



## Communications Report

February 2026 – June 2026

Susan Buxton, Director

Will Armbruster has been in his role as Public Information Officer Senior PIO for 9 months he is supported by Sawyer Crenshaw (Communications Specialist). Will and Sawyer have been managing press releases, media inquiries, public records requests, social media, marketing, internal communications, and overall communications support to all IDRPs staff. They have successfully run three lodging and camping reservation discounts focused on increasing occupancy in traditionally low occupancy parks. Ribbon cuttings that have occurred or are scheduled:

- Lucky Peak Discovery Park Updates
  - Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 1pm-2pm
    - 100 attendees
    - Generous media coverage with three plus TV/Social Media interviews and online articles
- Priest Lake Kiosk and Entrance
  - Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm
- Round Lake Tree Houses
  - Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm
- Farragut State Park Peterson Campground
  - Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 3pm-5pm
- Heyburn Chatcolet Marina
  - Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 1-3pm
- Peterson Yurt Idaho City
  - Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> time TBD
- Ponderosa State Park Kokanee Cove
  - Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 3pm
- Twin Peaks Ranch State Park
  - Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm

### **Social Media**

Park staff continue to manage their own social media pages. The communications team's goal is to help boost individual park posts, provide guidance and support in content

creation, and manage the IDRP main social media pages. Frequency of posts has increased on all social media platforms and below is a report of social media impact on the department wide social media pages not individual parks social media pages.

Facebook Feb 1-May 5:

- Views - 80.9k (up 33.4%)
- Interactions - 674 (up 28.9 %)
- New Followers - 592 (up 71.1%)
- Non Followers Reached - 40k

Instagram Feb 1-May 5:

- Views: 112.7k (up 174%)
- Interactions: 2.7k (up 150%)
- Follows: 1.4k (up 87.5%)
- Non Followers Reached: 27, 668

### **Website**

Park staff can continue making minor updates to their specific park webpages. This has led to more efficient updates to our website thus improving the ease at which parks can share general information with the public. Providing park staff with this autonomy has improved park's ability to share important updates in a timely manner.

The Communications team is responsible for any major updates to the Idaho Parks and Recreation webpage, and they are currently working on the launch of an entirely new website that will have better usability for park visitors and staff. Regional administrative assistants, one from each region, and the Boating Program Coordinator, Non-Motorized Program Coordinator, and OHV Training Coordinator still have website editing access however the fully staffed communications team is now responsible for updating the webpage.

Website updates have been made promptly, and the communications team is working to systematically make updates as requests come in or fixes are needed.

### **Media Relations/Press Releases**

Multiple press releases have been sent since the communications team became fully staffed and numerous radio and video interviews have been conducted. Much media attention has been garnered from the scheduled and past ribbon cuttings illustrating the

positive impact these improvements are having on the community. The communications team is stressing proactive communication while strengthening relationships with media throughout Idaho. Will has been attending weekly meetings with Emily Callahan from the Governor's Office with other state department PIOs.

### **Public Records Requests**

Will works closely with the Deputy Attorney General's office to respond to public record requests with the appropriate information.

### **Foster Families in the Park**

On Saturday, May 2, more than 150 Idaho foster, kinship, and adoptive family members gathered at Massacre Rocks State Park for an event focused on outdoor recreation, connection, learning, and reflection. The event was held through a partnership between the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. This collaborative effort will continue throughout the 2026 calendar year, with tentative events planned at Harriman State Park in the spring and Hells Gate State Park in the fall.

# January – February – March 2026

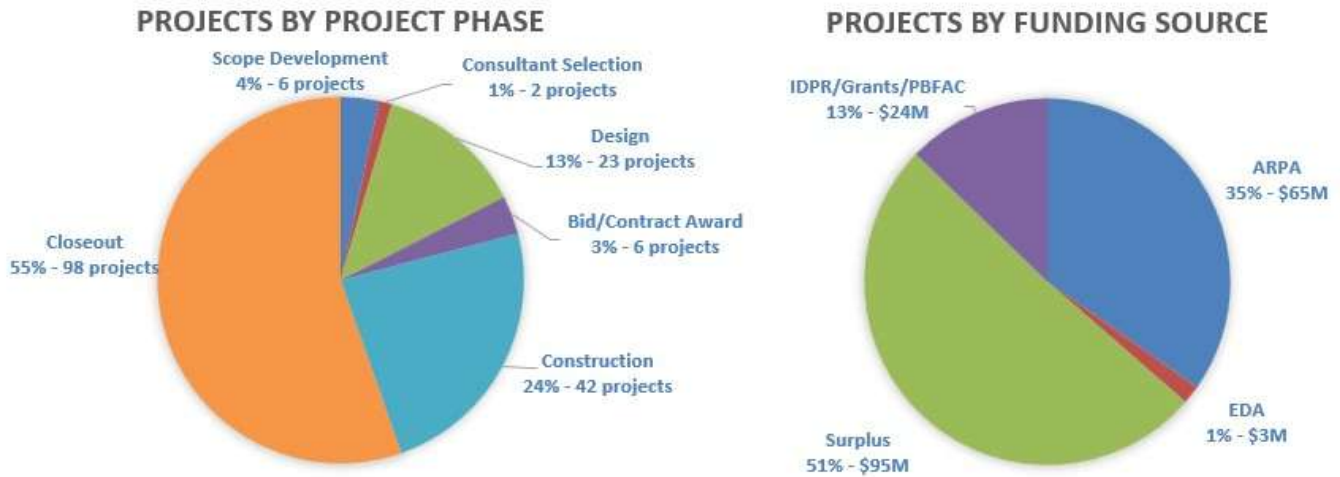
## DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

Bureau Chief – Melanie Schuster

### GENERAL UPDATE

The Development Bureau is currently managing 177 active projects totaling near \$200 million. The charts below illustrate where projects currently are in the development process by project phase and funding source. As we approach our final year to complete ARPA projects an amazing \$61 million of the \$65 million awarded has been spent. 34 of the 45 projects, or 75%, are substantially complete. For Surplus funding nearly \$50 million of the \$95 million awarded has been spent. 104 of 173 projects, 60%, are substantially complete.

Construction will finish this spring on various improvements at Bear Lake. Under Sarah Sundquist's direction a new campground has been designed and is being constructed which will provide back-in, pull-thru, and group-use campsites. Also, the existing boat ramp is being repaired and the launch area is being reconfigured to relieve congestion and improve safety.



This spring our long-awaited seasonal housing projects at Harriman and Lake Cascade have finally made it through the approvals needed to start construction. Both projects are planned to start construction in May. The Harriman house will provide 6 bedrooms for seasonal employees, and the Lake Cascade house will provide 8 bedrooms for seasonal employees as well as 2 apartments for permanent employees.

We are busy preparing for IDPR's largest grand-opening season ever with 7 grand openings scheduled in May and June, and 4 happening the week before Memorial Day weekend. While we are completing many more projects than this, we will be celebrating the opening of Lucky Peak Discovery Erosion Control and Water Access, Priest Lake Lionhead Kiosk, Round Lake Tree Houses, Farragut Peterson Campground, Heyburn Chatcolet Marina, Twin Peak Ranch, and the new Peterson Yurt.

# ARPA FUNDING TRACKING \*subject to change

IDPR ARPA TRACKING - July 2022 to December 2026								
								updated 3/31/26
Project #	Park	Project Name	Earmarked Budget	Allocated Budget	Obligated Budget	Expended as of 12/31/2025	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
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	\$1,600,000.00	Oct 2023	
3103251	Round Lake	IDL Cabins (ORFAC)	\$850,000.00	\$850,000.00	\$850,000.00	\$5,334.25	Nov 2024	
310413	TCDA	TCDA Bike-in Campsites	\$2,600,000.00	\$2,600,000.00	\$2,600,000.00	\$2,600,000.00	June 2023	Sept 2025
310531	Farragut	Peterson Group Camp	\$1,522,062.14	\$1,522,062.14	\$1,522,062.14	\$1,522,062.14	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	\$1,000,000.00	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	\$1,600,000.00	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	\$1,861,006.47	\$1,861,006.47	\$1,861,006.47	\$1,861,006.47	April 2023	Sept 2025
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	\$105,236.25	July 2024	Dec 2025
330133	Ponderosa	Kokanee Cove Renovations	\$7,388,552.00	\$7,388,552.00	\$7,388,552.00	\$7,203,303.47	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	\$1,543,897.65	Aug 2022	May 2023
3307252		Horsethief Reservoir Development (ORFAC)	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	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	\$423,196.45	April 2023	Oct 2024
350133	Massacre Rocks	Sewage System Replacement	\$872,288.57	\$872,288.57	\$872,288.57	\$696,602.46	May 2023	March 2026
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	\$1,000,000.00	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	\$3,000,000.00	March 2023	Nov 2025
360231	Henrys Lake	Phase 2 Waterline Upgrades	\$528,199.88	\$528,199.88	\$528,199.88	\$528,199.88	July 2022	Nov 2022
360232	Henrys Lake	Sewer Connection	\$816,000.00	\$816,000.00	\$816,000.00	\$10,000.00	July 2022	
360233	Henrys Lake	Campground Expansion	\$2,434,000.00	\$2,434,000.00	\$2,434,000.00	\$1,415,058.98	Jan 2023	
360531	LOYF	LOYF Camping Improvements	\$3,047,280.25	\$3,047,280.25	\$3,047,280.25	\$3,036,784.26	April 2023	
300035	Statewide	Statewide Employee Housing	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$307,946.95	Sept 2023	
300036	Statewide	AT Bridge	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$333,875.85	Jan 2023	July 2025
	Statewide	ORFAC (non-IDPR projects)	\$1,261,448.00	\$1,261,448.00	\$1,261,448.00	\$1,261,448.00	July 2024	
<b>Project Totals (*Subject to Change)</b>			\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$61,031,021.65		

\*Gray color means project is complete

\*Note that some numbers may be off due to financial systems transition to LUMA

# SURPLUS FUNDING TRACKING \*subject to change

IDPR SURPLUS TRACKING							updated 4/2/26	
Project #	Park	Project Name	Earmarked Budget	Allocated Budget	Obligated Budget	Expended as of 12/31/2025	Project Start	Project Completion
<small>*Gray color means project is complete</small>								
310132	Priest Lake	Group Camp Restroom - Additional Funding	\$675,000.00	\$675,000.00	\$602,000.00	\$561,605.49	July 2023	
310141	Priest Lake	Entry Station - Additional Funding	\$535,000.00	\$535,000.00	\$533,685.00	\$420,723.43	July 2023	
3101242	Priest Lake	Campground Improvements	\$793,723.23	\$815,000.00	\$793,723.23	\$793,723.23	Sept 2023	Sept 2024
3101244	Priest Lake	Lionhead Group Camp Bunkhouse Repairs	\$54,745.00	\$54,745.00	\$54,745.00	\$54,745.00	May 2024	June 2024
3101245	Priest Lake	Conceptual Design	\$46,500.00	\$46,500.00	\$46,500.00	\$46,500.00	June 2023	Aug 2024
3101251	Priest Lake	Kootenai River Property	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	June 2025	
310332	Round Lake	CG Water & Elec Upgrade - Additional Funding	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Aug 2023	
310333	Round Lake	Tree House Camping - Additional Funding	\$260,000.00	\$260,000.00	\$260,000.00	\$191,193.19	Oct 2023	
3103242	Round Lake	Backup Generators	\$360,000.00	\$360,000.00	\$339,799.00	\$312,777.68	April 2024	
3103243	Round Lake	Vehicle Pole Building Replacement	\$394,633.01	\$394,663.01	\$394,633.01	\$394,633.01	April 2024	Nov 2024
3103244	Round Lake	Well Upgrades	\$115,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$98,233.15	\$98,233.15	April 2024	
310414	TOC	Boundary Survey	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$49,900.00	\$46,210.56	Oct 2023	
3104251	TOC	Post & Chains on Trail of the CDA	\$110,267.00	\$110,267.00	\$110,267.00	\$110,267.00	July 2024	Dec 2024
310412	TOC	New Maint. Shop - Additional Funding	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$467,953.79	\$467,953.79	March 2023	April 2025
310413	TOC	Bike-in Campground - Additional Funding	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$169,329.21	\$128,351.01	June 2023	Sept 2025
310441	TOC	Install Crosswalk Indicator Signs - Additional Funding	\$23,036.16	\$23,036.16	\$23,036.16	\$23,036.16	Jan 2025	June 2025
310542	Farragut	Residence #2 Remodel	\$71,034.17	\$71,034.17	\$71,034.17	\$71,034.17	May 2023	July 2023
310532	Farragut	Buttonhook Bay Improvements	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	\$399,956.73	\$314,187.08	July 2024	
310531	Farragut	Peterson Group CG Additional Funding (RV match)	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	Feb 2023	
310531	Farragut	Peterson Group CG Additional Funding	\$825,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$821,767.49	\$450,400.18	Feb 2023	
3105261	Farragut	Snowberry Shower House Replacement	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	\$78,750.80	\$61,844.34	July 2024	
3105262	Farragut	Eagle Boat Launch Road Repairs	\$785,000.00	\$785,000.00	\$840,276.36	\$53,440.31	July 2024	
3105252	Farragut	Eagle Break Water Repairs	\$48,117.20	\$45,000.00	\$48,117.20	\$47,223.00	July 2024	
310641	Old Mission	Repaint Old Mission - additional funding	\$124,342.34	\$130,000.00	\$124,342.34	\$124,342.34	July 2023	Nov 2023
3106251	Old Mission	Visitor Center Security System Replacement	\$10,611.72	\$10,611.72	\$10,611.72	\$10,611.72	March 2025	June 2025
310731	Mowry	Mowry Development - Additional Funding	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,065,101.80	\$1,399,752.91	Nov 2024	
310741	Mowry	Mowry House Siding Replacement Refurbishment	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Nov 2024	
310831	Heyburn	Wastewater Facility Repairs - Additional Funding	\$2,100,000.00	\$2,100,000.00	\$546,024.86	\$321,999.40	Jan 2023	
3108241	Heyburn	Plummer Creek Bridge Evaluation	\$49,971.47	\$49,971.47	\$49,971.47	\$49,971.47	June 2023	Feb 2024
3108242	Heyburn	Plummer Creek Footbridge Demo	\$47,895.00	\$47,895.00	\$47,895.00	\$47,895.00	April 2024	May 2024
3108251	Heyburn	Rocky Point Staff House Reroof	\$49,950.00	\$49,950.00	\$49,950.00	\$49,950.00	Oct 2024	Dec 2024
3108252	Heyburn	Leased Cottage Sites	\$100,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,507.62	\$1,507.62	Nov 2024	
3108243	Heyburn	Chatcolet Marina - Additional Funding	\$14,861,605.00	\$14,000,000.00	\$14,861,605.00	\$6,761,500.73	June 2023	
310832	Heyburn	Rocky Point Marina - Additional Funding	\$11,400,000.00	\$8,000,000.00	\$11,400,000.00	\$115,136.61	June 2023	
3108253	Heyburn	Acquisition McCabe Cabin	\$315,000.00	\$315,000.00	\$315,000.00	\$315,000.00	Nov 2024	April 2025
3108261	Heyburn	Rocky Point Lodge Bat Abatement	\$100,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$26,698.40	\$0.00	Aug 2025	
3109251	CDA Parkway	Higgins Point Dock Improvements	\$94,624.00	\$65,000.00	\$87,181.00	\$87,181.00	July 2024	
300040	Dworshak	North Region Vault Toilets - Additional Funding	\$185.55	\$185.55	\$185.55	\$185.55	Dec 2024	July 2025
320232	Dworshak	Big Eddy Lodge Carpet - Additional Funding	\$38,209.18	\$38,209.18	\$38,209.18	\$38,209.18	Nov 2023	Jan 2024
320233	Dworshak	Surface Water Intake - moved from ARPA	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$151,965.00	\$52,159.90	Jan 2022	
320241	Dworshak	Big Eddy Lodge Exterior Restain	\$138,696.00	\$138,696.00	\$138,696.00	\$138,696.00	June 2023	April 2024
320242	Dworshak	Big Eddy Lodge Replace Deck	\$172,239.50	\$172,239.50	\$172,239.50	\$172,239.50	April 2023	Aug 2025
320243	Dworshak	Wastewater Upgrades Design	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$110,924.15	Jan 2024	
320244	Dworshak	Volunteer Site	\$135,000.00	\$135,000.00	\$41,950.00	\$25,269.00	Jan 2024	
320311	Hells Gate	Repair and Resurface Trail - Additional Funding	\$52,079.00	\$52,079.00	\$52,079.00	\$52,079.00	Aug 2023	May 2024
320321	Hells Gate	Sewer System Upgrade - Additional Funding	\$2,500,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$431,000.00	\$203,274.87	Sept 2023	
320397	Hells Gate	Camper Cabin Improvements	\$118,099.76	\$118,099.76	\$118,099.76	\$118,099.67	Sept 2023	March 2024
320392	Hells Gate	Marina Dock Replacement - C&D docks	\$1,325,000.00	\$1,325,000.00	\$1,332,671.43	\$1,320,505.01	June 2024	
320396	Hells Gate	Bike-In Campground	\$21,270.82	\$21,270.82	\$21,270.82	\$21,270.82	June 2023	May 2024
3203261	Hells Gate	Marina Dredging	\$25,250.00	\$25,250.00	\$25,250.00	\$0.00	March 2026	
320531	Winchester Lake	Winchester Yurts	\$16,473.00	\$300,000.00	\$16,473.00	\$15,196.41	Sept 2023	
3205241	Winchester Lake	Staff House Repairs	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$12,101.71	\$12,101.71	July 2023	
3205242	Winchester Lake	Campground ADA Pathway	\$146,000.00	\$146,000.00	\$141,105.00	\$139,185.90	June 2023	Dec 2025
3205243	Winchester Lake	Appaloosa/Yurt Loop Waterline Replacement	\$305,000.00	\$305,000.00	\$302,680.00	\$283,660.29	June 2023	Dec 2025
330131	Ponderosa	RR Upgrade Activity Center - Additional Funding	\$46,766.27	\$46,766.27	\$46,766.27	\$46,766.27	May 2023	Jan 2024
330133	Ponderosa	Kokanee Cove - Additional Funding	\$4,285,105.92	\$3,500,000.00	\$3,698,907.90	\$3,360,211.86	Sept 2022	
330143	Ponderosa	Visitor Center Reroof	\$58,647.00	\$58,647.00	\$58,647.00	\$58,647.00	Oct 2023	Oct 2023
3301244	Ponderosa	Deluxe Cabins Sidewalks	\$29,600.00	\$29,600.00	\$29,600.00	\$29,600.00	Oct 2023	Dec 2023
3301245	Ponderosa	Chokecherry CG Elec & Water - Additional Funding	\$392.79	\$392.79	\$392.79	\$392.79	Sept 2024	June 2025
3301261	Ponderosa	NW Passage Bank Stabilization	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$47,802.57	\$47,802.57	Mar 2025	Oct 2025
	Ponderosa	Ranger House Remodels	\$115,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
330231	Eagle Island	RV Campground - Additional Funding	\$3,750,000.00	\$3,550,000.00	\$3,683,454.73	\$4,111,317.92	July 2023	
330233	Eagle Island	Calf Barn Rehabilitation	\$2,900,000.00	\$550,000.00	\$636,089.30	\$501,834.38	April 2024	
3302241	Eagle Island	Dairy Barn Reroof	\$114,600.00	\$114,600.00	\$114,600.00	\$114,600.00	Sept 2023	Dec 2023
3302242	Eagle Island	Reroof Maintenance Yard Shop	\$15,985.00	\$15,985.00	\$15,985.00	\$15,985.00	Oct 2023	Dec 2023
3302243	Eagle Island	Dormitory Partial Demo & Abatement	\$290,000.00	\$290,000.00	\$286,452.00	\$164,012.17	Oct 2023	
3302244	Eagle Island	Parking Lot Improvements	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,769,553.05	\$1,568,820.97	March 2024	Feb 2026
3302251	Eagle Island	RV Host Sites	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$62,096.04	\$62,096.04	Dec 2024	Dec 2025
	Eagle Island	Slaughterhouse Demo & Abatement	\$250,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
330432	Lucky Peak	New Idaho City Yurt	\$265,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$259,199.10	\$258,325.08	Dec 2024	Nov 2025
330441	Lucky Peak	Discovery Erosion Control - Additional Funding	\$190,000.00	\$0.00	\$265,530.34	\$0.00	Dec 2024	
3304242	Lucky Peak	Springs Shores Irrigation Pump Replacement	\$72,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$75,027.42	\$57,860.00	Jan 2024	
3304243	Lucky Peak	Discovery Unit Irrigation Pump Replacement	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,734.00	\$9,734.00	Jan 2024	Oct 2024
3304251	Lucky Peak	Skyline Deck Maintenance	\$8,217.70	\$8,217.70	\$8,217.70	\$4,107.70	Oct 2024	Oct 2025
330512	Bruneau Dunes	Steele Reese Housing Conversion	\$19,173.70	\$19,173.70	\$19,173.70	\$19,173.70	Sept 2023	May 2024
330513	Bruneau Dunes	Landscape Upgrades at Observatory	\$99,500.00	\$99,500.00	\$99,500.00	\$99,500.00	May 2023	April 2024
330513	Bruneau Dunes	Paving throughout the park	\$1,250,500.00	\$1,250,500.00	\$1,250,500.00	\$1,250,500.00	April 2023	Oct 2023
330541	Bruneau Dunes	Irrigation and Landscaping - Additional Funding	\$52,649.19	\$15,000.00	\$52,649.19	\$36,524.19	Jan 2025	Oct 2025
330521	Bruneau Dunes	Repair Old Observatory	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$183,320.00	\$183,320.00	Aug 2024	Aug 2025
3305242	Bruneau Dunes	Install Planitrium in Observatory	\$206,910.00	\$200,000.00	\$206,910.00	\$206,910.00	July 2023	
3305251	Bruneau Dunes	Water Treatment Upgrades	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$30,508.00	\$21,000.00	Jan 2024	
3305261	Bruneau Dunes	Ranger Residence Repair	\$40,270.23	\$40,270.23	\$40,270.23	\$40,270.23	June 2025	Oct 2025
330641	Three Island	Irrigation Upgrades - Additional Funding	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$37,045.95	\$37,045.95	March 2024	July 2025
330642	Three Island	Renovate Old VC Restroom - Additional Funding	\$45,165.89	\$45,165.89	\$45,165.89	\$45,165.89	Nov 2024	Feb 2025
3306251	Three Island	Electrical Panels Cooling	\$32,316.00	\$32,316.00	\$32,316.00	\$0.00	June 2025	
330733	Lake Cascade	New Utility Building Additional Funding	\$159,411.90	\$160,000.00	\$159,411.90	\$159,411.90	Feb 2024	Oct 2024
3307241	Lake Cascade	Upgrade Paving Blue Heron Campground	\$1,260,000.00	\$920,000.00	\$920,000.00	\$909,081.25	Oct 2023	Nov 2024

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# SURPLUS FUNDING TRACKING \*subject to change

