West Construction began work in late April, with completion expected by the end of August 2025.
- Park staff, the IDPR Development Bureau, and contractors identified needed repairs to the Challis Hot Springs entrance road, funded by ARPA. Rivers West Construction began work in late April, with full completion expected by September 2025.
- Staff completed stripping and painting the Interpretive Center bridge and plan to stain and replace fencing near the center and pools in September. They also plan to install a second informational kiosk in the Challis Hot Springs campground.
- Park staff completed the installation of a second informational kiosk in the campground at the Challis Hot Springs.
- Park staff covered multiple shifts including night shifts to ensure that staffing needs were met at the Challis Hot Springs office. This also included responsibilities related to the cleaning and maintenance of the Challis Hot Springs pools and pool areas. In addition, this included night compliance shifts by Park Rangers at the Challis Hot Springs on Friday and Saturday nights between Memorial Day through Labor Day.

MASSACRE ROCKS – TRAVIS TAYLOR, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Camping slowed in the latter half of July, due to high heat, county fairs.
- Boat ramp area has been very popular all summer.
- Camping has been consistently inconsistent. While weekend camping may have dropped off in August, our weekday camping has seen a noticeable increase, sometimes with more reservation arriving on a Tues than a Fri.
- Lots of day use traffic. Especially on Sundays. Sundays have seen some of our heaviest visitor center traffic ever.
- Boating has been higher than normal. It helps with American Falls Reservoir and Lake Walcott have both started lowering their water levels early this summer. Boat Launch improvements have been very well received.
- Foot traffic through the VC has remained high through September...especially on Sundays, which is unusual.

• Retail sales remain high in Sept with \$2034 in sales. Stickers (36) T-shirts (14), and Hat Pins (11) were top sellers this month.

Park/Program Usage

- Camping declined in late July due to high temperatures, though weekday use remains strong compared to previous years. Day-use and retail sales are up.
- We had three days of field trips from the local Jr High in American Falls, totally approx. 140 students, teachers, and chaperones. They toured the visitor center, went on a nature walk with park interpreters and had lunch at Register Rock.
- Our seasonal interpreter, Tonia, also led a plant walk with two park visitors on the 15th.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	18	215
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

• Working with Pam and the AG's office on the possibility of joining an irrigation agency. Staff Training

• Nothing to report.

Manager's Narrative

- For the first time, I consider my park to be fully staffed, it has been great to get a lot of deferred projects accomplished. Lots of cleaning and painting, and just a much-needed facelift to a lot of the park.
- Met with development on August 21 about monitoring wells at the RV dump station.
- August has continued the same trend for all summer this year. Busy, but uneventful.
- The septic system that services the existing MRSP shop and the new ERMC GARAGE was finally approved and backfilled with much rejoicing.









• The big news in the park was the removal of the vehicle that went over the edge back in May. We were contacted by Yankum Ropes, a towing equipment provider in Burley about the possibility of bringing in recovery experts to haul the vehicle out while producing content for YouTube. On September 4th, members of Matt's Offroad Recovery, Peck Brothers, and Yankum Ropes removed the vehicle, and the following YouTube content was released:

Matt's Offroad, just surpassed 2 MILLION VIEWS! https://youtu.be/syNmSDVPghs?si=MtZjKsMikS-aWGzy

Peck Brothers Offroad, currently at 161,850 views https://youtu.be/K5mcOxbxvEU?si=CIJdhXWiQLlvfjNG

Yankum Ropes, currently at 16,643 views https://youtu.be/3kQa10iVBPs?si=j4w-D8pH77FSOFPE

We were looking at a \$20,000-\$50,000 bill from a "professional" tow service.



• We have continued with our visitor center renovations by opening up the last two large windows in the visitor center. The open view was a very nice change from the drab interior from the past.





More light in our VC!

One of our refinished signs

- Our volunteer, Joel, has finished refinishing many of the park's original redwood signs.
- Travis met with Ryan Buffington, Seth Hobbs, Andy Stokes, and representatives from Verkada about testing some of their next generation technology to track visitation.

EAST REGION MAINTENANCE CREW - BRAD GILMER, FOREMAN

Henry's Lake State Park

• Completed dog park planning and approvals, dug all fence post holes, ordered supplies, and poured the 40 posts plus corner posts for the dog park.

Harriman State Park

- Smoothed out the road going into the Sheridan unit of the park. Also laid all the roadbase they had brought out to help smooth out the road in preparation for an event. Repaired a hole in the aqueduct that feeds the potable water to the park. A cow had fallen through and pooped in the hole resulting in the positive E. coli tests.
- We fenced off the spring area to keep cattle out, then addressed a failed air relief valve that caused a leak. After disinfecting the system with bleach, we discovered multiple leaks—two along the service road and one near the Visitor Center hydrant. Repairs included patching two cracks in the 8-inch main line, replacing a faulty PVC connection, and installing a new hydrant and main line section. After repairs, water tests confirmed the E. coli was successfully eliminated.

Ashton Tetonia Trail State Park

- Fixed the plastic rebar chairs broken over the winter and prepped the slab for pouring. Poured the shed slab at the Visitors center.
- Brad Attended the pre-bid for the paving project
- Looked at the Ranger house and got measurements for new windows.
- After getting window quotes, I gave them to Ryan, who authorized the order.
- I ordered the windows from Builders First Source in Idaho Falls.
- Finished all the dirt work around the slab at the Visitors Center. We are now just waiting on the shed

Bear Lake State Park

- Dug up a leaking irrigation line and repaired it.
- Moved a trailer and some canoes from Massacre to Bear Lake.

Massacre Rocks State Park

• Massacre handrail posts (steel) for the bridge started getting worked on.

- Welded the handrail posts for the pedestrian bridge we will be re-decking Robert and Kolton repaired a leak on the Lower loop potable water system.
- Robert and Kolton finished welding the feet onto the posts for the new bridge handrail posts.

Lake Walcott State Park

- Went to Lake Walcott and did some equipment training with Rolando and helped fix a leaking water line.
- Work began on the privacy fence posts. Pulled the radiator out of the backhoe to start trying to find a replacement.
- Welded the posts for the privacy fence at Lake Walcott.
- Started welding a new state park entrance sign after the old wood one was destroyed in a vehicle accident
- Robert and Kolton finished welding the feet on the posts for the privacy fence and took the posts to be powder coated.

Land of the Yankee Fork State Park

Met with Veritas and Brian DiLenge to discuss making the Skylark trail accessible for their
work and determining repairs for the Skylark and Ramshorn buildings. I will be putting together
a quote on how much it would cost for the region crew to do some work and submitting it to
Development.

East Region Crew tasks

- Met with Collier Metal works and got a quote for them to cut us some base plates, IDPR logos, and powder coat everything once Robert gets it all welded together.
- Went to enroll the crew for preservation school and noticed that the hosting location had been moved last minute from Heyburn to Portland Oregon. We have decided not to attend this year and are going to try to attend a trade show instead.
- We began working with Zach from John Deere (C&B operations) on getting the quotes and specs together in preparation for submitting all our purchase recs by the end of the month.
- Installed the airbags for the suspension on the F-250 and the onboard air compressor wired / plumbed in all that is left is to install the air controller that I had to order.
- Nicolas arrived from Boise, and with Ryan, we spec'd, submitted, and had our annual purchase recommendations approved in a single day.