3307242	Lake Cascade	Ridgeview Shower House Reroof	\$42,272.15	\$46,000.00	\$42,272.15	\$42,272.15	Nov 2023	Jan 2024
3307251	Lake Cascade	Shoreline Erosion (BOR Match)	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
3307261	Lake Cascade	Provide Permanent Staff Housing	\$800,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Jan 2024	
	Lake Cascade	Buttercup & Sage Bluff Drainage Issues (BOR Match)	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	Lake Cascade	Boulder Creek Projects (BOR Match)	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
330832	Headquarters	Fire Alarm System Upgrades	\$195,035.28	\$195,035.28	\$195,035.28	\$195,035.28	July 2023	Oct 2024
3308241	Headquarters	LED Lighting Upgrades	\$58,368.50	\$58,368.50	\$58,368.50	\$58,368.50	April 2024	Jan 2025
3308242	Headquarters	Well Tie-in Irrigation Upgrades	\$12,535.00	\$12,535.00	\$12,535.00	\$12,535.00	May 2024	Oct 2024
3308251	Headquarters	OHV Shop Reroof	\$11,025.00	\$11,025.00	\$11,025.00	\$11,025.00	July 2024	Aug 2024
3308261	Headquarters	Refurbish Restroom	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$2,425.42	\$2,425.42	Oct 2025	
3403241	Thousand Springs	Remodel Manager House	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$117,170.25	\$90,320.25	Jan 2024	
340322	Thousand Springs	Visitor Center Interpretation	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Feb 2024	
340395	Thousand Springs	Billingsley Creek Campground - Additional Funding	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$148,531.56	\$148,531.56	Dec 2024	May 2025
340532	Castle Rocks	Lodge Improvements	\$156,317.17	\$156,317.17	\$156,317.17	\$156,317.17	July 2023	April 2024
3405243	Castle Rocks	Bunk House Staff Maintenance	\$50,610.00	\$160,000.00	\$50,610.00	\$50,610.00	July 2023	April 2024
3405251	Castle Rocks	Remodel Staff Housing	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$97,147.02	\$97,147.02	Sept 2024	
3406251	Lake Walcott	Water Systems Upgrades (BOR Match)	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$45,275.00	\$20,043.26	July 2024	
3406252	Lake Walcott	Campground Electric Upgrades	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$210,354.00	\$8,484.00	Feb 2025	
350135	Massacre Rocks	Parking Lot Improvements	\$675,000.00	\$675,000.00	\$675,000.00	\$675,000.00	July 2023	Nov 2024
3501241	Massacre Rocks	East Region Crew Shop Housing	\$1,000,000.00	\$900,000.00	\$991,982.22	\$991,982.22	May 2024	Dec 2025
3501251	Massacre Rocks	IDL Eask Fork (ORFAC)	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	June 2025	
3501261	Massacre Rocks	House Maintenance	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	July 2025	
350133	Massacre Rocks	Sewer Replacement - Additional Funding	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,265.16	\$10,265.16	May 2023	
350333	Bear Lake	East Beach Renovation	\$800,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$759,659.77	\$490,165.24	May 2024	
350341	Bear Lake	North Beach Boat Ramp Improvements	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$46,786.52	\$0.00	April 2024	
3503242	Bear Lake	Bear Lake County Property	\$64,675.00	\$64,675.00	\$64,675.00	\$64,675.00	Nov 2023	Nov 2024
3503243	Bear Lake	Vault Toilet Replacement	\$28,156.12	\$28,156.12	\$28,156.12	\$28,156.12	April 2024	May 2025
3503244	Bear Lake	North Beach Dock Repairs	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$23,580.00	\$23,580.00	June 2024	
3503261	Bear Lake	Staff Housing Duplex	\$800,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$30,200.00	\$15,100.00	March 2025	
360102	Harriman	Scovel Center Winterization	\$261,603.13	\$192,087.18	\$261,603.13	\$219,180.67	Sept 2024	
360131	Harriman	Ranch Office Remodel	\$368,000.00	\$368,000.00	\$377,799.91	\$321,681.35	July 2023	
360132	Harriman	Water & Septic System Upgrades	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$247,244.64	\$18,870.52	Dec 2024	
360134	Harriman	Historic Building Reroof & Chimney Repairs	\$116,829.51	\$169,706.05	\$116,829.51	\$116,829.51	July 2023	
360135	Harriman	Replace HVAC/Remove Fuel Tanks	\$171,858.44	\$277,000.00	\$171,858.44	\$171,858.44	July 2023	July 2024
360141	Harriman	Paving John Muir Trail	\$18,994.61	\$85,000.00	\$18,994.61	\$18,994.61	June 2023	Dec 2024
3601243	Harriman	Manager House Improvements	\$164,941.00	\$164,941.00	\$164,941.00	\$164,941.00	July 2023	Sept 2024
3601244	Harriman	Asst. Manager House Improvements	\$165,091.00	\$165,091.00	\$165,091.00	\$165,091.00	July 2023	Sept 2024
3601245	Harriman	Shop Improvements	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	July 2023	Sept 2024
3601246	Harriman	Vehicle Storage Improvements	\$31,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$31,000.00	July 2023	Sept 2024
3601247	Harriman	Gas Storage Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	July 2023	Sept 2024
3601248	Harriman	New Welcome Center Design	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$150,764.63	Oct 2023	
3601249	Harriman	Honeymoon Hotel Maintenance	\$197,698.00	\$197,698.00	\$197,698.00	\$177,614.85	July 2023	
36012410	Harriman	Icehouse Maintenance	\$45,846.00	\$45,846.00	\$45,846.00	\$45,846.00	July 2023	Sept 2024
36012411	Harriman	Cattle Foreman's House Maintenance	\$107,803.83	\$107,803.83	\$107,803.83	\$107,803.83	July 2023	Sept 2024
36012412	Harriman	Ranch Manager House Maintenance	\$118,917.50	\$118,917.50	\$118,917.50	\$118,917.50	July 2023	Sept 2024
36012413	Harriman	Tractor House	\$50,220.00	\$50,220.00	\$50,220.00	\$50,220.00	July 2023	Sept 2024
36012414	Harriman	Tractor Storage	\$175,320.00	\$175,320.00	\$175,320.00	\$175,320.00	July 2023	Sept 2024
36012415	Harriman	Cook House	\$136,731.02	\$136,731.02	\$136,731.02	\$136,731.02	July 2023	Sept 2024
36012416	Harriman	Harriman Cottage Maintenance	\$197,343.42	\$197,343.42	\$197,343.42	\$197,343.42	July 2023	Sept 2024
36012417	Harriman	Dining Cottage Maintenance	\$159,956.56	\$159,956.56	\$159,956.56	\$159,956.56	July 2023	Sept 2024
36012418	Harriman	Boys House Maintenance	\$179,092.42	\$179,092.42	\$179,092.42	\$170,786.92	July 2023	
36012419	Harriman	Jones House Maintenance	\$280,153.20	\$280,153.20	\$280,153.20	\$280,153.20	July 2023	Sept 2024
36012420	Harriman	Small Shop Maintenance	\$99,120.00	\$99,120.00	\$99,120.00	\$99,120.00	July 2023	Sept 2024
36012421	Harriman	Ranch Foreman's House Maintenance	\$137,760.00	\$137,760.00	\$137,760.00	\$137,760.00	July 2023	Sept 2024
36012422	Harriman	Sheep Barn Maintenance	\$39,332.00	\$39,332.00	\$39,332.00	\$39,332.00	July 2023	Sept 2024
36012423	Harriman	Dike & Culvert Repairs	\$400,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$122,631.99	\$30,943.38	May 2024	
360233	Henrys Lake	Campground Expansion	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$217,465.84	\$56,155.97	Dec 2024	
3602243	Henrys Lake	Staff Cabin Repairs	\$55,716.31	\$55,716.31	\$55,716.31	\$55,716.31	June 2024	May 2025
3602242	Henrys Lake	Conceptual Design	\$3,450.00	\$3,450.00	\$3,450.00	\$3,450.00	May 2024	Aug 2025
3602241	Henrys Lake	Boat Ramp Concrete Replacement	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Dec 2024	
3602251	Henrys Lake	IDL Cabins (ORFAC)	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$27,700.00	\$2,026.75	July 2025	
360432	Ashton-Tetonia	Visitor Center Upgrades	\$400,000.00	\$425,000.00	\$368,202.03	\$327,586.71	June 2023	
3604241	Ashton-Tetonia	Visitor Center Purchase	\$351,126.82	\$351,126.82	\$351,126.82	\$351,126.82	June 2024	Aug 2024
3604242	Ashton-Tetonia	AT Trailhead Conceptual Planning	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00	June 2023	
3604254	Ashton-Tetonia	Drummond Property	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	June 2023	
360513	LOF	Bayhorse Preservation	\$618,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$617,247.91	\$583,916.01	Sept 2023	
360531	LOF	Camping Improvements (RV Grant Match)	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$26,809.40	\$476.99	April 2024	
360541	LOF	Exterior Painting - Additional Funding	\$24,366.71	\$24,366.71	\$24,366.71	\$24,366.71	May 2024	Jan 2025
3605251	LOF	Bayhorse Bridge Replacement	\$125,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$31,400.00	\$27,310.25	Jan 2023	
3606261	Twin Peaks	Salmon Ranch Acquisition	\$4,861,403.04	\$5,250,000.00	\$4,861,403.04	\$4,861,403.04	July 2025	Oct 2025
3606262	Twin Peaks	Twin Peak Initial R&M	\$388,596.96	\$388,700.46	\$298,210.95	\$90,279.84	July 2025	
3000247	North Region	North Region Minor Maintenance Program	\$641,417.00	\$641,417.00	\$607,469.28	\$607,469.28	Oct 2023	
3000248	South Region	South Region Minor Maintenance Program	\$641,667.00	\$641,667.00	\$614,179.32	\$614,179.32	Oct 2023	
3000249	East Region	East Region Minor Maintenance Program	\$666,667.00	\$666,667.00	\$575,775.40	\$575,775.40	Oct 2023	
300035	Statewide	Seasonal Housing	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Sept 2023	
300046	Statewide	Statewide Park Residence Repairs	\$774,713.60	\$538,625.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	May 2023	
300047	Statewide	Statewide Natural Resource Protection	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$249,865.65	\$249,865.65	Aug 2023	Feb 2026
	Statewide	FY27 RV Grant Match	\$475,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
3000002	ORFAC	ORFAC Docks & Navigation Improvements	\$57,232.50	\$57,232.50	\$57,232.50	\$0.00	April 2025	
30004	ORFAC	ORFAC Adaptive Recreation Equipment	\$112,500.00	\$112,500.00	\$112,500.00	\$95,850.17	April 2025	
30005	ORFAC	ORFAC White Pine Easement	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	April 2025	June 2025
3000005	ORFAC	ORFAC Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Trails	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00	\$7,281.82	April 2025	
3000006	ORFAC	ORFAC Sawtooth Wilderness Trails	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$3,570.00	April 2025	
30007	ORFAC	East Idaho Grazing Association	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	April 2025	
3000007	ORFAC	ORFAC Frank Church River Trails	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$10,720.00	April 2025	
3000010	ORFAC	ORFAC Wood River Trails	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$19,858.31	April 2025	
3000012	ORFAC	ORFAC Pend Oreille Story mapping	\$25,650.00	\$25,650.00	\$25,650.00	\$0.00	April 2025	
3307252	ORFAC	ORFAC Horsethief Reservoir Capital Dev.	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$527,997.89	Aug 2024	
300042	ORFAC	ORFAC Unassigned	\$401,317.50	\$401,317.50	\$401,317.50	\$0.00		
<b>Surplus Project Totals (*Subject to Change)</b>			<b>\$95,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$82,418,806.07</b>	<b>\$77,569,196.51</b>	<b>\$48,514,236.40</b>		
			<b>Earmarked</b>	<b>Allocated Budget</b>	<b>Obligated Budget</b>	<b>Expended as of 12/31/2025</b>		

\*Gray color means project is complete

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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. Construction started after Labor Day weekend 2025. Construction of the RR/Shower building and Entry Station has continued through the winter and will be wrapped up by early May. Construction completion is expected in May 2026. 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 Construction  
See project 310132.



Lionhead Entrance Station

310321 – Round Lake Campground Improvements Closeout  
Defined camping pads have been installed in the lower and upper loops. The campground road has been widened where trees allow, and the old concrete barriers have been replaced with rock. New fire rings have been installed.

310332 – Round Lake Electric & Water Upgrades Bidding  
Design is complete and reviewed by DEQ. Electrical connections have been made and pump upgrades are pending.

Project Number and Name

Status

310333 – Round Lake Treehouses (ARPA)

Closeout

Construction of the two new treehouses has been completed, and reservations are now open to the public.



Round Lake Tree Houses

3103242 – Round Lake Backup Generators

Closeout

Three backup generators have been installed, and the project is in closeout.

3103244 – Round Lake Well Upgrades

Construction

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

3103251 – Round Lake IDL Cabins (ORFAC-ARPA)

Construction

The cabins will be park model units due to utilities available and permitting agency restrictions. Electric and road work will occur in spring 2026 with cabin installation following. Region crew is currently working on tree removal to improve access and clear the area for the cabins. Contractor is installing a new trail to the cabins that will meet accessible access requirements.

310412 – Trail of CDA Land Acquisition & Construct Maintenance Shop

Close Out

Project is complete and the park has moved into the shop and duplex. Final close out documents have been received.

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

Close Out

Construction of the campground is complete and expected to open Memorial Day 2026. Final close out documents have been received.

Project Number and Name

Status

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 & Surplus)

Closeout

Construction of the campground is complete with only a few punch list items remaining. The new campground is available for reservations.



Farragut Peterson Campground Shelter

310532 – Farragut Buttonhook Bay Infrastructure Improvement (Surplus)

Construction

The Buttonhook Bay dock has been installed, and the restroom repairs are complete, pending water being turned on in the park. Road improvements will occur in 2026.

Project Number and Name	Status
<p>310541 – Farragut Connect VC &amp; 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.</p>	Construction
<p>3105251 – Farragut Access Improvements            Highway 54 is currently closed for project construction with traffic being rerouted onto Perimeter Road and South Road. Excavation for the intersection and underpass is complete. Concrete footers have been poured and the underpass will be installed the week of May 18.</p>	Construction
<p>3105252 – Farragut Eagle Breakwater Repairs            The Eagle Cove Breakwater repair project is complete, and the project is in close out.</p>	Close Out
<p>3105261 – Farragut Snowberry Shower House Replacement            The Snowberry Shower House design is complete, and the project has been submitted to DOPL for plan review. Construction is anticipated to start after Labor Day 2026.</p>	Bidding
<p>3105262 – Farragut Eagle Boat Launch Road Repairs            Road construction is underway for the Eagle Cove Boat Launch Road and water main replacement. The project is expected to be substantially complete before Memorial Day 2026.</p>	Construction
<p>310731- Mowry New Campground (ARPA)            Construction of the staff duplex and new well continued through the winter. Work on the new campground, shelter, restroom and shower building has started and looks to be complete in July. Work on the Mowry house will start as soon as the staff duplex is complete.</p>	Construction
<p>310741 – Mowry House Siding and Foundation Repairs            See project 310731</p>	Design
<p>310816 – Heyburn Lodge Remodel (Surplus &amp; ARPA)            Additional bat abatement work was completed in Spring 2026. Permitting issues have been worked out with IDOPL and the certificate of occupancy has been requested.</p>	Construction
<p>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.</p>	Construction

Project Number and Name

Status

310831 – Heyburn Wastewater Facility Repairs (ARPA) Construction  
Construction of the nine lift stations is now complete. Rock filters have been installed at storage ponds 1 and 2 and modifications to the headworks building are complete. Design for repairs to the transfer pump facility is complete and construction is expected to begin in Fall 2026.

310832 – Heyburn Rocky Point Dock Replacement (ARPA) Construction  
Design drawings are complete, and the Rocky Point Boat garages have been removed. The Rocky Point Marina will be constructed starting in June 2026.

3108243 – Heyburn Replace Chatcolet Docks (ARPA) Construction  
Parking lot improvements and new marina store are nearly complete. The docks and breakwater have been installed. Canopy slipcovers are being installed and the electrical work to the pedestals is being completed. The new marina will be open to the public Memorial Day Weekend 2026.



Heyburn Chatcolet Docks

Project Number and Name	Status
DPW 23833 – Heyburn Rocky Point Cottage Upgrades North Region DPW Deferred Maintenance Design Build team has completed the electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and new floor coverings. Exterior painting is expected to be completed Spring 2026.	Construction
DPW 26542 – Heyburn Rocky Point Shoreline ADA Access IDPR will be requesting delegation for this project from DPW to complete the project as part of the Rocky Point marina improvements.	Scoping
3109251 – CDA Parkway Higgens Point Dock Improvements (Surplus) The dock work will be included in the Farragut Improvements project. The gangway replacement and dock repairs are complete and the project is in closeout.	Close Out
320181- McCroskey Redtail Primitive Campground & Shelters Design is complete. University of Idaho has presented their findings regarding site impact and public opinion. Project is on hold pending input from park before proceeding.	Design
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 for Army Corp approval to proceed.	Design
3202243 – Dworshak Wastewater Upgrades The Design-Build team has submitted the engineer recommendations for Freeman Creek and Three Meadows. Test pit approval was received from USACE on 10/17/25.	Design
3202244 – Dworshak Volunteer Site Expansion (Surplus) Received USACE project approval on 10/17/25. Work has started on Volunteer Sites.	Construction
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 for review. USACE permit has been submitted, and we are waiting for approval.	Design
320392 – Hells Gate Marina Mooring Dock Replacement (ARPA) The marina is open to the public. Working on final closeout documentation.	Closeout
320396 – Hells Gate Bike-In Camping (ARPA) Design is complete. Waiting on USACE approval to proceed with the project.	Design
DPW 25543 - Hells Gate ADA Restroom Remodel (PBFAC) Construction budget and construction documents have been presented and approved by PBFAC. We are waiting on USACE plan review and approval to continue with the project.	Design

Project Number and Name	Status
320531 – Winchester Additional Yurts (Surplus) Project on hold pending new pricing.	Design
3205241 – Winchester Staff House Repairs (Surplus) A meeting was held with the electrician to define the electrical repair scope. The contract has been issued and work will start Spring 2026.	Construction
3205242 – Winchester ADA Pathway (Surplus) Construction has been completed and the project is in closeout.	Close Out
3205243 - Winchester Appaloosa Water Line Replacement (Surplus) Construction is complete and the project is in closeout.	Close Out
3205251 - Winchester New Day Use Areas (ARPA) Construction is complete and the project is in closeout.	Close Out

## SOUTH REGION

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
330133 – Ponderosa Kokanee Cove Dev & Renovations (ARPA & Surplus) Phase 3 Kokanee Cove has all utility connections installed and approved by the appropriate entities with Certificates of Occupancy granted by DOPL. Punchlist, including landscaping, is on-going and is scheduled to be completed by end of May 2026. The cabins are furnished, and the project will hold a ribbon-cutting dedication on June 2, 2026. The development will be open for use by the public in June 2026.	Close Out
330141 – Ponderosa Reroof Ranger Residence A The re-roof is complete, and the project is in close out.	Close Out
330142 – Ponderosa Reroof Ranger Residence B The residing effort has been completed, and the project is in close out.	Close Out
3301251 – Ponderosa NW Passage Campground Bank Stabilization (Surplus) This is a joint project with IDFG to stabilize the bank between the river and the fishing pond. Construction was completed at the end of October and the project is in close out.	Close Out
DPW 26543 – Ponderosa SP Activity Center Ext., ADA Access DPW will seek a not to exceed quote from a regional light construction service contractor to do the work. Construction is expected to be finished in fall 2026.	Bidding
330231 – Eagle Island RV Campground (ARPA & Surplus) The campground remains open with landscaping resuming to complete the project. Total project completion is scheduled for mid-July 2026.	Construction
330233 – Eagle Island Rehabilitation (Surplus) Building rehabilitation into office and event space is now in the design process. Lack of water flow has required the addition of a fire sprinkler system.	Design
3302243 – Eagle Island Dorm Abatement (Surplus) The Dormitory has been cleaned up and abated. Construction is now proceeding with structural bracing, exterior lighting, and means of securing the building to complete the project.	Construction

Project Number and Name	Status
3302244 – Eagle Island Parking Lot Improvements (Surplus) Landscaping and temporary irrigation is currently underway. All other aspects of the project have been completed.	Close Out
3302251 – Eagle Island RV Host Sites (Surplus) Two new RV host sites with electrical, water and sewer connections are ready for use.	Close Out
DPW25540 – Eagle Island Staff Housing Renovations Working with DPW to define the scope of work and delivery method.	Scoping
330432 – Lucky Peak Idaho City Additional Yurts (Surplus) Construction was completed in mid-November. The yurt is open for winter reservations.	Close Out
330441 – Lucky Peak Discovery Erosion Control The project is substantially complete, and a ribbon cutting is scheduled for April 30, 2026.	Construction



Lucky Peak Discovery Park Erosion Control

Project Number and Name	Status
DPW 26540 - Lucky Peak Sandy Point Lower Restroom Remodel Working with DPW to define scope and project delivery.	Scoping
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 construction is complete, and the project is in close out.	Close Out
3305251 – Bruneau Dunes Water Treatment Upgrades (Surplus) DEQ has approved of the water treatment upgrades, and the design professional is preparing construction drawings and specifications. The project will be bid when the drawings are complete.	Design
3305261 – Bruneau Dunes Manager’s Residence Siding Replacement (Surplus) The project includes siding and window replacement to address deferred maintenance items. Work is complete and the project is in close out.	Close Out
330641 – Three Island Irrigation Pump and Control Upgrades The project has been completed and is in the closeout phase.	Close Out
3306251 – Three Island Electrical Panels Cooling Construction has been completed and substantial completion is being scheduled.	Construction
300035 - Seasonal Housing; Lake Cascade (Surplus) Design/Build team has completed plans for a two-story staff/ seasonal housing unit. Lower level will be duplex with 2-2-bedroom apartments and upper level will be 8 bed seasonal housing. Plans have been submitted to DOPL for review and approval. Construction is scheduled to start spring 2026.	Bidding
3307252 – Horsethief Reservoir Development (ORFAC) Design-Build contract is in place, and the project is under construction. This project has been turned over to Idaho Fish & Game for management of the project.	Construction
DPW 26541 – HQ Bldg. HVAC Replacement IDPR is asking DPW for delegation. Project will commence when spending authority is received.	Scoping
340322 – Thousand Springs VC Exhibits The Project has been transitioned to a new Design-Build team as the former team went out of business. Schematic drawings have been approved, and the design drawings are currently being reviewed.	Design

3403241 – Thousand Springs Manager House Maintenance (Surplus)

Construction

A mini-split unit has been installed, and electrical upgrades have been completed. The exterior of the residence is scheduled to be painted in mid-spring 2026. The exterior stairs and decking will be repaired to make it safe and in compliance with established building codes.



Thousand Springs Manager's House New Flooring



Thousand Springs Manager's House Bathroom Upgrades

## EAST REGION

Project Number and Name	Status
340531 - Castle Rocks VC Water System Upgrade Water treatment has been installed to address the high iron content in the water. The project is now in close out.	Close Out
340541 - Castle Rocks Fishpond ADA Improvements The project is complete, and the project is in close out.	Close Out
3405251 - Castle Rocks Ranger House Upgrades (Surplus) New kitchen cabinets, floor covering, roof cover, interior paint and installation of new light fixtures on the interior are completed. Contract to replace the HVAC system has been issued and installation is expected to be completed early summer.	Construction
3406251 - Lake Walcott Water Systems Upgrades The project has been bid, and the low responsive bid has been accepted. Construction is scheduled for Fall 2026.	Bidding
3406252 - Lake Walcott Campground Electric Upgrade (Surplus) Project is in construction and will be completed spring 2026.	Construction
350133 – Massacre Rocks Sewer System Replacement (ARPA) The project is complete, close out documents are in place, and the project is in the close out phase.	Close Out
350134 – Massacre Rocks E. Fork Campground (Surplus - ORFAC) Met with an engineer to evaluate project. Waiting for agreement with IDL to proceed.	Scoping
3501241 – Massacre Rocks East Region Maintenance Shop Construction of the shop is complete, and the project is in close out.	Close Out
3501261 – Massacre Rocks House Maintenance The project will be completed by the East Region Maintenance Crew Fall 2026.	Scoping

Project Number and Name

Status

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 are graded, rough in for water and electrical installed. Final design for widening kiosk area for RVs is complete. Construction will resume in the spring.



East Beach Sage Springs Primitive Campground

Project Number and Name

Status

3503241 – Bear Lake N. Beach Boat Ramp Replacement

Construction

The project is currently under construction. Work on the boat ramp is complete, and the parking lot improvements will be completed by Memorial Day 2026.



Bear Lake N. Beach Boat Ramp Replacement

3503244 – Bear Lake North Beach Dock Repair

Bidding

Dock repairs are in the procurement process and anticipated to be completed fall 2026.

3503251 – Bear Lake Permanent Staff Housing

Design

Building design is proceeding for a duplex to be built behind the shop and Visitor Center. Final site planning and permitting are in progress. Construction is expected in summer 2026.

360102 – Harriman Scovel Center Winterization

Construction

Grading is complete and decking installed. New HVAC has been installed and is functioning well. Remaining HVAC units installed. Soffit repairs are under construction. Completion is expected August, 2026.

360131 – Harriman Historic Ranch Office Rehabilitation

Close Out

Construction is complete. Final work to include cellar door replacement and heater installation for new well equipment has been installed, and the project is in close out.



Harriman Historic Ranch Office

Project Number and Name	Status
<p>360132 – Harriman Water &amp; Septic System Upgrades (ARPA &amp; Surplus)            Construction project is substantially complete. Design team has submitted O&amp;M (Operation and Maintenance manual) and as built drawings to East Idaho Public Health and Department of Environmental Quality for their review, and approval.</p>	Construction
<p>360134 – Harriman Historic Reroofs (Surplus)            All reroofs have been completed. Additional bat boxes have been installed to keep bats out of the newly cleaned and sealed buildings. Chimney repairs and structural upgrades have been completed. The project is in closeout.</p>	Close Out
<p>3601248 – Harriman New Welcome Center (Surplus)            The project is under design with the building location chosen and the schematic design phase completed.</p>	Design
<p>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 has been completed, and the project is in close out.</p>	Close Out
<p>36012423 -Harriman Dike and Culvert Repairs            Golden Lake Repair is in the permitting process. Construction for culvert and headgate repair has been postponed to late Summer/Fall 2026 after consultation with Idaho Fish and Game.</p>	Construction
<p>300035 - Seasonal Housing; Harriman            Design/Build team has completed design for 6 bed seasonal housing unit, and the plans have been approved for construction. Construction is scheduled to start spring 2026. Project is scheduled for completion December 2026.</p>	Bidding
<p>360232 – Henrys Lake Sewer Connection (ARPA)            See project 360233.</p>	Construction
<p>360233 – Henrys Lake Campground Expansion (ARPA)            Construction set to restart spring 2026. A change order will be issued to relocate the kiosk to accommodate the IDL camper cabin project. Project is scheduled to be finished December 2026.</p>	Construction
<p>3602241 – Henrys Lake Boat Ramp Replacement (Surplus)            Design team is looking at construction options to repair the boat ramp.</p>	Design
<p>360431 – Ashton-Tetonia Trail Upgrades (EDA)            Contractor has graded and rolled the trail from Marysville to Fall River trestle. Project to be completed summer 2026.</p>	Construction
<p>360432 – Ashton-Tetonia Visitor Center (Surplus)            Contractor has installed the storage shed.</p>	Construction
<p>300036 – Ashton-Tetonia Trail Bridge Inspections &amp; Repair (ARPA)            Historic bridge work has been completed and passed inspection with repairs including tightening of deck, railings, installation of expansion joints, piers and abutments poured. Project is in close out.</p>	Close Out

Project Number and Name	Status
<p>360513 – Land of Yankee Fork General Rehabilitation (Surplus) Structural Engineer team surveyed structures in July 2023. Initial work is complete to shore up the Dryer building and Stamp Mill completed. 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. Structural stabilization of Skylark will be completed in 2026.</p>	Construction
<p>360531 – Land of Yankee Fork Camping Improvements (ARPA) The design team has completed master plan concepts for the park. Engineer working on design for water and sewer improvements. RV grant has been requested for a new visitor center, changing rooms, restrooms, and showers. Paving repairs have been made to the main entrance road to the park in May.</p>	Design
<p>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.</p>	Design
<p>3606261 – Twin Peaks Salmon Ranch Acquisition (Surplus) Property has been purchased and the project is in close out.</p>	Close Out
<p>3606262 – Twin Peaks Initial R&amp;M (Surplus) Construction is underway to get property ready to open July 2026.</p>	Construction



Twin Peaks Lodge Dining Room

IDAPA RULE                       IDAPA FEE                       BOARD ACTION REQUIRED  
 BOARD POLICY                       INFO ONLY, NO ACTION REQUIRED

**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Idaho Park and Recreation Board Quarterly Meeting**  
**June 2-3, 2026**  
**McCall Public Library Conference Room**  
**218 Park Street**  
**McCall, ID 83638**

**AGENDA ITEM:**                      **FY 2026 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Reports**

**ACTION REQUIRED:**    **Information Only**

**PRESENTER:**                      **Steve Martin**

**PRESENTATION**

Attached are the financial reports for the second quarter of 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.

- Page 2 – FY 2026 Financial Statement / Budget Status as of 03/31/2026
- Pages 3-6 – FY 2026 Y-T-D Park Operations Revenues / Expenditures
- Page 7 – FY 2026 Cash Balances as of 03/31/2026
- Page 8 – FY 2026 Y-T-D Passport Program Revenue
- Notes

Year-to-date revenue is up \$1.8 million (15.0%) over FY 2025. This increase is attributable to both increased demand and increased capacity from new facilities (Thousand Springs, Eagle Island, Ponderosa) and renovated camping (Priest Lake, Ponderosa, Harriman). Most notably we realized a \$374,100 increase from cabin and float home leases at Heyburn (see Notes for additional detail).

Passport revenue is down slightly, -\$36,410 (-1.0%) versus FY 2025 due to a decrease in the number of 2-year registrations.

Year-to-date expenditures are up consistent with increases in our budget appropriation. Overall, our ongoing base budget for personnel and operating costs is expected to be \$1.7 million (5.6%) 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 March 31, 2026**

<b>Program/Object</b>	<b>Appropriation <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Encumbrances <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Remaining</b>
<b>Operations</b>					
Personnel Costs	\$ 20,583,800	\$ 14,672,070	\$ -	\$ 5,911,730	28.7%
Operating Expenditures	11,405,400	7,672,518	102,126	3,630,756	31.8%
Capital Outlay	3,661,131	2,444,296	697,594	519,241	14.2%
Trustee & Benefit	25,845,455	8,493,588	14,725,714	2,626,153	10.2%
Subtotal	<b>\$ 61,495,787</b>	<b>\$ 33,282,472</b>	<b>\$ 15,525,434</b>	<b>\$ 12,687,881</b>	<b>20.6%</b>
<b>Capital Development</b>					
Personnel Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Operating Expenditures	-	-	-	-	
Capital Outlay	115,167,198	47,313,584	84,992	67,768,622	58.8%
Trustee & Benefit	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal	<b>\$ 115,167,198</b>	<b>\$ 47,313,584</b>	<b>\$ 84,992</b>	<b>\$ 67,768,622</b>	<b>58.8%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 176,662,985</b>	<b>\$ 80,596,056</b>	<b>\$ 15,610,426</b>	<b>\$ 80,456,503</b>	<b>45.5%</b>

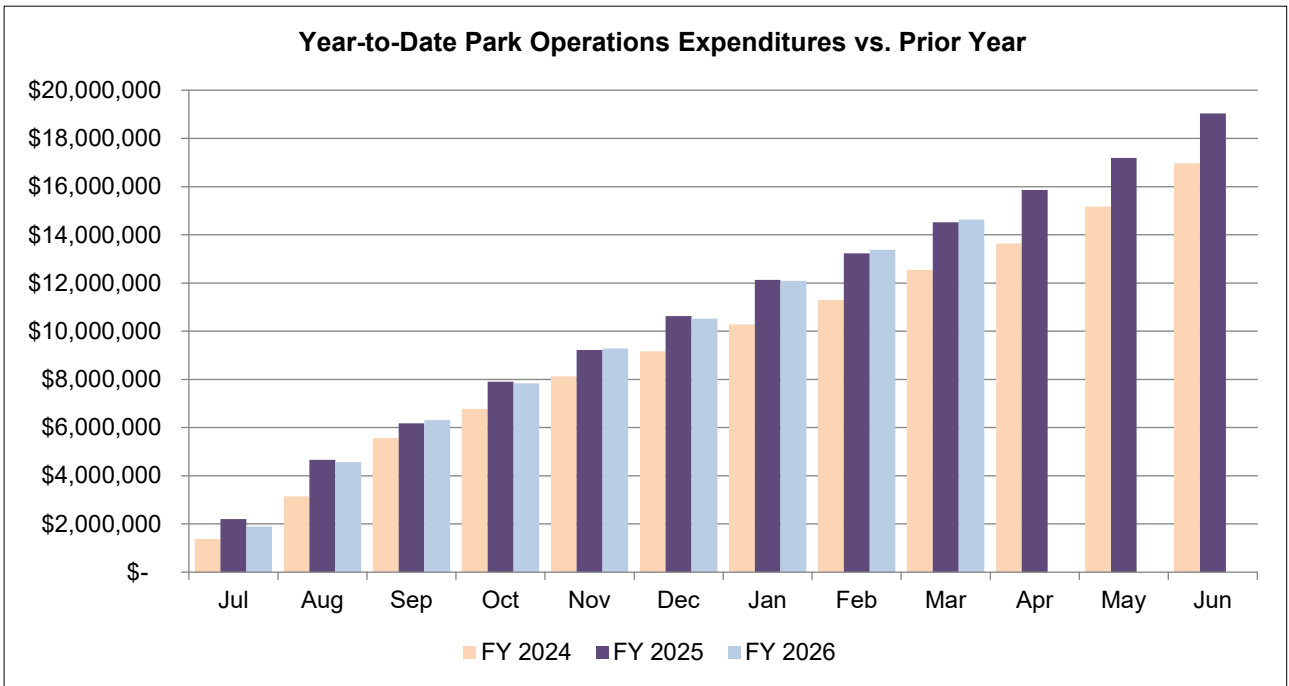
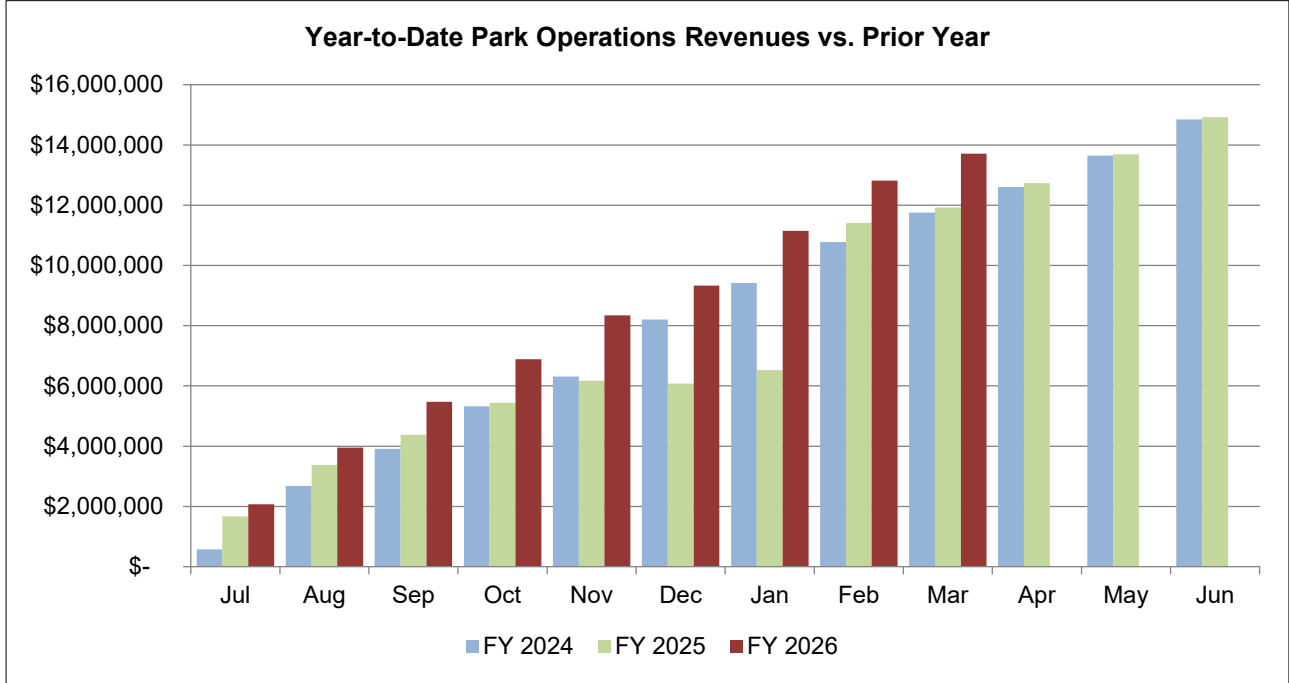
**<sup>1</sup> Appropriation Includes:**

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	-
Rescissions	(304,500)
	<b>176,662,985</b>

**<sup>2</sup> Encumbrances Includes:**

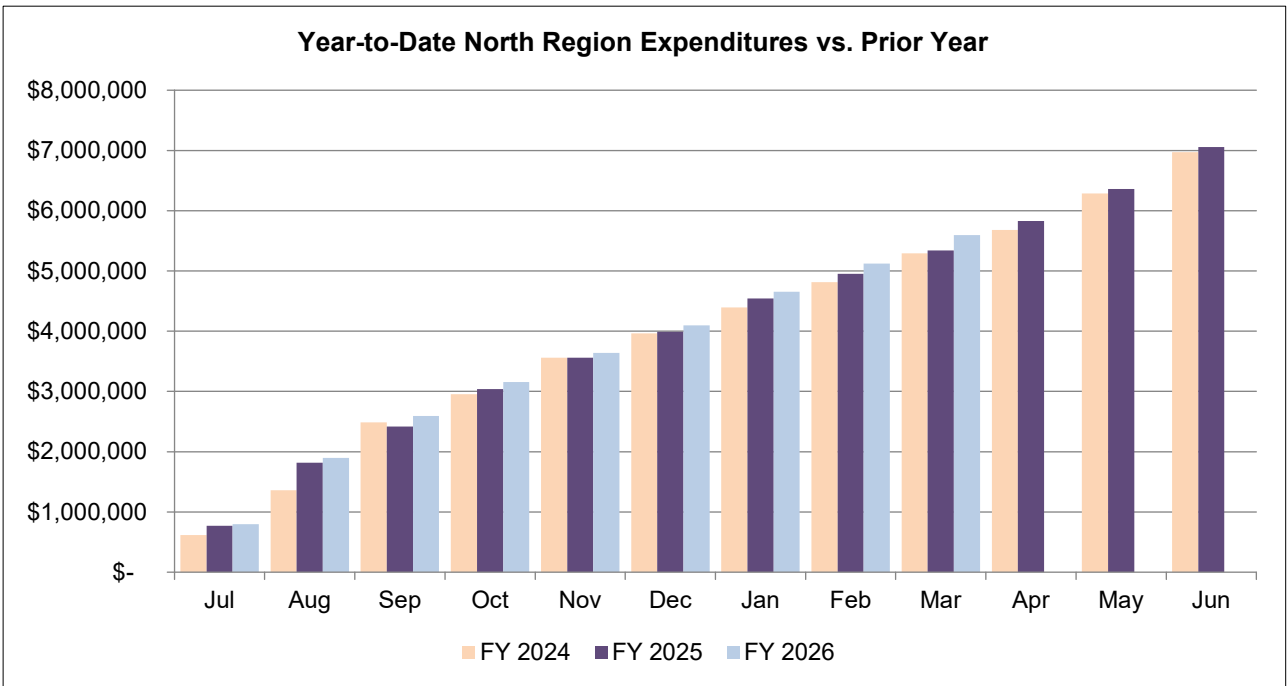
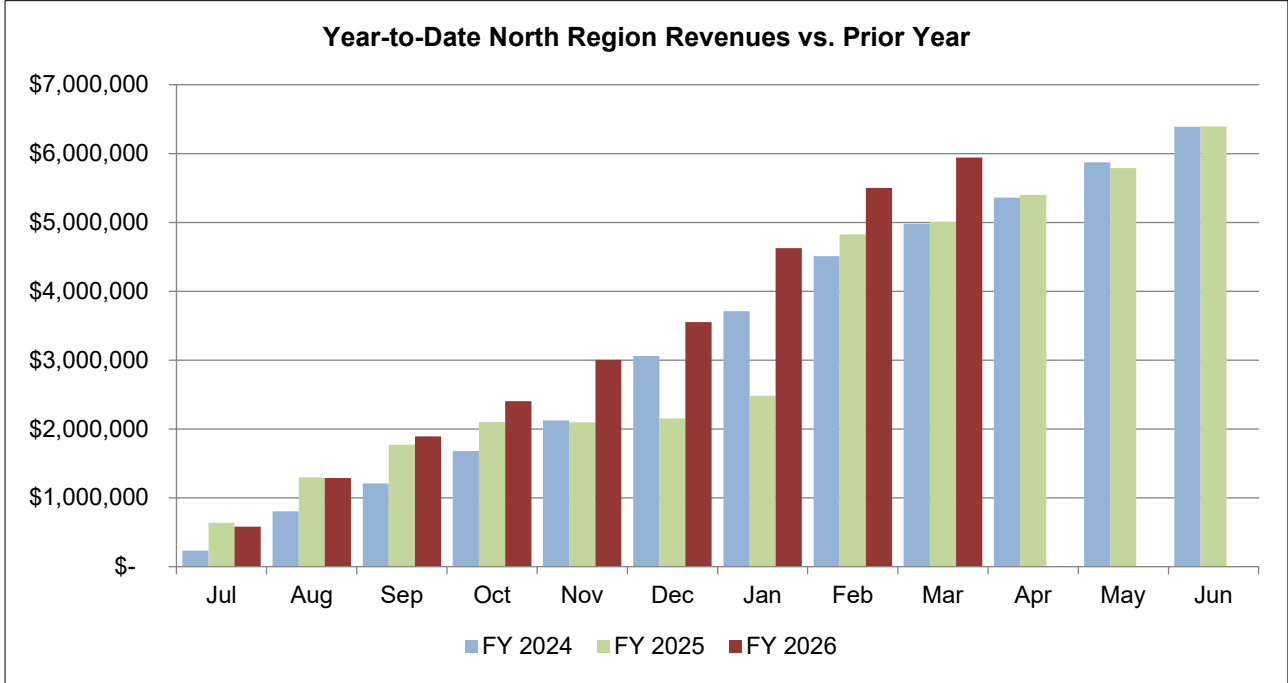
Grant Contract Balances	14,725,714
Open Purchase Orders	697,594
AP Accruals	102,126
	<b>15,525,434</b>

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation  
Park Operations - All Funds  
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures  
March 31, 2026**



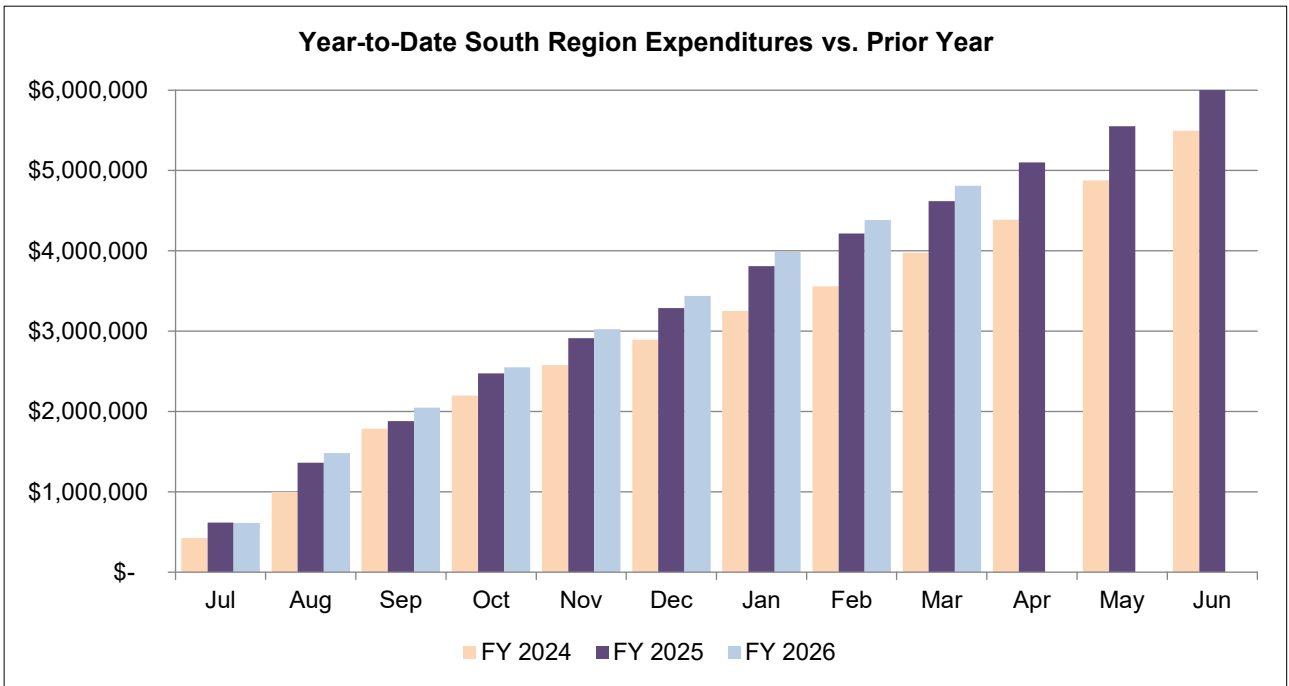
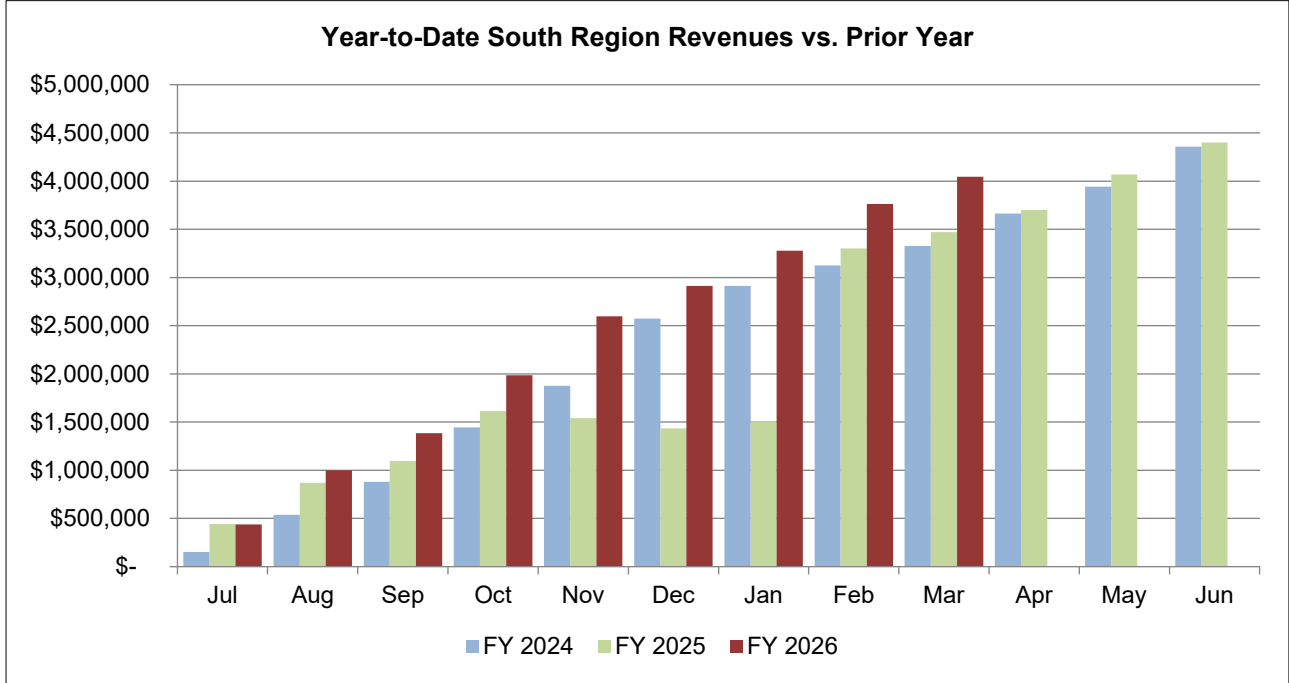
- All Park Operations fiscal year-to-date revenues are up \$1.8 million (15.0%) compared to FY 2025.
- All Park Operations fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$116,000 (0.8%) compared to FY 2025.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation  
North Region - All Funds  
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures  
March 31, 2026**



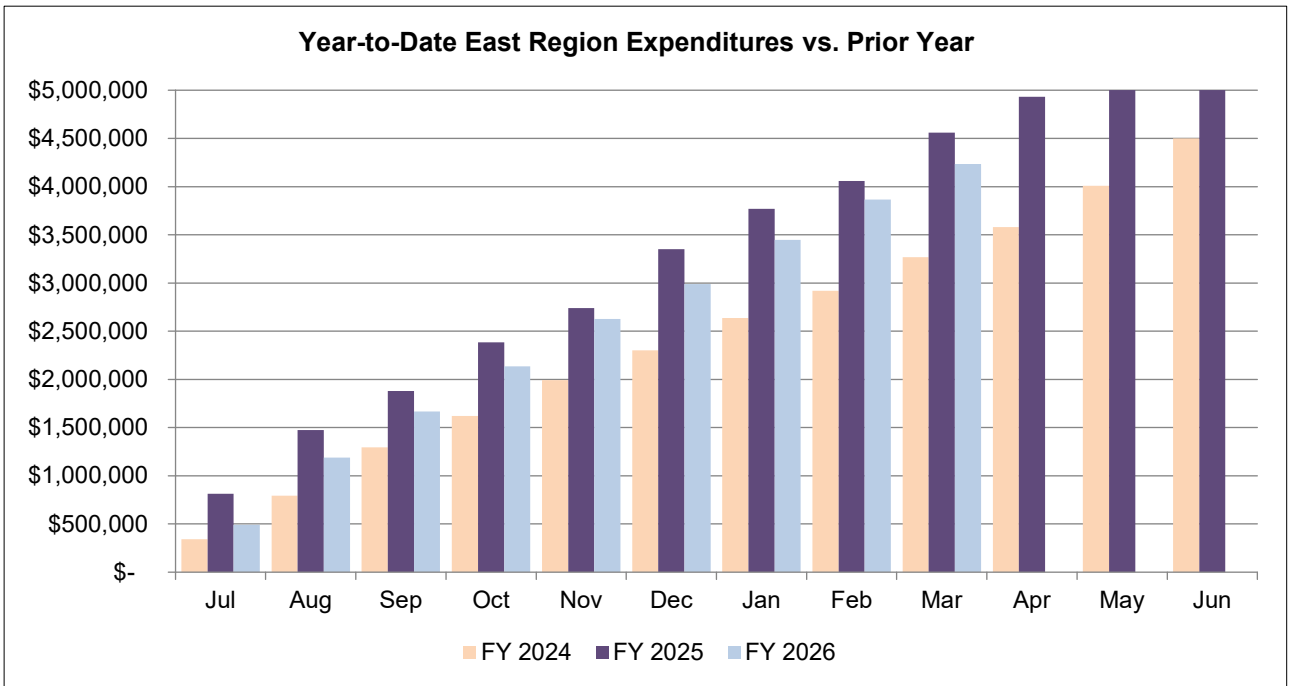
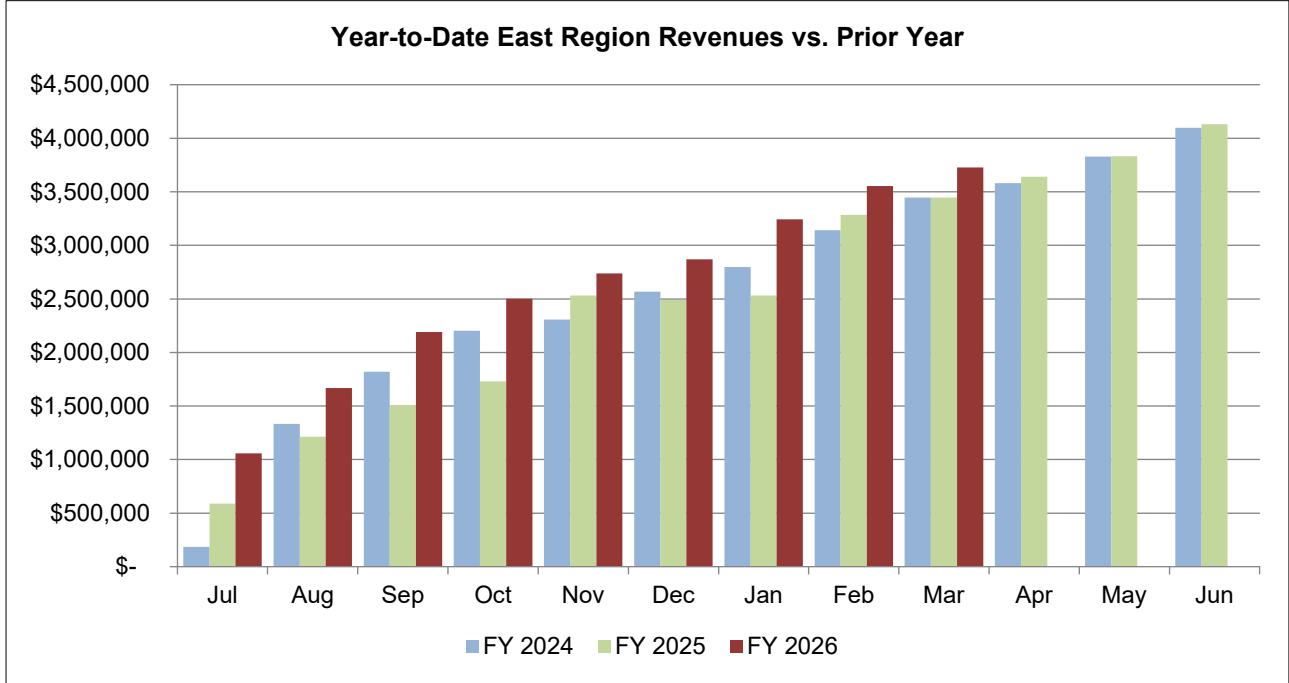
- North Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are up \$934,100 (18.7%) compared to FY 2025.
- North Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$253,900 (4.8%) compared to FY 2025.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation  
South Region - All Funds  
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures  
March 31, 2026**



- South Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are up \$576,700 (16.6%) compared to FY 2025.
- South Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$188,000 (4.1%) compared to FY 2025.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation  
East Region - All Funds  
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures  
March 31, 2026**



- East Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are up 278,300 (8.1%) compared to FY 2025.
- East Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are down \$326,000 (-7.1%) compared to FY 2025.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation  
Statement of Cash Position By Fund - FY 2026  
as of March 31, 2026**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Cash Inflows</b>	<b>Cash Outflows</b>	<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>Grants / Capital Obligations</b>	<b>Unobligated Fund Balance</b>
12500	Federal Indirect Cost Recovery	\$ 48,668	\$ 959,892	\$ (528,123)	\$ 480,438	\$ -	\$ 480,438
24300	Parks and Recreation Fund	89,621,383	34,131,624	(55,553,050)	68,199,957	47,800,301	20,399,656
24302	Parks & Rec - Registration Administration	6,076,465	5,248,004	(12,986,419)	(1,661,949)	-	(1,661,949)
24303	Parks & Rec - Sawtooth License Plate	2,472	91,268	(66,753)	26,987	-	26,987
24304	Parks & Rec - Cutthroat Wildlife Plate	114,929	45,625	-	160,554	20,440	140,114
24305	Parks & Rec - Mountain Bike	298,985	50,088	(27,043)	322,030	26,486	295,544
24701	Recreational Fuels - Capital Improvement	3,541,765	1,313,219	(646,898)	4,208,087	2,561,554	1,646,532
24702	Recreational Fuels - Waterway Improvement	3,069,866	1,312,778	(532,617)	3,850,027	2,204,382	1,645,645
24703	Recreational Fuels - Off-road Motor Vehicles	4,505,179	1,500,248	(2,095,726)	3,909,702	1,044,420	2,865,282
24704	Recreational Fuels - Road & Bridge	2,511,720	683,743	(204,978)	2,990,486	1,184,136	1,806,351
24706	Recreational Fuels - Administration	179,066	911,443	(1,109,014)	(18,505)	-	(18,505)
25001	Registration - State Vessel	-	1,440,573	(1,338,556)	102,017	-	102,017
25002	Registration - Cross Country Ski	257,939	48,957	(49,174)	257,721	-	257,721
25003	Registration - Snowmobile	1,976,447	2,223,795	(1,906,849)	2,293,393	-	2,293,393
25004	Registration - Motorbike	2,413,937	1,525,434	(1,083,278)	2,856,093	122,053	2,734,040
25005	Registration - Recreational Vehicle	30,175,450	8,495,158	(4,252,532)	34,418,075	11,273,703	23,144,373
25006	Registration - State Avalanche Fund	94,291	52,362	(23,100)	123,553	-	123,553
34000	Federal ARPA <sup>1</sup>	1,298,750	-	(80,760)	1,217,990	2,734,390	(1,516,400)
34430	Federal ARPA - SLFRF	20,553,519	-	(16,584,540)	3,968,978	3,947,921	21,058
34800	Federal Grant Fund <sup>1</sup>	2,299,116	10,889,604	(8,485,945)	4,702,774	7,445,640	(2,742,866)
34900	Miscellaneous Revenue	3,251,038	18,280	(286,854)	2,982,463	1,387,942	1,594,521
41001	Enterprise	7,600,185	2,478,449	(1,426,664)	8,651,969	58,849	8,593,120
49601	Expendable Trust - Park Donations <sup>2</sup>	491,584	61,684	(14,733)	538,535	-	538,535
49602	Harriman Trust	1,456,708	261,515	(292,823)	1,425,400	184,422	1,240,978
49603	Park Land Trust	3,527,349	118,932	(62,724)	3,583,558	497,698	3,085,859
49605	Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes	651,218	120,414	(86,101)	685,530	-	685,530
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 186,018,028</b>	<b>\$ 73,983,089</b>	<b>\$ (109,725,253)</b>	<b>\$ 150,275,864</b>	<b>\$ 82,494,336</b>	<b>\$ 67,781,528</b>

**Notes:** <sup>1</sup> Federal Grant Fund is a borrowing limit and does not represent department cash

<sup>2</sup> 0496.01 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 March 31, 2026

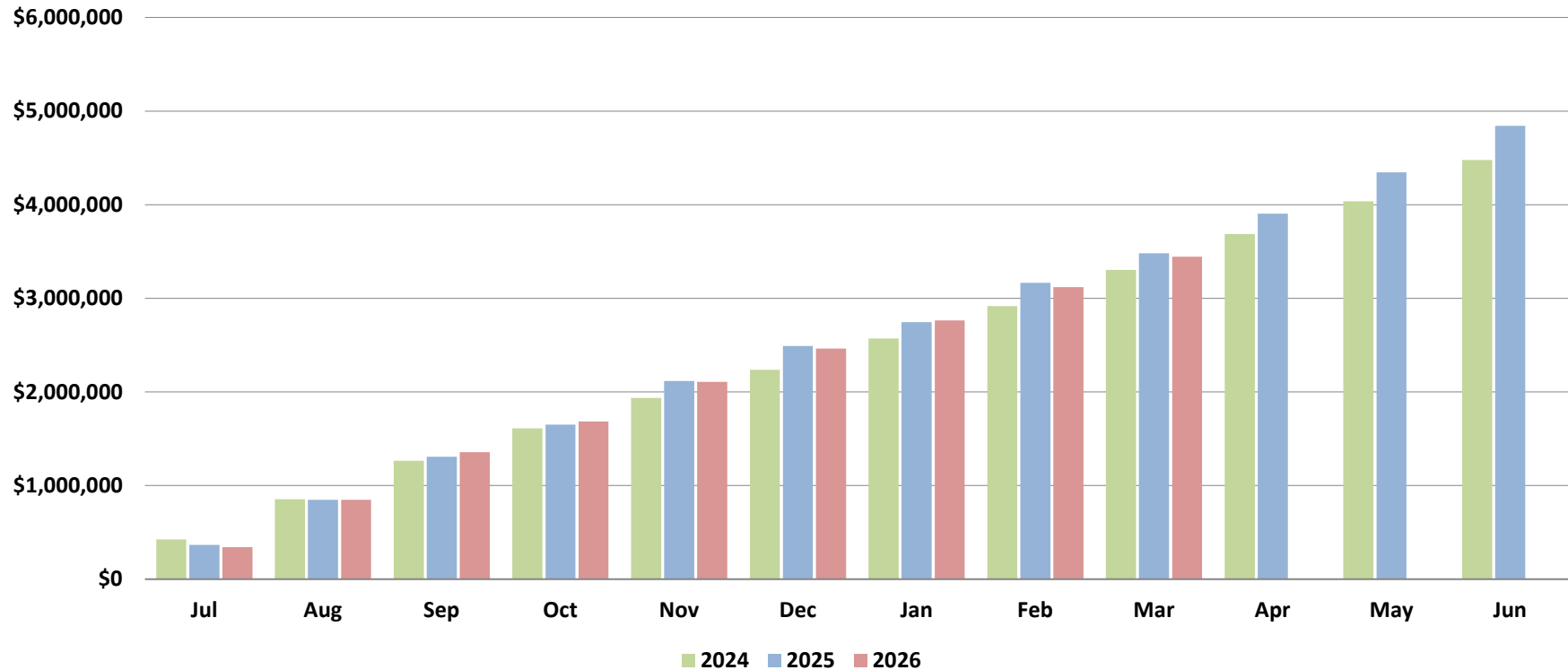
Gross Revenue	FY 2025 March	FY 2026 March	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
1-Year Registrations	\$ 132,640	\$ 139,100	\$ 6,460	4.9%
2-Year Registrations	183,240	185,520	2,280	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 315,880</b>	<b>\$ 324,620</b>	<b>\$ 8,740</b>	<b>2.8%</b>

FY 2025 Y-T-D	FY 2026 Y-T-D	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
\$ 1,437,300	\$ 1,493,810	\$ 56,510	3.9%
2,043,120	1,950,200	(92,920)	-4.5%
<b>\$ 3,480,420</b>	<b>\$ 3,444,010</b>	<b>\$ (36,410)</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>

Transactions	FY 2025 March	FY 2026 March	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
1-Year Registrations	13,264	13,910	646	4.9%
2-Year Registrations	9,162	9,276	114	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,426</b>	<b>23,186</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

FY 2025 Y-T-D	FY 2026 Y-T-D	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
143,730	149,381	5,651	3.9%
102,156	97,510	(4,646)	-4.5%
<b>245,886</b>	<b>246,891</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>0.4%</b>

**Revenue Trend by Fiscal Year**



**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation**  
FY 2026 Q2 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. \$304,500 reduction for 4% General Fund rescission (\$170,200) and unused CEC (\$134,300). Permanent rescission (S 1331).
  - 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 – 28.7% remaining is typical for the first ¾ of the year.
    - ii. OE – 31.8% remaining is typical for the first ¾ of the year.
    - iii. CO – 14.2% remaining is typical as we are busy completing the requisition and purchase order processes for the year.
    - iv. T&B – 10.2% remaining is typical as all FY 2026 grants have been awarded.
  - 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 \$47+ million in expenditures, so it looks like we'll break the record again.

### Pages 3 – 6 – Park Revenues and Expenditures Comments:

1. **Revenue** – Revenue comparisons to FY 2025 are resumed this quarter but timing variances may remain from disruptions in FY 2025. Reservation activity was suspended at the end of 2024 and not resumed until Brandt went live in January 2025. Consistent revenue reporting did not resume until March 2025. Overall, YTD revenues are trending favorably, up \$1.8 million (15.0%) versus FY 2025. This is primarily attributable to the following:
  - a. North Region – up \$934,131 (18.7%) compared to FY 2025.
    - i. Farragut up \$112,700 – Increase in Camping & MVEF
    - ii. Hells Gate up \$105,000 – Increase in Camping & Marina
    - iii. Heyburn up \$374,100 – Increase in Cabin & Float Home Leases
    - iv. Priest Lake up \$211,500 – Increase in Camping & Cabins
  - b. South Region – up \$576,692 (16.6%) compared to FY 2025.
    - i. \$171,100 at Eagle Island – New Campground (\$60,000) and delinquent concession lease payment
    - ii. \$161,100 at Thousand Springs – New Campground (includes MVEF, Res Fee, Cancel Fee and Retail)
    - iii. \$180,700 at Ponderosa – Increase in Camping & Cabins plus \$63,200 in Advance Kokanee Cove events
  - c. East Region – up \$278,300 (8.0%) compared to FY 2025.
    - i. \$183,200 at Bear Lake – Camping and North Beach Day Use
    - ii. \$159,600 at Harriman - \$119,000 in Cabins (closed for reno last year) / \$58,000 in grazing and concession leases
    - iii. \$52,000 at Challis Hot Springs / Yankee Fork – Camping & Hot Springs
    - iv. <\$144,700> at City of Rocks – Lower Federal contributions
    - v. <\$49,100> 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 four 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
    - iv. Y-T-D FY 2026 is already \$13.7 million versus comparable \$11.9 million in FY 2025, up 15.0%.
  - e. Passport revenue is down slightly at <\$36,410> or -1.0% versus FY25. This is due to a noticeable reduction in the number of 2-year registrations. We had our first month(s) ever over \$500,000 in sales August and September.

2. **Expenditures** – FY 2026 Park OPS Base PC up \$1.7 million (8.8% higher than FY 2025 after \$165,100 rescission of general fund and unused CEC) 5.0 new FTPs, CEC, health benefits, and additional \$309,000 for FTP wages and OE up \$40,900 (0.4% higher than FY 2025 following \$139,400 General Fund rescission). Total PC and OE are a combined \$1.7 million (5.6%) higher than FY 2025.
  - a. So, being up only \$116,000 (0.8%) is lower than we would expect and is attributable to the offset on Capital Outlay in the East and South Regions (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. PC up \$184,300 (5.0%).
    - ii. SR – (1 FTP) total increase pending additional wage increase. PC up \$289,300 (9.1%).
    - iii. ER – (3 new FTPs and 2 additional FTPs transferred) total increase pending additional wage increase. PC up \$423,700 (16.4%).
    - iv. Increases include CEC and health benefit cost changes (\$1,130 per FTP).
  - c. Expenditures by Region
    - i. NR – up \$253,900 (4.8%) is attributable to PC (above) and OE \$69,700 (4.5%).
    - ii. SR – up \$188,000 (4.1%) is attributable to PC (above) and OE \$48,400 (3.8%), offset by CO expenditures (-\$146,600).
    - iii. ER – down \$323,100 (-7.1%) is due to the CO expenditure timing described in d. below. Personnel is up consistent with the other regions. PC is up (above) and OE is up \$132,300 (14.6%), additional allocation for Twin Peaks is \$98,100 of that.
  - d. CO expenditures are 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 \$879,100 (-83%).
3. **Fund Cash Analysis** – No changes to significant funding sources for parks.
  - a. Grants / Capital Obligations equals the sum of T&B Encumbrances, plus Capital Outlay Encumbrances, plus Capital Development Carryover.



## Human Resources Report February 2026 Board Meeting

### Jennifer Quinno-Miller – Human Resource Officer

#### **Welcome – Connie Bartich, Volunteer & Workforce Programs Specialist**

We are excited to have welcomed our new Volunteer & Workforce Programs Specialist, Connie Bartich to the team! Connie brings a lifelong passion for recreation, community and the outdoors to her role. Her experience includes working at ski resorts, in hotel sales and event planning, in real estate, and with the City of Boise's Parks and Recreation Department, where she developed aquatics programs, hired and supported staff across four city pools, and served as a key customer service contact. She has also spent decades volunteering—serving on youth sports boards, supporting school initiatives, and coordinating multiple teams. She has hit the ground running and instantly fit right into the team and has been a very welcomed addition.

#### **Job Fair/Recruitment**

Over the past several months, the team has participated in a number of job fairs that have provided valuable exposure and opportunities to share the IDPR story while generating interest in employment opportunities across the agency. As usual, the IDPR booth continues to attract strong interest and high levels of engagement from attendees. We have also seen direct results from these efforts through increased applications for open positions noting the job fairs and events as the reason they were alerted to the job opening. Recruitment outreach remains an important part of our overall staffing strategy, and we look forward to participating in additional upcoming events.

#### **Recent Events Attended**

- University of Idaho, College of Natural Resources Career Night
- BSU Career Fair
- Mountain Home Air Force Base Job Fair
- BSU Part-Time/Summer Employment Job Fair





### **Performance Appraisals**

The State Controller's Office recently implemented a new performance appraisal template and entry process within Luma. The team recently provided training to managers and supervisors on the updated process, and managers are currently working to enter completed appraisals into the system.

As required by the State, performance appraisals are completed annually for all permanent employees. IDPR's review period runs from January 1 through December 31. At the time the new process was released, managers had already completed and reviewed appraisals with employees; therefore, the current effort is focused solely on entering the finalized evaluations into Luma. The updated system and entry process represent a significant improvement over the previous version and are expected to streamline the process and reduce administrative burden for managers and supervisors.

### **Smartsheet Process and Tracking**

This time of year, the team is heavily focused on onboarding seasonal employees and volunteer hosts. Given the volume and pace of hiring, we have continued to look for ways to simplify and streamline these processes and have recently implemented several automated and enhanced workflows through Smartsheet.

The use of Smartsheet has significantly improved organization, efficiency, and visibility into the onboarding process. One of the most impactful improvements has been the ability to monitor real-time status updates and data throughout the process. In particular, the attached dashboard

provides visibility into the number of seasonal employees currently in onboarding status, where individuals are within the process, and the number of incoming employees by park location.

The team has also expanded the use of Smartsheet within Volunteer Services, where it has been instrumental in streamlining volunteer onboarding and coordination efforts. We will continue exploring opportunities to leverage technology and automation to improve efficiency, strengthen tracking and communication, and reduce administrative burdens for managers and field staff.

### **Housing Policy Update**

Over the past several months, the Idaho Division of Human Resources has been developing a statewide Employee Housing Policy intended to ensure compliance with IRS regulations governing employer-provided housing, as well as State Controller's Office fiscal policy requirements. As an agency that provides employee lodging, IDPR must carefully evaluate housing arrangements to determine whether the benefit must be reported as taxable income. Under IRS regulations, employer-provided lodging is generally considered taxable unless it is required as a condition of employment and necessary for the employer's operational needs.

During this time, the team has also developed a comprehensive employee housing tracking system identifying all employee housing and lodging units, as well as current occupancy information. The team is now evaluating factors such as the condition of each structure, location, operational necessity, and other related considerations to determine whether a taxable fringe benefit applies in each situation.

Once the statewide policy is finalized and implemented, the agency will shift focus toward reviewing and updating the internal IDPR Employee Housing Policy, related agreements, and associated procedures. This effort will provide an opportunity to modernize and strengthen the agency's approach to employee housing administration.

Providing employee housing remains both a valuable benefit and a significant operational responsibility for the agency. Employees residing onsite in agency-owned facilities create unique operational and employment considerations that require clear expectations, consistent administration, and well-defined policy guidance. The agency looks forward to using this opportunity to make meaningful and necessary improvements to the policy framework.

### **Lupe Arteaga - HR Business Partner III & Jeremy Trent – HR Business Partner I**

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	Castle Rocks State Park	Madeline Burgoyne	1/19/26
Ranger	Twin Peaks Ranch State Park	Joseph Reed	1/12/26
Ranger	Land of the Yankee Fork State Park	<b>Vacant</b>	
Ranger	Land of the Yankee Fork State Park	Joseph Blackburn	5/21/26
Assistant Park Manager	Harriman State Park	<b>Vacant (on 5/21/26)</b>	
Utility Craftsman	East Region	<b>Vacant</b>	

### HEADQUARTERS

Boating Program Supervisor	Recreation Bureau	<b>Vacant</b>	
Boating Coordinator	Recreation Bureau	<b>Vacant</b>	
Equipment Operator	Recreation Bureau	Michael Priest	May 18th
Administrative Assistant 2	Registrations & Reservations	<b>Vacant</b>	
Administrative Assistant 2	South Region/Operations	Anna Medlin	1/27/26
Volunteer & Workforce Program Specialist	Human Resources	Connie Bartich	4/8/26

### NORTH REGION

Ranger	Old Mission State Park	Justin Humphrey	1/12/26
Ranger	Hells Gate State Park	Nathan Case	2/10/26
Administrative Assistant 1	Hells Gate State Park	Alisha Balls	5/4/26
Ranger	Farragut State Park	<b>Vacant</b>	
Ranger	Heyburn State Park	Kaitlyn Williamson	5/19/26
Administrative Assistant 1	Heyburn State Park	Cooper Barnes	2/18/26
Ranger	Dworshak State Park	Jamie Moser	2/12/26
Maintenance Craftsman Sr.	Heyburn State Park	Tanner Fields	5/2/26
Office Specialist 2	North Region Office	<b>Vacant</b>	

### SOUTH REGION

Ranger	Lake Cascade State Park	Matthew Cresmer	4/15/26
Ranger	Lake Cascade State Park	John Blankenship	3/11/26
Ranger	Ponderosa State Park	<b>Vacant</b>	
Ranger	Ponderosa State Park	<b>Vacant</b>	
Utility Craftsman	South Region	Andrew Carlson	2/23/26
Ranger	Thousand Springs State Park	Curtis Swarner	4/29/26
Ranger	Bruneau Dunes State Park	John Cole	4/14/26
Ranger	Bruneau Dunes State Park	<b>Vacant</b>	
P&R Assistant Manager	Eagle Island State Park	Julia DeHoff	1/4/26
P&R Assistant Manager	Lake Cascade State Park	Jacqueline Katchmar	1/4/26

## **Connie Bartich, Volunteer & Workforce Programs Specialist**

### **Park Volunteer Needs and Compliance**

Connected with all thirty Idaho State Parks to review current volunteer needs and ensure agreements and background checks are up to date. Collaboration with Will and Sawyer expanded statewide recruitment by boosting the visibility of open volunteer and host positions through targeted social media outreach. The Volunteer Program has onboarded nearly 350 regular volunteers for the 2026 season, filling roles such as hosts, non-hosts, maintenance, interpretive positions, and more.

### **Host Supply Distribution**

Assembled Host Supply kits for the season, with the Headquarters team completing timely deliveries to each park. Their support ensured that parks were fully equipped as host arrivals began. Thank you HQ!

### **Idaho Master Naturalists Coordination**

Spoke with Idaho Master Naturalists to strengthen statewide partnership. With ten active chapters and many willing to travel, the group offers a valuable network of skilled volunteers. Program expectations, volunteer hour requirements, contact information, and project ideas were shared with park coordinators to help connect park needs with available expertise.

### **Friends of Idaho State Parks Collaboration**

Connected with the Friends of Idaho State Parks with the focus on expanding cooperative opportunities and identifying areas where deeper, long-term partnership support may be beneficial. Will and Connie will both participate in the quarterly meeting in June.

### **Volunteer Webpage Improvements**

Updated the content of IDPR Volunteer webpage to provide clearer information and a more accessible experience for individuals exploring volunteer opportunities with Idaho State Parks. Work is also underway to enhance volunteer program branding, emphasizing a sense of belonging, stewardship, and legacy for future generations.

### **Housing, Rental, and Deduction Tracking**

Working with the HR team and park contacts to ensure rental and deduction forms are accurately tracked and to verify housing placements for staff at parks with available housing. Continued coordination helps maintain accuracy and consistency across locations.

### **Lake Cascade Volunteer Orientation**

Met with park staff to gain a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of rangers and camp hosts. Participation in the Lake Cascade Volunteer Orientation also provided an opportunity to thank volunteers for their time and dedication. Volunteers were encouraged to share any project ideas with their rangers, and I offered support in reaching out to volunteer groups who may be able to assist.

### **CPR and First Aid Program Coordination**

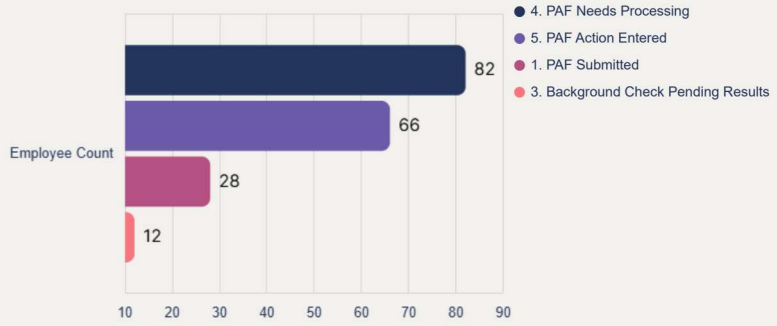
Learning about the American Heart Association (North) and Health & Safety Institute (South & East) programs to ensure every park has trained staff who can support their teams in first aid and CPR. This work includes becoming more familiar with certification requirements, available training resources, and the expectations for maintaining program standards. Continued coordination with park contacts helps identify current trainers, confirm training coverage, and determine where additional support or new trainers may be needed. This effort aims to provide each park with consistent, reliable access to first aid and CPR instruction, so staff feel confident and prepared during emergencies.

**Acknowledgments**

Many thanks to Bri Sabin, Courtnee Rader, Errin Bair and Jackie Katchmar for their time and guidance. Their support over the past couple of months has been incredibly helpful as I continue learning the Volunteer & Workforce Program Specialist position.

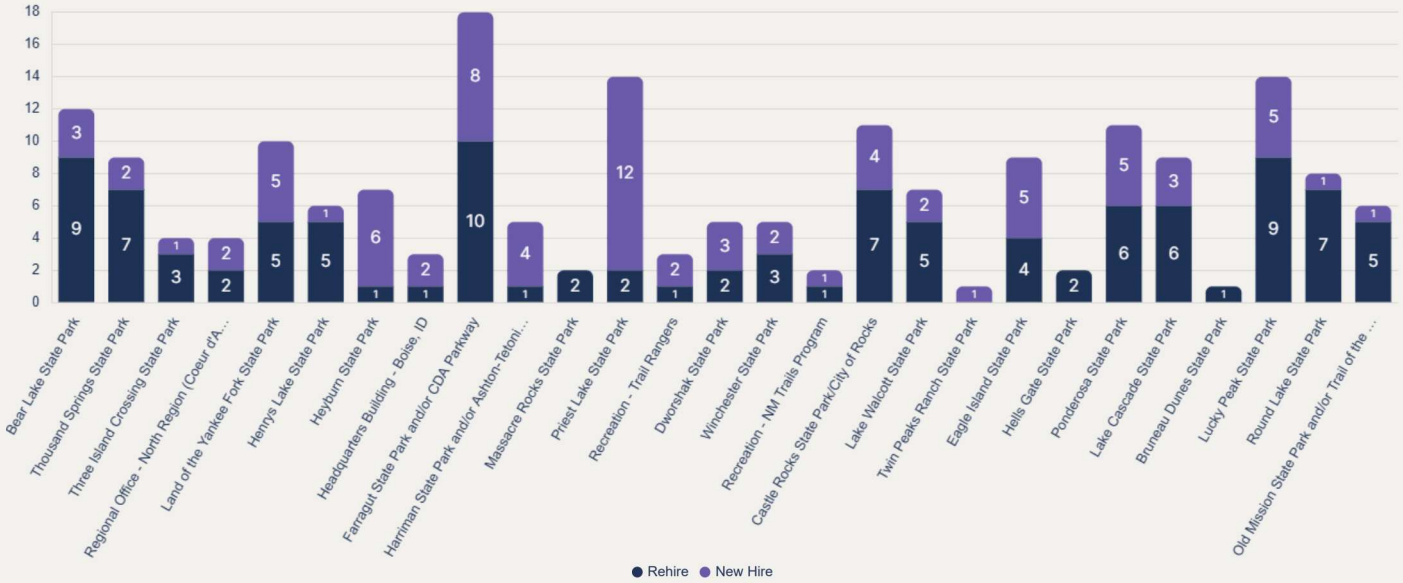


### Seasonal Employee Processing Status



**Total Employee Count**  
**188**

### Hires and Rehires by Location



### Seasonal Start Dates by Pay Period





## MANAGEMENT SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT

January · February · March (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)

Fiscal Year 2026

Management Services Administrator

Adam R. Zaragoza

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### **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.
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## **MAJOR TASKS AND WEEKLY UPDATES**

### *January 5 to 9*

Return from the Holiday break and started preparations for the 2026 Legislative session. Major area of focus was on the agency budget and rules that the agency submitted on. Additionally, held a meeting with Human Resources, Operations Administrator and Contracts Officer to ensure staff housing inspections are in compliance with annual inspections (per policy).

### *January 12 to 16*

Continue preparations for the 2026 Legislative Session. Watched the Governor's state of the state address online and continued to review the agency budget, SCORP, and address any of the Directors concerns about the session.



*January 19 to 23*

Attended multiple meetings with the Director and State Legislature regarding IDPR's proposed budget and watched the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) hearings to get a good understanding of what may occur at IDPR's budget hearing. Attended the Payette Lakes Recreational Sewer and Water District Board meeting with Ponderosa State Park Manager to get approval for Kokanee Cove sewer connections.

*January 26 to 30*

Attended multiple meetings with the Director and State Legislature regarding IDPR's proposed budget. Met with the Lemhi County Commissioners to discuss the transition of Twin Peaks Ranch State Park and the progress the agency has made. All Park Managers were in Boise for their annual updates and team building with our headquarters staff. Photo below was taken by Lonnie Johnson.



*February 2 to 6*

Legislative session continues. Our team at all levels was working diligently to prepare the presentation for JFAC. Administrative support across the team for any issues, contracts or legal matters.

*February 9 to 13*

Legislative session continues and final preparations for the JFAC Hearing. Attended legislative committee briefings with the Director and agency staff. General administrative duties and support for staff.



*February 16 to 20*

Legislative session continues and the Director presents the IDPR budget to JFAC. All preparations ahead of the hearing assisted the agency. Attended legislative committee briefings with the Director and agency staff. General administrative duties and support for staff.

*February 23 to 27*

Legislative session continues with various meetings with legislators. Our reservation and public involvement team set up a monthly meeting to review a 30-day reservation window. The primary purpose of this recurring monthly meeting is to target availability of cabins, yurts, campgrounds, etc and potentially offer discounts for those parks. General administrative duties and support for staff.

*March 2 to 6*

Legislative session continues with various meetings with legislators. Completed the annual road and bridge grant applications. Watched the JFAC hearing for the state's budget and it was very entertaining. General administrative duties and support for staff.

*March 9 to 13*

Legislative session continues with various meetings with legislators. Spent a few days in north Idaho working with the TCDA Park Manager on the Central Shoshone Water District lease rates, stopped at the administrative roundup in St. Maries, progress at the Chatcolet Marina. Toured the construction progress for the Farragut, Highway 30 intersection and the tree houses at Round Lake State Park. Met with Board Member Rody and gave him an agency update.

*March 16 to 20*

Legislative session continues with various meetings with legislators with our FY2027 budget pending. Spent a couple of days at Twin Peaks with Park staff for meetings with BLM, Lemhi County Commissioners, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and the State Fire Marshall.

*March 23 to 27*

East Region Manager and I met with City of Tetonian Mayor and staff regarding the Pinnacle Peaks development. As far as we know, that development is on hold and IDPR requested no platting of the development until an agreement is reached with the State of Idaho.



**CONTRACTS OFFICER SUMMARY**  
January · February · March (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)  
Fiscal Year 2026

The Contracts Officer's summary is intended to provide the Board a quarterly report of all agreements that have been executed. The position, as well as this report, will continue to be a work in progress as we transition contracts into this role and the reporting structure. The primary duties of the contracts officer is enforcement and management of all real estate contracts, agreements and encroachments for the agency.

North Region Concession Contracts:	11
South Region Concession Contracts:	13
East Region Concession Contracts:	22
<b>Total in Q3, Fiscal Year 2026:</b>	<b>46</b>

*\*This report does not include annual moorage leases for Lucky Peak, Hells Gate, Dworshak or Heyburn. It is the intent of staff to report on moorages each year during Q3 or Q4.*

*\*\*This report is not all inclusive as various Park staff are handling concessions contracts or lease agreements. However, the Contracts Officer is working with Park staff to retain copies of all contracts per House Bill 97 (2023), Idaho Code 67-1085.*

*End of Report*

**OPERATIONS DIVISION QUARTERLY REPORT**  
**JAN-FEB-MAR 2026**

**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**

- Conducted interviews for South Region Administrative Assistant II vacancy. Hired Anna Medlin, whom many people met while she was working with Dr. Chris Zajchowski from the University of Idaho. Anna worked as a graduate student for Chris and worked on interpretive projects for the state parks.
- Met with USFS Forest Supervisors and other state partner agency staff during their visit to Boise for their annual supervisors meeting. Other agencies that participated included the Office of Species Conservation, Idaho Fish and Game, and the Idaho Department of Lands.
- Met with Lemhi County Commissioners, Lynn Bowerman and Rick Carlson. Discussed the progress of the new park and tentative ribbon cutting dates.
- Conducted statewide managers meeting in Boise at the Chinden Campus. Spent several days with staff, fielding questions and providing updates. Had presentations by internal staff, DHR, and the Idaho Historical Society.
- Attended JFAC budget presentation at the legislature. Prepared to answer questions regarding budget items and programmatic inquiries.
- Attended Senate Resources and Environment Committee IDPR Director presentation.
- Attended IDPR quarterly Board Meeting at IDPR headquarters office.
- Hosted regular meetings with Recreation Bureau Chief and staff.

# RECREATION RESOURCES BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

## January-April 2026

### Boating Program

For the **January-April 2026** quarterly reporting period, these were among the activities of the Boating Program including Boating Safety Program and Trainings.

- Installed **2 loaner station** at Eagle Island State Park, Custer County Challis Boat Ramp
- Co-facilitated a Boat Idaho course with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office-**127 students** certified in BI safety.
- Completed 2 BESTT courses, Boise, teaching Marine Law Enforcement Deputies how to organize and facilitate the Boat Idaho Course to the public. **17 deputies** have been certified as Boat Idaho instructors.
- Two new seasonal positions are added for North and East Region. These positions will assist with expanding boating, safety education and outreach demands.

Following is the summary of the Marine Law Enforcement Training that was completed or is scheduled to be completed in 2026.

- March 2-4. **NASBLA BUI INSTURCTOR TRAINING**, Hayden. 5 Students from Idaho. 14 total students. (First time this course has ever been offered in Idaho.)
- March 24-26. **RIVER NAVIGATION TRAINING**, Hells Canyon. 10 Students, 5 Counties.
- April 23-30. **MARINE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY (MLE)** 24 Students, 17 counties
- June 9-11. **PWC PATROL AND RESCUE**, Orofino. 16 Students, 9 counties.
- September 21-25. **NASBLA BOAT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION**, Boise. 40 Students (First time this course has been offered in Idaho.

# RECREATION RESOURCES BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

## January-April 2026



Marine Law Enforcement classroom instruction April 2026

## RECREATION RESOURCES BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

### **Boating Program**

For the **January – March 2026** quarterly reporting period, these were among the activities of the Boating Program including Boating Safety Program:

- The Boating Program successfully completed an in-depth biennial program review from the U.S Coast Guard. Idaho's Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Program was granted approval which will allow us to receive 2026 RBS grant funds.
- Due to federal policy changes, the U.S Coast Guard RBS Grant cycle is behind schedule; however, the 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity was posted in October and Idaho is expected to be awarded approximately ~\$1.3 million.
- Program staff prepared for the annual Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting in early January. This two-day meeting is hosted by IDPR and brings marine law enforcement officers from around the state together to discuss any/all marine topics of interest. Main topics included:
  - Prosecuting Operating Under the Influence citations/arrests
  - Paddle Sports Course Curriculum & lack of direct funding
  - Increasing participation in boater safety courses
  - New streamlined reporting processes for marine law enforcement
  - Federal grant policy changes and timelines
- Staff completed the RBS grant annual performance report narrative and statistical report before the U.S Coast Guard deadline in December. Idaho's performance exceeds the minimum standards set by USCG.

### **Non-Motorized Trails Program**

For the **January – March 2026** quarterly reporting period, these were among the activities of the Non-Motorized Trail Program:

- Maintained the Idaho City Backcountry Yurts and surrounding trail system, including removing hundreds of trees



- Started developing a program of work for non-motorized trail maintenance using the new Good Neighbor Authority funding
- Submitted two Recreational Trails Program grants – one for Wilderness ICT maintenance and one for GNA trail maintenance in the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest
- Attended Motorized Trails Program groomer training workshop in Stanley, Idaho
- Partnered with a class at Boise State University to design interpretive signage for the Idaho City Yurts
- Hosted volunteer winter trail maintenance days in partnership with Idaho Trails Association
- Worked with the Forest Service to get highlines and hitching rails approved for the Idaho City Yurts
- Participated in Highway 21, Boise Forest Coalition, and Greater Boise Recreationalists Collaborative meetings
- Developed a statewide signage plan for the Idaho Centennial Trail
- Managed and audited the non-motorized trails layer of the Idaho Trails Map to ensure up-to-date information
- Coordinated 2026 Idaho Centennial Trail maintenance projects – funded by 2025 Recreational Trails Program grant
- Worked with the Land Access Coordinator to write advocacy letters for non-motorized trails
- Interviewed with Wild Hearts Idaho for the Idaho Centennial Trail
- Tabled at the Idaho Sportsman's Show
- 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
- Started the seasonal hiring process
- Coordinator attended Certified Public Manager courses in working towards CPM certificate

## **Motorized Trails Program**

For the **January – March 2026** quarterly reporting period, these were among the activities of the Motorized Trails Program including the Trail Ranger Program and OHV Education Program:

- Held a groomer workshop in Stanley Idaho in conjunction with the Idaho State Snowmobile Association state ride and annual convention. It had been since 2010 since we have held a grooming workshop, manufactures from Tucker Sno Cat, Prinoth and Pisten Bulley where present to demo equipment and give maintenances presentations to county grooming programs staff.
- After Boating's program MAC meeting the Trails, Program held an Off Highway Vehicle Law Enforcement class meeting with instructors to review curriculum, discuss legislative actions and preparations for upcoming April class.
- Attended and staffed booth at Sportsman show in Boise ID, annual event Rec Programs participate in highlighting recreation programs and talking with public.
- North Region staff attended Big Horn Show in Spokane WA. Annual event Rec Bureau participates in talking to public and highlighting programs.
- Staff attended grant program committee meetings.
- Recruitment began in March for hiring ATV Equipment Operator position at HQ for the Trails Program. Anticipated hiring and filling the position by Mid-May.
- East Region staff continued to work at Twin Peaks Ranch constructing new trail from completed parking location to park/BLM boundary. Due to a mild winter trail construction effort where able to continue at TP Ranch and a segment of trail was completed to route OHV traffic from newly constructed parking lot behind the main ranch building to the park BLM boundary access road in preparation for a through route.
- Staff continued discussions with Idaho Dept of Lands on the Rock Springs parcel in North Idaho. This parcel is a desired location for local jeep and OHV clubs to develop trails for public use. Discussions on what a long-term lease would be, and cost associated, are being discussed. Similar areas in southern and eastern ID are also being looked at for trail development.
- Staff continued to attend grooming program monthly meetings, although many grooming programs in the state did not groom trails or groomed minimally due to the lack of snow.

OHV Education Program:

- 13 OHV safety classes held
- 63 OHV students trained
- 12 SNO/AVY safety classes held
- 187 SNO/AVY students trained

- 5 OHV Train-the-Trainer courses held
- 19 OHV instructors trained
- 12,000 OHV in Idaho booklets distributed
- 242,874 Motorized Trails Facebook post views (**up** [down] 342%)
- 29,381 Snowmobile Facebook post views (up [**down**] 20.4%)

### **Land Access Program**

For the **January – March 2026** quarterly reporting period, these were among the activities of the Lands Program pursued by the Land Access Coordinator:

- Twenty-four (24) meetings and field trips were attended including Forest Restoration Collaboratives, State and Federal agencies, and recreation stakeholders, and participation in the January ISSA State Convention & Ride in Stanley.

### Policy Status Tracking, Project Analysis, and Official Comments

- For the reporting period, staff submitted formal written comment on behalf of the agency for one (1) policymaking matter, a placer mining proposal that risked impacting the Continental Divide NST, communicated through OEMR “State Family” intermediary (coordinating agencies are the Governor’s Office of Species Conservation/OSC, and Office of Energy & Mineral Resources/OEMR).
- A small number of minor NEPA projects, mostly Categorical Exclusions for timber harvests or post-fire salvage, were analyzed but determined not to require comment due to lack of application to recreation access.
- Continuing the drought from 2025, there were no new BLM or USFS Projects in either the pre-scoping (NFMA) or NEPA scoping phases with any recreation application. USFS priorities remain: 1) Preparing for timber and mineral extraction; 2) Forest Restoration and Wildfire Crisis Strategy implementation. Recreation is stated to be #3 but is generally underfunded and mostly on a planning hiatus.
- Executive Orders, and agency Policy changes and Directives continue to be monitored and analyzed for potential to impact Idaho citizens’ interests in recreational access to federal public lands, including:
  - Understanding of the impact of withdrawal of NEPA guidance at USDA Forest Service and DOI BLM is improving. It has become clear that participation in the formation of NEPA projects in the *pre-scoping* (NFMA) stage is imperative to any possibility of including Recreation scope in any given proposed project. Opportunity for IDPR to comment on NEPA project under revised

NEPA Implementation guidelines at USFS and BLM has been significantly narrowed as have Forest Restoration Collaboratives' relevance in forming and supporting NEPA projects.

- Monitoring remains ongoing for any impact of the anticipated revision or withdrawal of the USFS 2005 Travel Management Rule.
- USDA Forest Service announced its reorganization plan on March 31: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/reorganization>  
USFS Regions 1 and 4 which bifurcated forest management in Idaho will be dissolved. State of Idaho will become a single-State "region" with headquarter office in Boise. (R1 was led from Missoula, MT, while R4 was led from Ogden, UT.) This is believed to be very good news for partnership coordination between USFS and IDPR.

#### Other Matters

- The USFS *Trail Program Status Report* for 2025 was reviewed in January revealing significant backslides in accomplishments, concluding that trail maintenance on USFS managed lands was down by 22% over the previous report year 2024. This underscores the growing importance of contributions of IDPR's Trail Program and partnership with NGOs and volunteer groups to keep as much trail mileage accessible as possible.

#### *Idaho Trails Mapping Applications (trails.idaho.gov)*

- Idaho Trails: Access Lost from 1978 to 2017 Story Map

The Story Map report first presented to the Board in February 2018 has been retooled under current technology to restore its function lost to obsolescence. Narrative text was refined for additional context. See

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/b270f63df0c544638ee9574582aed86b>



- Summer Edition:
  - After a December meeting with NPCNF Supervisor's Office staff toward partnering to improve OHV access in the remaining Ranger Districts without a Travel Management plan (*Open Unless Ordered Closed* management), an extensive audit of IDPR's representation of trail access opportunities in the region was completed and updates published to the *Idaho Trails* dataset. A follow-on roads audit was ongoing by the end of this reporting period and is anticipated to be completed by end of April. Significantly, *Idaho Trails* has been aligned with the last USFS-published route analysis inventory from 2017 for the affected Ranger Districts, with adjustments for more-recent NEPA projects affecting Travel Management. While **680 miles of NFS Trail should be available for motorized use** and are validly represented in *Idaho Trails*, approximately only ~<300 miles are known to have been actively maintained since ~2012.
  - Inclusive of the NPCNF audit, over the reporting period, with collaborative assistance of Non-Motorized Trail Program staff, **8,376 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.
- Winter (OSV Grooming) Edition:
  - Though many programs groomed minimally during the snowmobile season due to the low-elevation low-snow conditions across the state, the grooming tracking system performed well, to indicate groomed snowmobile trail condition information through IDPR's *Groomed Snowmobiles Trails* map.
  - With the delay in implementation of the IPNF Kaniksu OSV Plan for yet another year, no major changes were applied to the OSV map dataset.

### *Idaho Trails* Revised Route Inventory Statistics

Post-audit, these are the current mileages of trails and primitive roads inventoried for recreational opportunities. Not all routes are known to be *physically open*. Therefore, this represents the possibilities of authorized and inventoried trails and roads with *potential* to support many forms of recreation in Idaho.

Inventoried Route Types	Type Total (mi)	Group Totals (mi)
<b>Trails &amp; Primitive Roads</b>		
High-Clearance (Jeep+)	23,491	
Special Designation (UTV+)	428	
OHVs 50" & Under	4,985	
Single-Track motorized	4,671	
<i>Total Motorized - All</i>		<b>33,575</b>
<i>Total Motorized trails - UTV and under</i>		<b>10,084</b>
E-Bike (Classes vary; 1, 2, 3)	259	
Non-Motorized	6,619	
Non-Mechanized	4,870	
<i>Total Non-Motorized</i>		<b>11,488</b>
<i>(Inventoried system trails, cannot represent physically-open trail mileage.)</i>		
<b>Roads</b>		
Auto OHV-prohibited	5,134	
Auto (no OHV prohibition)	22,312	
City/County/Private	7,170	

**Inventory Notes:**

Mileages are high confidence for Trail type routes (Single-Track, <=50", Specialty/UTV+), as validated continuously to all available authoritative land management agency geodata.

Roads and High Clearance mileages are inherently undercounts as not all possible local and non-TMP BLM area roads are included in the dataset.

Roads inventoried on non-TMP BLM ground are based on 2007 BLM legacy data and are due to be updated with newer BLM data.

At the next BLM roads inventory update, the ratio of BLM roads characterized as observed between "Automobile" to "High Clearance" is expected to bias toward "High Clearance".

Special Designation classification can range anywhere from 60" max OHV up to Trail Open to All Vehicles (TOV) accommodating up to full-width and highway-legal vehicles; the majority are TOVs.



# Trail Program Status Report

**Background:** The WO Trail Program engaged 290, mostly district-level staff, from all regions to assess current challenges to sustain trail operations and public trail access. Similar challenges are present in wilderness and developed recreation programs.

**Bottomline:** Public access, visitor satisfaction, and recreation-based economic contributions will continue to decline in 2026 and beyond without direction to prioritize investments in recreation generally and the trails program specifically. This would include action in hiring, clearer communication, and improvements around grants and agreement (G&A) management. Without this support, the agency risks losing decades of investment in trail infrastructure.

## Current Challenges & Impacts

- **Districts lost up to 100% of trail staff.** Critical vacancies, staff reassignments, seasonal hiring restrictions, and G&A delays are impeding trail maintenance and partner support. Many AmeriCorps and YCC programs are no longer available. The agency is losing out on tangible partner and volunteer contributions without the staff to coordinate and provide technical oversight. While partners and volunteers augment capacity, they cannot entirely replace agency staff.
  - **Hundreds of years of trail expertise lost.** Lost skills are weakening the agency's ability to implement technical projects and oversee partner, volunteer, and contractor work, which is leading to unpassable trails, unsafe bridges, and negative environmental impacts. Skill gaps are in dry stone masonry, rigging, blasting, saw use, construction, mechanized equipment, project management, and partner/volunteer coordination. Animal packer positions are vacant and pack stock programs are at risk; both are critical to keeping wilderness trails open.
  - **Widespread burnout and declining morale.** Staff report high stress, unclear priorities, poor communication, inconsistent messaging, and misalignment of priorities and resources. Public access is a department priority, but recreation and trail access programs lack support to be effective. Low morale is leading to staff departures from agency and trail program, loss of skills and capacity, and poor customer service.
  - **Operational Gaps**
    - Millions of dollars of unspent grant funds have been returned due to key vacancies, no temporary workforce, and lengthy or stalled agreement processes. Districts are forgoing out-year grant opportunities, resulting in millions of dollars of unrealized future funding.
    - Many districts are unable to conduct basic trail maintenance. Front-country trails are being prioritized; backcountry trails are being abandoned. Deferred maintenance is exponentially compounding.
    - Compliance issues are rising (e.g., illegal motorized use, user-created routes, trash). The public reports missing trail signage, trees blocking access, bridges in disrepair, and tread erosion.
- Impact:** Miles maintained down 22%, miles meeting standard down 19%. Lowest accomplishments in 15 years.
- **Contracting and agreement inefficiencies.** Stalled and unfunded contracts and agreements are putting contractors and partners at risk of insolvency, damaging relationships, and reducing current and future ability to leverage federal investments and partner contributions.

## Immediate Needs

- Expedite temporary seasonal hiring, especially externally-funded. Allow for extensions of externally-funded and disaster-funded Permanent Seasonal Employee (PSE) positions. Exclude temporary seasonals from agency headcount.
- Increase G&A capacity to support the robust partnerships in the trail program
- Provide accurate, consistent messaging from leadership to all levels of the agency. Clearly articulate that recreation and trails are an agency priority.
- Consider restoring direct hire authority for Youth Conservation Corps programs.
- Invest in training in technical trail skills for staff, partners, and volunteers.
- Support continued maintenance of the TACOS mobile app for trail data, condition and accomplishment reporting.

## Voices from the Field

- “My trail program is suffering the worst morale setbacks of all my district programs.” –Acting District Ranger
- “To be honest, I heavily lean toward quitting and reinvention if we go another summer without seasonals. I have never lacked for motivation for trail work until now...it feels like we are on the verge of not passing anything on for the future, and that feels like 24 years of trails and wilderness work rolling back to the bottom of the hill.” –District Trail Manager
- “I have an org chart of 20 rec staff... I have 6 left... and one GS7 tech to cover 200+ miles of trails, Wilderness, and volunteer coordination.” –District Trail Manager
- “We lost 200 years of trail experience this year.” –Forest Recreation Manager
- "With the recent loss of so many key positions, we will lose trails that we won't be able to maintain." – Forest Recreation Program Manager
- “We were able to get through the summer doing basic clearing, which kept our overall accomplishment numbers fairly the same, but the reality is the other maintenance tasks such as drainage and brushing did not get done, which maybe wasn't an issue this year, but the cumulative effects will be worse and worse. Then we'll have a huge backlog, even worse than what it was before.” –District Trail Employee

# RESERVATION & REGISTRATION (R&R) PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT

## 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.

### Registration and Permit Sales

Registration Sales CY26	
Boat	35,706
Invasive Species	21,552
Invasive Species Noot Registered in Idaho	1,895
OHV	49,730
Snowmobile	17,486
Park N' Ski	683

### America's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration

IDPR will offer free day use entry to all parks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to celebrate America 250. All customers entering the park for that day will receive free entry. This does not apply to MVEF associated with a camping or facility reservation.

### 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 of our staff time.

### Reservations

Reservation comparisons are shown in the tables below. Overall, the reservations have been up since last year. The addition of the below products has helped in these increased numbers.

Round Lake Tree House Camping – Memorial Weekend 2026  
TOC Bike-in Campground – Memorial Weekend 2026  
Farragut Peterson Group Campground – Memorial Weekend 2026  
Heyburn Rocky Point Lodge – Memorial Weekend 2026  
Ponderosa Kokanee Cove – June 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Bear Lake Sage Springs Campground – March 2026  
Twin Peaks Ranch – July 1, 2026

## Reservation Comparison YoY

		Jan 01-Jun16 2026		Jan 01-Jun16 2025		Jan 01-Jun16 2024	
Park	Nights Available	Nights Sold	Occupancy	Nights Sold	Occupancy	Nights Sold	Occupancy
Bear Lake	8,335	871	8.96%	1,020	12.24%	1,022	12.26%
Bruneau Dunes	17,778	3,708	19.76%	3,741	21.04%	4,451	25.04%
Castle Rocks	6,302	1,756	29.21%	1,706	27.07%	1,685	26.74%
Challis Hot Springs	6,366	1,851	16.33%	2,052	32.23%	1,780	27.96%
City of Rocks	11,451	3,811	38.56%	2,892	25.26%	3,078	26.88%
Dworshak	2,584	1,042	6.88%	440	17.03%	1,496	57.89%
Eagle Island	8,100	1,548	19.11%	0	0.00%	-	0.00%
Farragut	18,625	4,729	28.90%	5,520	29.64%	5,967	32.04%
Hells Gate	11,240	3,438	23.73%	3,981	35.42%	4,276	38.04%
Henrys Lake	4,213	1,277	10.40%	1,262	29.95%	1,471	34.92%
Heyburn	5,307	1,403	26.31%	1,783	33.60%	1,951	36.76%
Lake Cascade	16,073	4,107	26.57%	4,514	28.08%	3,565	22.18%
Lake Walcott	6,434	425	6.62%	1,337	20.78%	1,332	20.70%
Massacre Rocks	8,406	983	11.04%	1,095	13.03%	1,337	15.91%
Old Mission	2,466	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	-	0.00%
Ponderosa	5,366	3,792	61.11%	3,550	66.16%	3,459	64.46%
Priest Lake	11,251	2,272	21.58%	2,016	17.92%	1,914	17.01%
Round Lake	8,124	806	9.17%	925	11.39%	607	7.47%
Thousand Springs	1,905	2,341	28.14%	493	25.88%	-	0.00%
Three Island Crossing	11,218	5,297	38.71%	5,817	51.85%	6,178	55.07%
Winchester Lake	11,116	1,015	12.09%	1,506	13.55%	1,374	12.36%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>182,660</b>	<b>46,472</b>	<b>25.44%</b>	<b>45,650</b>	<b>24.99%</b>	<b>46,943</b>	<b>25.70%</b>

## Reservation Comparison Peak Season Camping

Park	Nights Available	May 21-Sep 07 2026		May 21-Sep 07 2025	
		Nights Sold	Occupancy	Nights Sold	Occupancy
Bear Lake	6,005	3825	63.70%	4,044	80.45%
Bruneau Dunes	12,182	1,107	9.09%	2,715	24.29%
Castle Rocks	3,960	1,582	39.95%	1,977	53.45%
Challis Hot Springs	7,479	2,350	31.42%	3,902	56.06%
City of Rocks	6,816	3,314	48.62%	4,276	70.51%
Dworshak	12,540	2,363	18.84%	2809	25.99%
Eagle Island	5,390	814	15.10%	0	0.00%
Farragut	33,380	15,323	45.90%	13,541	62.25%
Hells Gate	9,068	2,885	31.82%	10,396	67.24%
Henrys Lake	9,679	3,334	34.45%	5,642	59.65%
Heyburn	14,928	3,741	25.06%	5,675	44.33%
Lake Cascade	31,194	12,244	39.25%	13,295	52.63%
Lake Walcott	4,282	1242	29.01%	5,252	47.32%
Massacre Rocks	5,938	673	11.33%	1,992	42.46%
Old Mission	2,750	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Ponderosa	18,916	16,864	89.15%	11,731	83.00%
Priest Lake	16,720	12,058	72.12%	11,723	78.02%
Round Lake	5,830	1748	29.98%	5761	70.64%
Thousand Springs	5,500	1,389	25.25%	2583	50.56%
Three Island Crossing	9,020	2,892	32.06%	4,810	64.45%
Winchester Lake	7,480	2,056	27.49%	4,150	55.53%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>229,057</b>	<b>91,804</b>	<b>40.08%</b>	<b>116,274</b>	<b>50.76%</b>

**Reservation Comparison Peak Season Lodging**

Park	Nights Available	May 21-Sep 07 2026		May 22-Sep 08 2025	
		Nights Sold	Occupancy	Nights Sold	Occupancy
Bruneau Dunes	220	108	49.09%	136	61.82%
Castle Rocks	308	107	34.74%	147	47.73%
Dworshak	549	264	48.09%	313	57.01%
Farragut	1,099	811	73.79%	891	81.07%
Harriman	2,090	790	37.80%	180	8.61%
Hells Gate	812	214	26.35%	413	50.86%
Henrys Lake	330	204	61.82%	239	72.42%
Heyburn	510	218	42.75%	286	56.08%
Idaho City Yurts	756	306	40.48%	344	45.50%
Lake Cascade	106	35	33.02%	0	0.00%
Lake Walcott	184	59	32.07%	93	50.54%
Massacre Rocks	432	40	9.26%	168	38.89%
Ponderosa	1,554	1,029	66.22%	774	49.81%
Priest Lake	765	670	87.58%	626	81.83%
Round Lake	198	131	66.16%	0	0.00%
Thousand Springs	166	34	20.48%	100	60.24%
Three Island Crossing	880	229	26.02%	373	42.39%
Twin Peaks Ranch	1,812	2	0.11%	0	0.00%
Winchester Lake	436	201	46.10%	274	62.84%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13,207</b>	<b>5,452</b>	<b>41.28%</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>40.56%</b>

# **Fiscal Year 2027**

**GRANT APPLICATIONS  
FOR**

**Recreational Vehicle, Waterways Improvement Fund, Cutthroat Plate Fund,  
Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund, Motorbike Fund, Recreational Trails Program,  
Mountain Bike Plate Fund, and Recreational Road & Bridge Fund**



**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 2-3, 2026**

**McCall Public Library Conference Room**

**218 Park Street**

**McCall, ID 83638**



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## MEMORANDUM

Date: May 6, 2026

To: Board Members

From: Kathy Muir, IDPR Grant Manager

Subject: Fiscal Year 2027 Grant Project Rankings

The advisory committees for the Recreational Vehicle Fund, Waterways Improvement Fund, Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund, and Recreation Trails Program recently met in Boise to discuss and rank grant applications. In addition, staff reviewed and ranked Road and Bridge grants. In the review process committee members utilized Board approved criteria, their knowledge of the areas involved, and input from IDPR staff to come to the conclusions reflected in the ranking sheet scores.

The attached criteria rating sheet shows the questions used to score projects.

Included in this packet are the agenda item summaries, advisory committee information, and program spreadsheets with the recommended funding lines. Please review the spreadsheets that show the projects in ranking order. If you have any questions regarding any specific projects or the process for scoring applications, please contact me before the meeting.

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
Grant Application Evaluation Criteria**

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Rater: \_\_\_\_\_

**Credibility**

1. Degree to which project reflects the purpose of the program or fund and benefits a full range of users contributing to the specific program fund. \_\_\_\_\_  
0-10 pts.

**Assessment of Need**

2. Degree of urgency due to potential resource damage, or health and safety concerns that may cause an opportunity to be lost if no action is taken. \_\_\_\_\_  
0-10 pts.
3. Degree to which the project creates new recreational opportunities not currently available in the area. \_\_\_\_\_  
0-10 pts.
4. Degree to which project is reflected as a user need in current comprehensive outdoor recreation plans or surveys. \_\_\_\_\_  
0-10 pts.

**Scope of Work**

5. Degree of quality in project planning, design, organization, and coordination with IDPR staff and respective advisory committees. \_\_\_\_\_  
0-10 pts.
6. Degree of overall quality and importance of the project as demonstrated to the Advisory Committee. \_\_\_\_\_  
0-10 pts.

**Commitment**

7. Degree to which applicant has committed to the ongoing maintenance of the facility or continuation of the service. \_\_\_\_\_  
0-10 pts.
8. Degree of matching funds from applicant and other applicant sources or investment in the project as demonstrated by the applicant. \_\_\_\_\_  
0-10 pts.
9. Degree of statewide user group support for the project. \_\_\_\_\_  
0-10 pts.

**Feasibility**

10. Degree to which project costs are reasonable and accurate and relate to project benefits. \_\_\_\_\_  
0-10 pts.

**TOTAL**

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Description:** This 6-member committee is comprised of one individual representing recreational vehicle users from each of the six planning Districts.

**Term Length:** Three (3) year term.

**Appointed By:** Park Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Representing</u>
<b><u>STUART MILLER</u></b>	7805 Banning Lane Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815 208-661-0526 <a href="mailto:Stumiller2309@gmail.com">Stumiller2309@gmail.com</a>	9/2024 – 8/2027	District I
<b><u>AMANDA BATTLES</u></b>	2026 Ripon Drive Lewiston, ID 83501 208-553-7732 <a href="mailto:amandabattles@me.com">amandabattles@me.com</a>	9/2024 – 8/2027	District II
<b><u>JIM THOMAS</u></b>	11730 W Highlander Road Boise, ID 83709 208-863-9550 <a href="mailto:landarch@juno.com">landarch@juno.com</a>	8/2023 – 8/2026	District III
<b><u>JOHN HOWARD</u></b>	3186 Highlawn Drive Twin Falls, ID, 83301 208-861-3296 <a href="mailto:john@fallsbrand.com">john@fallsbrand.com</a>	8/2022 – 8/2025 8/2025 – 8/2028	District IV
<b><u>GLEN POWELL</u></b>	2174 Colonial Lane Pocatello, ID 83201 208-233-7651 (h) <a href="mailto:K9gp@hotmail.com">K9gp@hotmail.com</a>	8/2021 – 8/2024 9/2024 – 8/2027	District V
<b><u>GEORGE VANDER MEER</u></b>	2252 Ross Ave Ammon, ID 83406 208-339-2999 <a href="mailto:Geo.vandermeer@gmail.com">Geo.vandermeer@gmail.com</a>	8/2025 – 8/2028	District VI

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**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting**  
**June 2, 2026**  
**Kokanee Cove Events Center**  
**1920 N. Davis Avenue**  
**McCall, ID 83638**

**AGENDA ITEM:**                      **FY2027 Recreational Vehicle (RV) Grants**

**ACTION REQUIRED:**                      **Grants Board Action Required**

**PRESENTER:**                      **Kathy Muir, Grant Manager**

**PRESENTATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The State and Federal Grant Program has approximately \$14.4 million available in the Recreational Vehicle Program for the FY 2027 grants.

At their recent meeting in Boise on March 16, the RV Advisory Committee discussed the thirteen grant applications and rated them according to department criteria. The requests totaled \$14,118,449.87.

The priority-ranking sheet and committee recommendation are included in this packet.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the priority-ranking list, which will be used to fund projects in the ranked order.

## FY2027 RV Fund Applications

Applicant Organization	Project Name	Total	M%	Match	G%	Grant	Ongoing	Score
Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests	Fish Creek Campground Improvements	\$962,151.51	63%	\$604,089.68	37%	\$358,061.83	\$358,061.83	<b>85.83</b>
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation	LOYF State Park - Challis Hot Springs Phase 2 Improvements	\$5,460,000.00	5%	\$260,000.00	95%	\$5,200,000.00	\$5,558,061.83	<b>82.67</b>
Fernwood Water & Sewer District	Fernwood RV Dump Station Up-Grade 2	\$396,500.00	5%	\$19,825.00	95%	\$376,675.00	\$5,934,736.83	<b>80.83</b>
Valley County	Valley County Wellington RV Park	\$71,511.84	6%	\$4,466.27	94%	\$67,045.57	\$6,001,782.40	<b>79.00</b>
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation	Bear Lake Sage Springs Campground Improvements	\$840,000.00	5%	\$40,000.00	95%	\$800,000.00	\$6,801,782.40	<b>78.33</b>
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation	Twin Peaks Ranch State Park	\$3,675,000.00	5%	\$175,000.00	95%	\$3,500,000.00	\$10,301,782.40	<b>75.17</b>
Sawtooth National Forest	Baumgartner Campground Paving & Pool	\$260,000.00	5%	\$13,000.00	95%	\$247,000.00	\$10,548,782.40	<b>75.00</b>
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho	Kootenai Tribe of Idaho Twin Rivers Campground - Phase 2	\$199,500.00	5%	\$9,500.00	95%	\$190,000.00	\$10,738,782.40	<b>69.50</b>
Adams County Planning & Zoning	Adams County RV Fund Grant Application: Packer John Park	\$192,809.76	5%	\$9,640.49	95%	\$183,169.27	\$10,921,951.67	<b>68.67</b>
City of Island Park	Last Chance RV Dump Station Rehabilitation	\$1,325,000.00	5%	\$66,250.00	95%	\$1,258,750.00	\$12,180,701.67	<b>65.17</b>
City of Harrison	Harrison RV Park Upgrades	\$508,156.00	5%	\$25,407.80	95%	\$482,748.20	\$12,663,449.87	<b>61.83</b>
Caribou-Targhee National Forest	Paris Springs Campground Fence Rebuild	\$31,500.00	5%	\$1,500.00	95%	\$30,000.00	\$12,693,449.87	<b>61.50</b>
City of Firth	Firth River Bottom RV Park Improvements	\$1,500,000.00	5%	\$75,000.00	95%	\$1,425,000.00	\$14,118,449.87	<b>61.17</b>

# WATERWAYS (WIF) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Description:** This 6-member committee is comprised of one recreational boater from each of the six planning Districts.

**Term Length:** Three (3) year term.

**Appointed By:** Park Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Representing</u>
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**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting**  
**June 2, 2026**  
**Kokanee Cove Events Center**  
**1920 N. Davis Avenue**  
**McCall, ID 83638**

**AGENDA ITEM:**                      **FY2027 Waterways Improvement Fund (WIF)**

**ACTION REQUIRED:**                      **Grants Board Action Required**

**PRESENTER:**                      **Kathy Muir, Grant Manager**

**PRESENTATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The State and Federal Grant Program has approximately \$2 million available in the Waterways Improvement Fund for the FY 2027 grants.

At their recent meeting in Boise on March 19, the WIF Advisory Committee discussed the seventeen grant applications and rated them according to department criteria. The requests totaled \$2,993,141.02.

The priority-ranking sheet and committee recommendation are included in this packet.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the priority-ranking list, which will be used to fund projects in the ranked order.

## FY2027 Waterways Improvement Fund Applications

Applicant Organization	Project Name	Total Amount Requested	M%	Total Cash Match	G%	Award Requested	Ongoing	Score	County
USFWS	Smith Springs Boating Lane Vault Toilet	\$77,735.00	13%	\$10,044.00	87%	\$67,691.00	\$67,691.00	81.00	Cassia
KOOTENAI COUNTY PARKS & WATERWAYS	Carlin Bay-Lake CDA Dock Replacement	\$848,000.00	24%	\$200,000.00	76%	\$648,000.00	\$715,691.00	79.40	Kootenai
Bonner County	Bonner County Sheriff Vessel Repower Project	\$75,000.00	33%	\$25,000.00	67%	\$50,000.00	\$765,691.00	77.75	Bonner
Fremont County Sheriff	Fremont County patrol/rescue jet skis with trailer	\$36,529.79	20%	\$7,306.00	80%	\$29,223.79	\$794,914.79	74.00	Fremont
Bonner County	Bonner County Garfield Bay Dock Project	\$150,000.00	17%	\$25,000.00	83%	\$125,000.00	\$919,914.79	74.00	Bonner
City of Oldtown	Oldtown Boat Dock Rehabilitation	\$140,000.00	12%	\$16,185.00	88%	\$123,815.00	\$1,043,729.79	73.40	Bonner
Gem County Sheriff's Office	Gem County Sheriff Boat	\$253,085.00	20%	\$50,617.00	80%	\$202,468.00	\$1,246,197.79	73.00	Gem
Sam Owen Fire Department	Sam Owen Fire Dept - Fire-Rescue Boat upgrades and maintenance	\$35,772.00	50%	\$17,886.00	50%	\$17,886.00	\$1,264,083.79	72.80	Bonner
Bonneville County Parks and Recreation	Ririe & Palisades Waterway Docks	\$102,397.50	12%	\$12,000.00	88%	\$90,397.50	\$1,354,481.29	72.20	Bonneville
City of Burley	Burley Golf Course Boat Ramp Repair	\$281,077.07	10%	\$27,792.76	90%	\$253,284.31	\$1,607,765.60	71.40	Cassia
City of Hayden	Honeysuckle Boat Ramp Improvements	\$325,000.00	23%	\$75,000.00	77%	\$250,000.00	\$1,857,765.60	70.60	Kootenai
Jefferson County	Jefferson County Sheriff's Marine Storage Facility	\$309,078.00	21%	\$64,939.38	79%	\$244,138.62	\$2,101,904.22	68.40	Jefferson
<b>FUNDING LINE</b>									
POWER COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE	Power County Search & Rescue Boat Grant Application	\$175,421.00	20%	\$35,084.20	80%	\$140,336.80	\$2,242,241.02	64.00	Power
Boundary County	Copeland Dock Reconstruction Boundary County	\$140,000.00	5%	\$7,000.00	95%	\$133,000.00	\$2,375,241.02	58.20	Boundary
Port of Lewiston	Port of Lewiston	\$1,500,000.00	67%	\$1,000,000.00	33%	\$500,000.00	\$2,875,241.02	55.00	Nez Perce
Boundary County	Rocky Point Riprap	\$82,000.00	5%	\$4,100.00	95%	\$77,900.00	\$2,953,141.02	49.40	Boundary
Owyhee County Sheriff's Office	Marine Patrol Truck	\$50,000.00	20%	\$10,000.00	80%	\$40,000.00	\$2,993,141.02	44.40	Owyhee

IDAPA RULE                       IDAPA FEE                       BOARD ACTION REQUIRED  
 BOARD POLICY                       INFO ONLY, NO ACTION REQUIRED

**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting**  
**June 2-3, 2026**  
**McCall Public Library Conference Room**  
**218 Park Street**  
**McCall, ID 83638**

**AGENDA ITEM:**                      **FY2027 Cutthroat Plate Fund (CP) Grants**

**ACTION REQUIRED:**                      **Grants Board Action Required**

**PRESENTER:**                      **Kathy Muir, Grant Manager**

**PRESENTATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The State and Federal Grant Program has approximately \$50,000 available in the Cutthroat Plate Fund for the FY 2027 grants.

At their recent meeting in Boise on March 19, the WIF Advisory Committee discussed two grant applications and rated them according to department criteria. The requests totaled \$40,176.33.

The committee recommends funding both projects.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommend that the Board approve both projects on the list.

## FY2027 Cutthroat Plate Fund Applications

Applicant Organization	Project Name	Total Amount Requested	M%	Total Cash Match	G%	Award Requested	Score
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation/Bruneau Dunes State Park	IDPR/Bruneau Dunes State Park River Pump Repair	\$23,831.66	8%	\$1,855.33	92%	\$21,976.33	78.60
City of McCall	City of McCall	\$65,796.00	72%	\$47,596.00	28%	\$18,200.00	76.60
		\$89,627.66		\$49,451.33		\$40,176.33	

# OFF-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLE (ORMV) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Description:** This 9-member committee is comprised of three (3) members from Districts 1 and 2, three (3) members from Districts 3 and 4, and three (3) members from Districts 5 and 6.

- One (1) member from each area represents Snowmobilers,
- One (1) member from each area represents either ATV or Motorbike interests,
- One (1) member from each area represents users not otherwise represented.

**Term Length:** Three (3) year term.

**Appointed By:** Park Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Representing</u>
<b><u>REPRESENTING DISTRICTS 1 AND 2</u></b>			
<b><u>DONN DENNIS</u></b>	1239 E. Wilbur Ave. Dalton Gardens, ID 83815 208-772-5032 (h) 208-651-4976 (c) <b>Use!</b> <a href="mailto:Donndennis4@gmail.com">Donndennis4@gmail.com</a>	9/2024 – 8/2027	Motorbike/ATV
<b><u>KEITH HANSON</u></b>	336 Eight Mile Road Coolin, ID 83821 208-790-1142 (Coolin) <a href="mailto:kgh@orofino-id.com">kgh@orofino-id.com</a>	9/2024 – 8/2027	Snowmobiling
<b><u>PAT GUNTER</u></b>	334 Monarch Rd. Sagle, ID 83860 208-610-8552 <a href="mailto:sandicrest190@hotmail.com">sandicrest190@hotmail.com</a>	8/2023 – 8/2026	Non-Motorized Use
<b><u>REPRESENTING DISTRICTS 3 AND 4</u></b>			
<b><u>SHANNON TAYLOR</u></b>	2523 E 3707 N Twin Falls, ID 83301 208-312-0318 <a href="mailto:Taylor358@msn.com">Taylor358@msn.com</a>	8/2025 – 8/2028	Motorbike/ATV
<b><u>RICK DOLPHUS</u></b>	10521 W. Ogden Ave. Boise, ID 83709 208-810-0745 <a href="mailto:Snowhound101@gmail.com">Snowhound101@gmail.com</a>	8/2022 – 8/2025 8/2025 – 8/2028	Snowmobiling
<b><u>BRENT INGRAM</u></b>	8459 W Creek Run Way Garden City, ID 83714 208-860-1974 (Garden City) <a href="mailto:brentingram@yahoo.com">brentingram@yahoo.com</a>	9/2024 – 8/2027	Non-Motorized Use

ORMV Advisory Committee, Continued

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Representing</u>
<b><u>REPRESENTING DISTRICTS 5 AND 6</u></b>			
<b><u>TRAVIS WOOLSEY</u></b>	1605 City Creek Pocatello, ID 83204 208-339-6383 (Pocatello) <a href="mailto:iw732ac@gmail.com">iw732ac@gmail.com</a>	9/2024 – 8/2027	Motorbike/ATV
<b><u>Z. WADE KAUFMAN</u></b>	32 Butler Lane PO Box 552 Driggs, ID 83422 307-413-2057 (c) <a href="mailto:wade@horizonteton.com">wade@horizonteton.com</a>	8/2021 – 8/2024 9/2024 – 8/2027	Snowmobiling
<b><u>MITCH PRISSEL</u></b>	1470 River Meadows Drive Victor, ID 83455 307-413-4204 (Victor) <a href="mailto:tetonreef@gmail.com">tetonreef@gmail.com</a>	9/2024 – 8/2027	Non-Motorized Use

IDAPA RULE                       IDAPA FEE                       BOARD ACTION REQUIRED  
 BOARD POLICY                       INFO ONLY, NO ACTION REQUIRED

**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting**  
**June 2-3, 2026**  
**McCall Public Library Conference Room**  
**218 Park Street**  
**McCall, ID 83638**

**AGENDA ITEM:**                      **FY2027 Off-Road Motor Vehicle (ORMV) Grants**

**ACTION REQUIRED:**                      **Grants Board Action Required**

**PRESENTER:**                      **Kathy Muir, Grant Manager**

**PRESENTATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The State and Federal Grant Program has approximately \$600,000 available in the Off-Road Motor Vehicle Program for the FY 2027 grants.

At their recent meeting in Boise on March 17, the ORMV Advisory Committee discussed the twenty grant applications and rated them according to department criteria. The requests totaled \$1,275,679.59.

The priority-ranking sheet and committee recommendation are included in this packet.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the priority-ranking list, which will be used to fund projects in the ranked order.

## FY2027 Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund Applications

Applicant Organization	Project Name	Total Amount Requested	M%	Total Cash Match	G%	Award Requested	Ongoing \$	Score
Caribou-Targhee National Forest	Divide Creek Trail Dubois. R.D.	\$25,112.60	20%	\$5,057.60	80%	\$20,055.00	\$20,055.00	82.50
Caribou-Targhee National Forest	Crooked Creek Trail Dubois R.D.	\$25,112.60	20%	\$5,057.60	80%	\$20,055.00	\$40,110.00	82.38
Boise County	New Snow Groomer	\$311,238.00	80%	\$248,996.40	20%	\$62,241.60	\$102,351.60	79.38
Sawtooth National Forest	2026 Bremner Creek Trail Maintenance ORMV	\$90,700.00	28%	\$25,800.00	72%	\$64,900.00	\$167,251.60	78.88
City of Salmon	S Hill Trailhead Access and Development	\$119,787.50	17%	\$19,787.50	83%	\$100,000.00	\$267,251.60	78.13
Bonner County	Bonner County Trail Maintenance & Snow Groomer UTV	\$58,000.00	20%	\$11,600.00	80%	\$46,400.00	\$313,651.60	78.00
Lemhi County	Lemhii County Groomer Shed Upgrade	\$51,756.90	11%	\$5,525.50	89%	\$46,231.40	\$359,883.00	77.38
Bonner County	Bonner County Snow Groomer Pilot/Maintenance Truck	\$48,000.00	20%	\$9,600.00	80%	\$38,400.00	\$398,283.00	77.00
Bureau of Land Management	Indian Springs Trailhead Vault Toilet	\$108,159.00	6%	\$6,500.00	94%	\$101,659.00	\$499,942.00	74.25
IDPR Recreation Bureau	OHV Challenge Area	\$100,000.00	20%	\$20,000.00	80%	\$80,000.00	\$579,942.00	74.25
Clearwater County	Clearwater County Trail Cat Trailer Grant	\$14,437.99	5%	\$686.59	95%	\$13,751.40	\$593,693.40	73.13
<b>FUNDING LINE</b>								
Benewah County	Clarkia Groomer Shed	\$299,185.00	23%	\$68,545.00	77%	\$230,640.00	\$824,333.40	72.00
Valley County	Valley County Boulder Meadows Access	\$178,121.50	10%	\$18,306.90	90%	\$159,814.60	\$984,148.00	70.38
Madison County- Sheriff's Office	Madison County ATV's/Trailer	\$51,014.64	20%	\$10,201.60	80%	\$40,813.04	\$1,024,961.04	67.63
POWER COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE	Power COunty Search & Rescue Emergency ATV Grant	\$84,053.00	20%	\$16,810.60	80%	\$67,242.40	\$1,092,203.44	67.13
Madison County- Sheriff's Office	Madison County Snowmobiles	\$38,030.56	21%	\$7,960.56	79%	\$30,070.00	\$1,122,273.44	66.38
Valley County	Valley County Francis Wallace Webcams	\$38,499.00	10%	\$3,858.00	90%	\$34,641.00	\$1,156,914.44	58.63
Madison County- Sheriff's Office	Madison County Snowbike program	\$35,696.00	28%	\$10,000.00	72%	\$25,696.00	\$1,182,610.44	58.63

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Caribou-Targhee National Forest	Big Burns Creek Trail Bridge	\$94,000.00	15%	\$14,000.00	85%	\$80,000.00		79.88
Salmon-Challis National Forest	Salmon-Challis National Forest, Challis Yankee Fork UTV and Motorbike	\$16,337.15	20%	\$3,268.00	80%	\$13,069.15		77.75

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 BOARD POLICY                       INFO ONLY, NO ACTION REQUIRED

**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting**  
**June 2-3, 2026**  
**McCall Public Library Conference Room**  
**218 Park Street**  
**McCall, ID 83638**

**AGENDA ITEM:**                      **FY2027 Motorbike (MB) Grants**

**ACTION REQUIRED:**                      **Grants Board Action Required**

**PRESENTER:**                      **Kathy Muir, Grant Manager**

**PRESENTATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The State and Federal Grant Program has approximately \$100,000 available in the Motorbike Fund for the FY 2027 grants.

At their recent meeting in Boise on March 17, the ORMV Advisory Committee's ATV/Motorbike representatives discussed the two grant applications and rated them according to department criteria. The requests totaled \$93,069.15.

The priority-ranking sheet and committee recommendation are included in this packet.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve both projects.

## FY2027 Motorbike Fund Applications

Applicant Organization	Project Name	Total Amount Requested	M%	Total Cash Match	G%	Award Requested	Score
Salmon-Challis National Forest	Salmon-Challis National Forest, Challis Yankee Fork UTV and Motorbike	\$16,337.15	20%	\$3,268.00	80%	\$13,069.15	79.50
Caribou-Targhee National Forest	Big Burns Creek Trail Bridge	\$94,000.00	15%	\$14,000.00	85%	\$80,000.00	78.50
		<b>\$110,337.15</b>		<b>\$17,268.00</b>		<b>\$93,069.15</b>	

## RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Description:** A state Recreational Trails Advisory Committee consisting of ten (10) members representing the various recreational trail user groups is appointed by the Idaho Park and Recreation Board. The Committee is composed of Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, Off-Highway Motorcycling, Snowmobiling, Equestrian, All-Terrain Vehicle, Bicycling, Four Wheel Drive, Water Trail, and People with Disabilities representatives.

**Term Length:** Three (3) year term

**Appointed By:** Park Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Representing</u>
<b><u>CRAIG STODDARD</u></b>	257 W 2 <sup>nd</sup> S Rigby, ID 83442 208-520-8772 <a href="mailto:steelercrazy05@gmail.com">steelercrazy05@gmail.com</a>	9/2024 – 8/2027	Hiking
<b><u>BYRON POSEY</u></b>	419 East 500 North Jerome, ID 83338 208-969-0720 <a href="mailto:blposey.bp@gmail.com">blposey.bp@gmail.com</a>	9/2024 – 8/2027	Motorbike
<b><u>STACEY SORENSEN</u></b>	PO Box 292 Soda Springs, ID 83276 208-709-1100 <a href="mailto:sandsunwaves@hotmail.com">sandsunwaves@hotmail.com</a>	8/2022 – 8/2025 8/2025 – 8/2028	Bicycling
<b><u>SHAWN SLINKARD</u></b>	50 Arrowood Ln Sagle, ID 83860 208-449-3688 (c) <a href="mailto:Shawn.Slinkard@avistacorp.com">Shawn.Slinkard@avistacorp.com</a>	9/2024 – 8/2027	ATV
<b><u>MARGARET DIBBLE</u></b>	1131 Jacksha Rd Moscow, ID 83843 208-882-4749 707-479-1139 <a href="mailto:m-dibble@hotmail.com">m-dibble@hotmail.com</a>	8/2023 – 8/2026	XC Skiing
<b><u>DONALD HORAK</u></b>	4461 Sandstone Island Park, ID 83429 406-794-5190 (h) <b>Use!</b> 406-671-2999 (c) <a href="mailto:dhorak52@gmail.com">dhorak52@gmail.com</a>	8/2021 – 8/2024 9/2024 – 8/2027	Snowmobiling

**RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) ADVISORY COMMITTEE (cont'd)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>
<b><u>DAN WAUGH</u></b>	3249 W Highway 52 Emmett, ID 83617 360-701-1591 <a href="mailto:dwaugh@alscott.com">dwaugh@alscott.com</a>	8/2025 – 8/2028	Equestrian
<b><u>MORGAN STAGE</u></b>	562 Pavel Ct. Moscow, ID 83843 208-870-2957 (c) <a href="mailto:morgan.stage@gmail.com">morgan.stage@gmail.com</a>	8/2020 – 8/2023 8/2023 – 8/2026	Disabled
<b><u>LARRY BALLARD</u></b>	1063 Howard Ave Pocatello, ID 83201 208-840-1890 <a href="mailto:bigmanoncampin@gmail.com">bigmanoncampin@gmail.com</a>	8/2025 – 8/2028	4-Wheel Drive
<b><u>DAVE PROUTY</u></b>	3013 N Mountain View Dr Boise, ID 83704 208-362-3356 (h) 208-720-0833 (c) <b>Use!</b> <a href="mailto:prouty@duck.com">prouty@duck.com</a>	8/2021 – 8/2024 9/2024 – 8/2027	Water Trails

IDAPA RULE                       IDAPA FEE                       BOARD ACTION REQUIRED  
 BOARD POLICY                       INFO ONLY, NO ACTION REQUIRED

**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting**  
**June 2-3, 2026**  
**McCall Public Library Conference Room**  
**218 Park Street**  
**McCall, ID 83638**

**AGENDA ITEM:**                      **FY2027 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grants**

**ACTION REQUIRED:**                      **Grants Board Action Required**

**PRESENTER:**                      **Kathy Muir, Grant Manager**

**PRESENTATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Federal Fiscal Year 2026 allocation from the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) is anticipated to be approximately \$2 million. This includes administrative funds, which are identified on the first two lines of the funding spreadsheet.

At their recent meeting in Boise on March 18, the RTP Advisory Committee discussed thirty-five grant applications and rated them according to the department criteria. The requests totaled \$3,059,214.19.

The priority-ranking sheet and committee recommendation are included in this packet.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the priority-ranking list, which will be used to fund projects in the ranked order.

## FY2027 Recreational Trails Program Applications

Applicant Organization	Project Name	Total Amount Requested	M%	Total Cash Match	G%	Award Requested	Ongoing \$\$	Score	Cat
	<b>Administrative Funds</b>					\$ 119,739.00	\$ 119,739.00		
	<b>Safety &amp; Education Funds</b>					\$ 85,528.00	\$ 205,267.00		
IDPR Recreation Bureau	IDPR Single Track Maintenance Machine	\$105,000.00	20%	\$21,000.00	80%	\$84,000.00	\$ 289,267.00	78.00	M
Valley County	Valley County Snow Groomer	\$280,000.00	71%	\$200,000.00	29%	\$80,000.00	\$369,267.00	77.20	M
Wood River Trails Coalition	FY27 Ketchum Ranger District Heavy Maintenance	\$133,000.00	51%	\$67,500.00	49%	\$65,500.00	\$434,767.00	76.90	D
IDPR Recreation Bureau	Idaho Centennial Trail Maintenance	\$83,000.00	20%	\$16,737.50	80%	\$66,262.50	\$501,029.50	76.20	NM
Teton County	Teton River Trailhead Improvements	\$162,544.10	20%	\$31,962.10	80%	\$130,582.00	\$631,611.50	73.80	NM
IDPR Recreation Bureau	GNA Nez Perce-Clearwater Non-Motorized Trail Maintenance	\$101,900.00	20%	\$20,380.00	80%	\$81,520.00	\$713,131.50	73.70	NM
KOOTENAI COUNTY PARKS & WATERWAYS	Centennial Trail Asphalt Replacement Phase 2 of 2	\$250,000.00	50%	\$125,000.00	50%	\$125,000.00	\$838,131.50	72.30	NM
Friends of Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center	Avalanche Weather Station	\$21,971.00	20%	\$4,500.00	80%	\$17,471.00	\$855,602.50	71.30	M
IDPR Recreation Bureau	Idaho Groomer Replacement	\$315,000.00	20%	\$63,000.00	80%	\$252,000.00	\$1,107,602.50	70.50	M
Teton Valley Trails and Pathways Incorp	AJ Linnell South Trails Project, Phase 2	\$170,650.00	31%	\$53,170.00	69%	\$117,480.00	\$1,225,082.50	69.90	NM
Central Idaho Mountain Bike Association	Central Idaho Trail Project	\$60,464.73	50%	\$30,000.00	50%	\$30,464.73	\$1,255,547.23	69.90	NM
Snake River Trails Alliance	Kelly Cyn Warming Huts Snowmachine	\$17,500.00	30%	\$5,250.00	70%	\$12,250.00	\$1,267,797.23	69.89	NM
Friends of North Idaho Trails	Independence Creek National Recreational Trail Tread Restoration	\$52,664.00	20%	\$10,550.00	80%	\$42,114.00	\$1,309,911.23	69.80	M
City of Challis	City of Challis Trails Improvement Project	\$170,000.00	20%	\$34,000.00	80%	\$136,000.00	\$1,445,911.23	69.60	D
Teton Valley Trails and Pathways Incorp	TVTAP Winter Trails Grooming Application	\$40,256.31	30%	\$12,000.00	70%	\$28,256.31	\$1,474,167.54	69.20	D
Bureau of Land Management	Eightmile River Trail Access Improvements	\$95,000.00	21%	\$20,000.00	79%	\$75,000.00	\$1,549,167.54	68.90	NM
Bureau of Land Management	Dry Gulch Trailhead Development	\$35,100.00	23%	\$8,100.00	77%	\$27,000.00	\$1,576,167.54	68.90	D
Twin Falls County	Rock Creek Park Trail Improvement Initiative - Phase 3	\$90,711.00	20%	\$18,143.00	80%	\$72,568.00	\$1,648,735.54	68.60	NM
Boise National Forest Cascade RD	2027-28 Boise NF North Zone Mixed Heavy Trail Maintenance	\$209,464.00	28%	\$58,385.00	72%	\$151,079.00	\$1,799,814.54	67.80	D
Boise County	New Snow Groomer	\$311,238.00	20%	\$62,241.60	80%	\$248,996.40	\$2,048,810.94	67.30	M
<b>Estimated Funding Line</b>									
Bear Lake County	Tri County Flatbed Truck and Trailer	\$100,500.00	20%	\$20,100.00	80%	\$80,400.00	\$2,129,210.94	65.90	M
Wyoming Pathways	DeCoster Trail ID Maintenance	\$80,080.90	20%	\$16,080.90	80%	\$64,000.00	\$2,193,210.94	65.70	NM
Valley County	Valley County Snowmobiles	\$39,253.00	20%	\$7,910.00	80%	\$31,343.00	\$2,224,553.94	65.50	M
Bonner County	Bonner County Trail Maintenance & Snow Groomer UTV	\$58,000.00	20%	\$11,600.00	80%	\$46,400.00	\$2,270,953.94	65.00	M
Bonner County	Bonner County Snow Groomer Pilot/Maintenance Truck	\$48,000.00	20%	\$9,600.00	80%	\$38,400.00	\$2,309,353.94	64.20	M
Jerome County	Snake River Canyon Parks Equestrian Trailhead	\$205,300.00	21%	\$42,718.75	79%	\$162,581.25	\$2,471,935.19	64.00	NM

## FY2027 Recreational Trails Program Applications

Applicant Organization	Project Name	Total Amount Requested	M%	Total Cash Match	G%	Award Requested	Ongoing \$\$	Score	Cat
Idaho Department of Fish and Game	Billingsley Creek North Water-Trail Improvement Project	\$187,438.00	21%	\$38,563.00	79%	\$148,875.00	\$2,620,810.19	64.00	NM
Payette Lakes Ski Club	Little Ski Hill Bike Trails (LSH Phase 1)	\$70,788.00	26%	\$18,288.00	74%	\$52,500.00	\$2,673,310.19	64.00	NM
City of Burley, Idaho	Snake River Trail Extension	\$185,644.00	20%	\$36,800.00	80%	\$148,844.00	\$2,822,154.19	63.40	NM
Twin Falls County	Desert Station Hiking Trail	\$28,075.00	20%	\$5,615.00	80%	\$22,460.00	\$2,844,614.19	63.30	NM
Kaniksu Land Trust	Kaniksu Land Trust/ Balanced Rock	\$22,020.00	20%	\$4,320.00	80%	\$17,700.00	\$2,862,314.19	60.90	NM
Friends of Weiser River Trail	Weiser River Trail FY2027	\$75,000.00	20%	\$15,000.00	80%	\$60,000.00	\$2,922,314.19	59.80	NM
Boundary County	Non-Motorized Kayak Launch	\$55,000.00	20%	\$11,000.00	80%	\$44,000.00	\$2,966,314.19	59.10	NM
Idaho parks and rec	Patrick Coyle	\$35,000.00	20%	\$7,000.00	80%	\$28,000.00	\$2,994,314.19	53.60	NM

### Ineligible

City of Salmon	S Hill Trailhead Access and Development	\$119,787.50	17%	\$19,787.50	83%	\$100,000.00	insufficient match		D
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Sawtooth National Forest	2026 Bremner Creek Trail Maintenance	\$90,700.00	28%	\$25,800.00	72%	\$64,900.00	\$1,539,067.54	69.10	M
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**AGENDA**

**Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting  
June 2-3, 2026  
McCall Public Library Conference Room  
218 Park Street  
McCall, ID 83638**

**AGENDA ITEM:**                      **FY2027 Mountain Bike Plate (BK) Grants**  
**ACTION REQUIRED:**                      **Grants Board Action Required**  
**PRESENTER:**                      **Kathy Muir, Grant Manager**

**PRESENTATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The State and Federal Grant Program has approximately \$50,000 available in the Mountain Bike Plate Fund for the FY 2027 grants.

At their recent meeting in Boise on March 18, the RTP Advisory Committee discussed seven grant applications and rated them according to department criteria. The requests totaled \$121,647.00.

The priority-ranking sheet and committee recommendation are included in this packet.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the priority-ranking list, which will be used to fund projects in the ranked order.

## FY2027 Mountain Bike Plate Fund Applications

Applicant Organization	Project Name	Total Amount Requested	M%	Total Cash Match	G%	Award Requested	Ongoing	Score
Mountain Bike the Tetons	AJ Linnell South Trails Project	\$65,690.00	69%	\$45,370.00	31%	\$20,320.00	\$20,320.00	74.22
Wood River Trails Coalition	Fox Creek Bridge Replacement Project	\$91,800.00	67%	\$61,800.00	33%	\$30,000.00	\$50,320.00	71.10
<b>FUNDING LINE</b>								
Central Idaho Mountain Bike Association	Ponderosa Adaptive Trail	\$18,750.00	20%	\$3,750.00	80%	\$15,000.00	\$65,320.00	70.33
Challis Community Trails Alliance	Challis Community Trails Alliance Signage Project	\$2,075.00	28%	\$575.00	72%	\$1,500.00	\$66,820.00	70.30
City of Pocatello	City of Pocatello Upper City Creek Beginner Mountain Bike Trails and Skills Park	\$13,867.70	28%	\$3,867.70	72%	\$10,000.00	\$76,820.00	67.50
Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce	Spirit Lake Empire Trails Tesemini Improvements and New Construction	\$36,660.00	5%	\$1,833.00	95%	\$34,827.00	\$111,647.00	66.10
Pend Oreille Pedalers	Little Sand Creek Trail System	\$11,000.00	9%	\$1,000.00	91%	\$10,000.00	\$121,647.00	61.00

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**June 2-3, 2026**  
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**AGENDA ITEM:**                      **FY2027 Road & Bridge Fund (BK) Grants**

**ACTION REQUIRED:**                      **Grants Board Action Required**

**PRESENTER:**                      **Kathy Muir, Grant Manager**

**PRESENTATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The State and Federal Grant Program has approximately \$300,000 available in the Road & Bridge Fund Program for the FY 2027 grants.

The Road & Bridge Advisory Committee scored the three grant applications submitted according to department criteria. The request totaled \$449,927.00

The priority-ranking sheet and committee recommendation are included in this packet.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the priority-ranking list, which will be used to fund projects in the ranked order.

## FY2027 Road & Bridge Applications

Applicant Organization	Project Name	Total	Match	Grant	Ongoing	Score
Valley County	Valley County Francis Wallace Parking	\$142,627.00	\$13,700.00	\$128,927.00	\$128,927.00	79.83
Idaho Panhandle National Forest	Priest Lake/Beaver Creek Road Improvements	\$157,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$150,000.00	\$278,927.00	73.50
<b>FUNDING LINE</b>						
Boundary County	Rocky Point Parking Lot	\$180,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$171,000.00	\$449,927.00	65.33

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# Feb. – May. 2026 Dual-Appointment Report

## Students in the Wild



Rich experiential learning is facilitated through the IDPR and U of I partnership. Along with **Amber Hawes**, 21 students visited **John and Kiona** at **Dworshak** to continue their semester-long interpretive sign project with the park. We look forward to sharing their final products!

**Liv Wells** continues to work as a part-time IDPR employee for **Bruneau Dunes** developing interpretative signage. Liv will switch to a seasonal position at **Round Lake** this summer. **Victoria Ortega** will work at **Heyburn** this summer while completing an interpretive report for her Environmental Science senior thesis. **Mabel Collins** will assist U of I's **BLM partnership** as recreation policy and management intern for the **Upper Snake Field Office**, conducting policy relevant research.

Not to be outdone, **Jack Weisnel**, will continue his undergraduate river management research as a study abroad student in the **Kingdom of Bhutan**. Perhaps we need a IDPR trip to visit him...

## Initiatives

### **Outdoor Innovations**

- **Walt Dabney**, retired Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife Superintendent joined us in March to present on public lands. Walt shared his passion for land management with U of I students. A big thanks to **Nathan Blackburn** for showing Walt, emeritus faculty Lauren Fins, Drs. Engels and Zajchowski Heyburn State Park.



### **Recreation Abundance**

- Dr. Zajchowski recently presented at University of Montana using Klein and Thompson's *Abundance* framework. The inspiration for this talk came from **CNR Advisory Board Members, Bob Ratcliffe's** and **Director Buxton's** respective talks about the bipartisan appeal of outdoor recreation.

### **North Idaho College**

- Dr. Zajchowski served as a program reviewer for **NIC's Outdoor Recreation Leadership** degree in early May. We're excited to continue working with NIC faculty to grow Idaho's recreation workforce.

### **Tenure and Promotion**

- Dr. Zajchowski earned tenure and promotion to **Associate Professor** at the University of Idaho. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this partnership.



We're pumped that *Dr. Iree Wheeler* will join University of Idaho as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Wheeler is an expert in *visitor use management* and *recreation policy* and just finished a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Wyoming. Big thanks to Greg Latta and the rest of the search committee for finding Iree.

## Past and Upcoming Events & Visits

Park	Date
Outdoor Innovations Speaker – Walt Dabney 1912 Center, Moscow & Heyburn State Park	March 10-11 <sup>th</sup>
Wilderness First Responder Recertification University of Utah, Salt Lake City	March 27 <sup>th</sup> –30 <sup>th</sup>
Seminar Speaker – Dr. Zajchowski University of Montana, Missoula	April 7-8 <sup>th</sup>
NRS 3870 Class Field Trip Dworshak State Park	April 21 <sup>st</sup>
McCroskey and U of I Collaboration Presentation 1912 Center, Moscow	April 21 <sup>st</sup>
National Outdoor Recreation Conference Duluth, Minnesota	May 11 <sup>th</sup>
Outdoor Recreation and Leadership Program Review North Idaho College, Coeur d'Alene	May 13 <sup>th</sup>



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## Initiatives

### Harriman hits the Road

- Hariman State Park trails research developed with CRO Planning & Design was presented in May at the **National Outdoor Recreation Conference** in Duluth, Minnesota. Findings highlight the low level of conflict on Harriman's trails and visitors' appreciation of trail access.

### McCroskey Movement

- Drs. Mary Engels and Zajchowski and Nathan Blackburn presented about the U of I and IDPR partnership to the Idaho Native Plant Society in mid-April. They also created a **McCroskey State Park Excellence Fund** to support students to assist IDPR staff in data collection and stewardship efforts in a Summer 2027 internship. Click the QR code below to help support this initiative:



### Idaho Pitch Winner

- Natural Resource Enterprise Management student, **Tyler Christensen**, won the Idaho Pitch competition with his innovative product *Boundary Sign*. Tyler raked in \$3,500 in prize money to support his business. Contact Dr. Zajchowski if you want to connect with Tyler or attend Fall 2026 Pitch.

### Out-of-Office Note

- Dr. Zajchowski's 9-month contract with UI-IDPR ends May 18<sup>th</sup>. He'll return to his post August 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **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**

- Wrapping up two direct timber sales in Farragut State Park. This project reestablished the safety corridor and clearance 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 Harriman Park management and IDL to put department of Lands hazard fuel treatment funding and staff to work in the park. The project will thin and treat excessive fuels along main roadways and adjacent to infrastructure in the park with hand crews and small masticating equipment.
- Worked with Twin peaks ranch SP staff to identify and remove hazard trees and improve clearance and access in key points of the park. I also put together a prescription to help guide our efforts to restore the aspen and sage areas being encroached on by excessive juniper growth.
- We set up a new grazing lease and rotational management plan for the Sheridan unit at Harriman, which will better balance productive forage, healthy habitat and wildlife.
- Set up two smaller sales at McCroskey to address extensive blowdown in the park from recent wind events, which will be harvested this spring.
- 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 at Ponderosa state park. This will be approximately \$60k from the IDL shared stewardship program to help with these projects. Pre commercial thinning is scheduled to begin this spring.
- Marked and set up two direct timber sales at the Hawleys campground, the Plummer point unit, and along the main road of Heyburn state park to remove

extensive blowdown and hazard trees that resulted from two windstorms in January/February.

- In the process of putting together a salvage sale in a unit at Heyburn that was devastated by the windstorms resulting in close to five hundred thousand board feet of downed timber.
- In the process of setting up 3 direct sales for the south side of Heyburn to address more extensive blowdown from the windstorms that affected trail access for the equestrian users and loss of large Ponderosa pine in previous restoration project areas. The goal is to remove as much as possible to reduce beetle outbreaks and recover as much value as possible.
- 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.
- Planted seed and seedlings in burn pile areas and openings from the tree removal at the Lionhead unit at Priest Lake.
- Through IDL, we secured funding for the purchase of MCH, the douglas fir beetle Pheromones, to help protect our largest Doug fir tress at Ponderosa, Winchester, Hayburn, Farragut, Round Lake and McCroskey state parks. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year of this partnership.
- Working with Dworshak State Park staff and the ACOE to create fuel breaks, defensible space, and road clearance in and around the Freeman Creek unit.
- 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 efficiency.
- Representing IDPR as a member on the Idaho Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) preparedness committee (tasked with creating the Idaho EAB response plan), and the IDL forestry competition steering committee which is May 14th.



# **NORTH REGION MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY – FEBRUARY – MARCH 2026**

**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 Park Manager’s monthly calls; OPS Region Manager Team’s Meetings; USACOE Monthly Project Teams Meetings; Statewide Park Manager’s Meeting in Boise; Special Board Meeting; Quarterly Board Meeting; Executive Staff Meeting; CdA Chamber Natural Resource Committee Meeting; TOC Commission Bi-annual Meeting; Group Facilities Management Meeting
- Assisted with interviews for open Hells Gate, Heyburn, and Dworshak Ranger, Heyburn Maintenance Craftsman and AA1 positions and NR OS2.
- Reviewed and discussed park operations and issues at OM/TOC, Farragut, Round Lake, Priest Lake, Hells Gate, Dworshak and Winchester
- Initiated NR Ranger Round-Up Planning Team Kick-Off Meeting
- Worked through the IRS program and issues with staff.
- Met with the USFS to discuss further implementation of the GNA.
- Participated in the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Active Forest Management Partner Meeting
- Coordinated and participated in the NR CEO Refresher training.
- Participated in the Farragut Centralized Entrance implementation
- Met with Board Member Rody and Adam to discuss various issues.
- Attended Bill Greenwood’s (CdA City Parks and Recreation Director) retirement party.

**NR MAINTENANCE CREW – LANNY NEIPERT, MAINTENANCE FOREMAN**

**All NR Parks:**

- Signs

**CdA Parkway:**

- Looked at story book trail access at Higgens Point with Ryan and Derrick and came up with a new approach plan

**Dworshak:**

- Spoke with Jen and Kiona about sign design for Freeman creek dock signs

### **Heyburn:**

- Looked at Jim Malletts living quarters and bought parts to repair tub faucet and install new water heater; re-plumbed kitchen sink with new drain/vent line and water lines; installed new water lines to new water heater; installed new stems in tub faucet, installed new sink drain in bathroom sink.
- Sink still leaked and found another leak under the tub in the hot water supply line, bought repair parts for hot water supply line and sink drain, installed tub hot water supply line and valve and fixed the skink drain.

### **North Region Office:**

- Designed and cut plaque for Brian Beckley
- Helped set up meeting room for CEO refresher training
- Adjusted Sloan valve on women's restroom toilet in NR office
- Ordered and picked up sign plastic from Laird plastics
- Unloaded 411 fire rings for NR from semi delivery trucks and picnic tables
- Called ITD and City of CdA about traffic counters

### **Old Mission/TOC:**

- Re-measured bridge railings for Enaville bridge repair
- Fabricated temporary railing posts for bridge project
- Ordered steel for bridge railing project

### **Priest Lake:**

- Bought new hearth for Aide's quarters woodstove
- Removed old woodstove and replaced hearth. Re-installed different woodstove that was in better shape

### **Round Lake:**

- Assessed parts of road that need to be widened, cut trees off access road to new back country cabin sites with Keith's assistance.
- Burned slash and chipped branches

### **NR OFFICE STAFF**

- Hired new OS2 for front desk position and started training individual
- Coordinated and facilitated combined uniform order for NR parks and an order for David
- Coordinated with F&G counterpart to arrange annual cleaning services for offices
- AA2 Attended Fiscal training via zoom conducted by Cami
- OS2 Attended Registration & Reservation Training conducted by Rebecca
- Assisted with scheduling in-person and Zoom interviews for open Hells Gate, Heyburn, and Dworshak Ranger, Heyburn Maintenance Craftsman and AA1 positions and NR OS2.
- Completed Annual TOC RAMP report
- Dispersed new NARCAN to NR Parks, collected expired NARCAN for Panhandle Health
- Provided information to DWO AA1 for ordering tables and chairs for Big Eddy for Capital Outlay
- Participated in IDPR Retail Teams discussions over items ordering and America250 products
- Helped with prep for annual NR CEO refresher training for staff
- Working with team to coordinate and attend the statewide Admin Round up training
- Working with Lucas, Melanie, park staff and Nadine to get MM project contracts and documentation completed and payments to contractors processed
- Complied responses from park managers and staff into condensed report for NR Manger on several quick turnaround suspense's.

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

### Customer Service

- Parkway is running smoothly.
- Construction is scheduled on the ramp docks.
- Private owners along the parkway are starting to put up *no trespassing* signs on the beach again, and Ryan is taking them down.

### Park/Program Usage

- No permits this quarter

### Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Regular maintenance ongoing

### Staff Training

- Staff attended the monthly safety meeting.

### Park Manager's Narrative

- Regular maintenance along the trail.
- Ryan has identified several beetle kill trees around Higgens Point that will need to be removed this year and will work with Keith to put together a removal plan.

## **FARRAGUT STATE PARK – LIZ PALFINI, PARK MANAGER**

### Customer Service

- Overall, customer complaints are low. Campgrounds are closed for the season.
- There have been some social media complaints regarding the construction road closure of Hwy 54.

### Park/Program Usage

- No permits this quarter

### Program Services

<b>Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)</b>	<b>No. of Permits</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

### Park Sponsored Program or Event

- First Day Hike – 250 People and Free Ski Day – 175 People
- Brig and Jr Ranger Station will open Friday before Memorial Day weekend and closes Sept 1

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Library Partnership Programming	2	75
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation (Brig Tours)		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events at Farragut	2	425
Special Events Held Off-Site		

### Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Hazard trees were removed within campgrounds and along trails and roadways.
- The windstorm we had on March 12 dropped hundreds of small trees and several large trees throughout the park. No buildings have been affected. Trees were cleared that obstructed roadways but trails will be taken care of as we can

### Staff Training

- Staff attended the monthly safety meeting.
- Manger attended the 2-day IDPR Managers' meeting in Boise – it was well done
- Staff attended CEO refresher training in Coeur d'Alene February 13th, 14th and 15th.
- Admin Assistant attended Admin Round up at NR and Heyburn.

### Park Manager's Narrative

- January 1 started the year off with a bang as Farragut welcomed 250 people for our First Day Hike.
- January 3 Free ski day followed up with another 175 people even though snow was horrible.
- On February 18, we closed Hwy 54 for the construction of the Brig Road intersection, on March 1, we opened South Rd to alleviate the pressure.
  - We opened a road through F&G gate for oversized loads since the road limits are in place along Perimeter Rd, and regular cars used it immediately instead of using Perimeter Rd.
  - My frontline staff and I handled a fair number of public complaints about the road detours, most of them were in person, with a smaller number via email.
- Lots of IDL tree work is happening in our area, F&G has a sale on the Northside, ITD is working on clearing road shoulders, and we have a short sale that helps the Brig Intersection project.
- Our VoIP is set up in the Visitor Center, and we are waiting for one more piece of equipment to finish full deployment. We have a plan to get all the phones up and running. IT is pricing the tech we will need to make it happen.
- Construction meetings continue for both Peterson and TML. Both are progressing well.
- The roof replacement at Buttonhook was completed and the plumbers are also complete we are just working on water to test the plumbing.
- 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.
- Design work completed on the Snowberry restroom. And demolition quotes were turned in.
- Registration training was held at NR as well as some Fiscal training via TEAMS.
- Eagle Boat launch closed on March 23 for repaving.

## **DWORSHAK STATE PARK – JOHN SEELY, PARK MANAGER**

### Customer Service

- The Big Eddy office is open 9am-4pm Monday-Friday. The Marina store is closed for the season.
  - Fuel Sales are no longer available as the Marina has been pulled from shore.
- Big Eddy Lodge is open for rentals year-round.
- The entry station at Freeman Creek is closed for the season
- All open campsites and cabins were offered at a 50% discount until Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Regular pricing resumed March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Park/Program Usage

- Primary users are fisherman with the occasional weekend recreational campers.
- Traffic count: Jan – 82 /Feb – 178 /Mar – 293
  - This is the second highest count in the last 10 years.

### Program Services

Type of permit issued ( <i>after event</i> )	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		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Hazard tree removal
- A flood event took place March 13th- 16th in the park and region. All work was focused on trying to repair flood damage.

Staff Training

- John Seely State Park Leadership school- 24 hours
- John Seely- Manager Meeting- 15 hours
- John Seely, Kiona Rogers and Jamie Moser - CEO Refresher 22 hrs
- Jamie Moser- New Employee Orientation 2
- Jen Hill- Admin Round Up – 2 days

Park Manager’s Narrative

- The unseasonably warm weather and lack of snow have caused the USACE to raise the reservoir level. It is around 40 feet higher now than normal at this time of year. This has caused park staff to have to adjust docks daily.
- There were more total reservations in the park for the month of January than ever before. This is most likely due to the warm temperatures and the new winter pricing that has cut all sites and cabins by 50%.
- Most of the cleanup from the December storm has been completed, but there are some areas especially on 3M road that still need attention.
- Interviews for the new Ranger were completed and the new Ranger, Jamie Moser started 2-12-26.
- The 50% discount offered on all sites and cabins this winter has shown itself to be effective.
- Total in park reservations were at an all-time high for the months of January and February.
- Total reservations for the month of February rose 80% above the previous peak recorded in 2024.
- The USACE has approved the work to fix the water main at Three Meadows. I hope to complete the line fix in March.
- The weekend of March 15th there was major flooding in the area. The road to Big Eddy was flooded in three different areas causing a closure for 2 days. Three meadows road was washed out near drift creek and there was road damage at Freeman creek causing the camas loop to be closed. A mini excavator was rented and operated by park staff for 7 days. The road to Three meadows was made passable again, but a contractor will be needed to fix the washout and failed culvert. The rest of the park was able to be reopened once clean up and gravel work was completed. Many areas in the Orofino area were also affected by the floods. Highway 12 was closed in multiple areas due to mud slides.

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

Customer Service

- No seasonals on.

Park/Program Usage

- The traffic count: Jan-1,005 /Feb-1,197 /Mar- 1,314

Type of permit issued ( <i>after event</i> )	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		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Tree Removal and storm clean up.

Staff Training

- Manager attended the 2-Day Manager meeting in Boise
- R&R Training by Jen Hill
- Staff attended CEO refresher training in Coeur d’Alene February 13th, 14th and 15th.
- Staff attended reservation training and Admin Round Up.

Park Manager’s Narrative

- Hired new Mission Ranger
- Mission fire suppression ground fault repaired
- Irrigation valves were replaced

**TRAIL OF THE COEUR D'ALENES – WILL NISKA, MANAGER**

Customer Service

- No seasonals at this time, last one left in January
- Keeping the trail open and clear for users.
- Visitors’ needs and expectations are being met.

Park/Program Usage

- The traffic count totals: Jan-2,326 /Feb- 4,060 /Mar- 6,260
  - Wallace – Jan-1,331 /Feb-1,011 /Mar- 1,268
  - Kellogg – Jan- NA /Feb-1,354 /Mar- 2,364
    - Backboard broken during windstorm-counting cars in Jan
  - Enaville – Jan-748 /Feb-937 /Mar- 1,134
  - Harrison – Jan-247 /Feb-758 /Mar- 1,494

Program Services

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Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

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

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Tree Removal and storm clean up.

Staff Training

- R&R Training by Jen Hill
- Manager’s Meeting
- Staff attended reservation training.

Park Manager’s Narrative

- New concrete was poured to fix the broken backboard for the Kellogg Traffic Counter.
- Manager attended Central Shoshone County Water District water line construction meeting
- Manager attended Government Group Asphalt replacement meeting
- Manager and region manager attended Trail Commission meeting
- Warranty inspection on the shop and residences
- Manager attended Kellogg Rotary Club meeting for a presentation on the status of the TOC and Old Mission

**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 Discovery Center remains steady with general inquiry calls and permit customers. The rest of the park is quiet.

Park/Program Usage

- Camper Cabins: Jan- 7% /Feb- 15% /Mar- 29%
- Full hookup sites: Jan- 5% /Feb- 15% /Mar- 45%
- Electric sites: Jan- 3% /Feb- 10% /Mar- 26%
  - Aspen Loop only, Birch is closed for the season
- Basic campsites: Jan & Feb-Closed /Mar- 5%
- Marina: Jan-10% /Feb – Not occupied, but slips are rented /Mar- 16%
- Birch and Cottonwood loops opened for the weekend of March 11th.
  - The Hells Canyon Archers’ Sage Brush Shoot is the catalyst to Cottonwood being open.

Program Services

Type of permit issued ( <i>after event</i> )	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	5	707
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Annual Sage Brush Shoot held by Hells Canyon Archers

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming - Booklets	20	
School Programming		
Special Events	1	347
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Winter leaf cleanup operations have begun again. With the help of regional funds, the tractor is back and operational. General clean-up is in full swing with most volunteer staff on board. Staff are formulating plans to best utilize the ‘blitz’ approach to large scale projects. That is, schedule the greatest number of people possible to lessen the workload and get results in a short time.
- We hope to continue hosting cadets from the Idaho Youth Challenge Academy to help with blackberry removal and leaf clean up.
- We are still discussing the financial offset to having the Red Shirt inmate crew back out.

Staff Training

- Manager attended the 2-Day Manager meeting in Boise
- All staff attended CEO refresher training in Coeur d’Alene February 13th, 14th and 15th.
- Manager and Ranger Dylan attended the RA training
- Admin Mindy attended Admin Round up at NR and Heyburn
- Ranger Tyler attended the CEO Training at HQ

Park Manager’s Narrative

- The dump station pay-per-use is in place. So far, so good and we are collecting revenue.
- We have secured a partnership with Lewiston Parks and Recreation for an America 250 event to be held at Hells Gate.
  - This will be a Paul Revere bike ride and subsequent picnic in the park. Held April 18th.
- We have secured a partnership with the Idaho Youth ChalleNGe academy out of Pierce.
  - With this, we will have 40 cadets out for six consecutive Friday’s and any available Saturdays on their end.
    - So far, the amount of work they have accomplished is almost incomprehensible.
- Phase II of the marina has been opened to public and slips are being rented.
- Enhancements of the marina, bike trail and cabin furnishings are underway. The marina should prove to be a revenue increase evident by years past numbers when the marina was in full swing.
  - Placement of A and B strings should occur late April/early May.

- The cabins are getting new mattresses and there is discussion with development regarding what type of heating/cooling units would work best to replace the aging and failing current ones. This is a CIP list project.
- The new Ranger began early March.
- Renovation of the marina restroom is going well and is still expected to be completed in May.
- With pile driving operations complete, the next step will be the delivery and installation of the dock sections scheduled for late April/Early May.
- Sales of registrations continue to steadily increase.
- Day use traffic is increasing with hikers and equestrian riders making a daily showing, especially on nicer days and Disc golf remains a consistent draw on the weekends.
- Cottonwood shower valve replacement completed by K&G Construction.

**HEYBURN STATE PARK – NATHAN BLACKBURN, PARK MANAGER**

Customer Service

- Customer Service picked up this quarter, continuing to answer questions about campgrounds opening and when the Chatcolet Marina might open.
  - Many had questions about the marina slips following the lottery and several have started to come in to get their Heyburn park passes.
  - Visitors often ask too if they may walk through the campgrounds to get an idea for what site they might like for a later booking.
- Office staff also worked through the waitlist for slips at the marina, calling each one to see if they were still interested in a spot. That condensed list was used to facilitate a second lottery for the slips at Chatcolet Marina.
- Leaseholders called and came into the Visitor Center regarding marina slip lease payments and questions about providing updated insurance documents for both the marina slips and cabins.
- There has also been a rise in day users, which is normal to see this time of year.
- Manager and AAI continue to work hard to clarify insurance requirements and process lease payments for the marina slip holders at Chatcolet.
- Manager also reached out to leaseholders that suffered damage to their cabins following another windstorm and has walked them through the process of getting building permits or anything else necessary to address the damage.

Park/Program Usage

- Park usage is up slightly this quarter, seeing more cars at the day use areas, with visitation numbers slowly climbing during the week and increasing significantly on weekends.
  - Visitation in March was higher than the previous year.
- Waterfowl hunting season brought in quite a few visitors as well.
- People are enthusiastic about being out on the hiking trails and the Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes, even with cautionary signage warning about windfall still likely on most of the trails.

Program Services

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming		

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

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Keith Jones came down this quarter to help oversee the direct timber sale from downed trees throughout Hawley’s Landing, Plummer Point, Rocky Point and along the main road through the park.
  - He, with Tessa Myhre and Kris Greene surveyed the park for saleable logs and marked several at Plummer Point that had fallen in the storm or that were hazard trees needed to be taken out for visitor safety and forest health.
- More direct sales have been put together by Manager Nathan Blackburn and Idaho Department of Lands following another devastating windstorm.

Staff Training

- Nate Blackburn attended the 2-Day Managers meeting in Boise
- Our new ranger, Kris Greene and Thunder Dixon, attended the new employee orientation put on by the Human Resources department.
- All rangers attended CEO refresher training in Coeur d’Alene February 13th, 14th and 15th.
- Cooper Barnes attended the new employee orientation following his hire as the administrative assistant, as well as the Admin Round up held at the NR office and in St Maries.
- Tessa Myhre attended the seasonal onboarding training.
- All staff completed their annual DHR training this month as well.

Park Manager’s Narrative

- Following the multiple windstorms that occurred over this last quarter, there is a huge amount of cleanup still to be done in Hawley’s Landing, the main road, and the trails.
  - Staff from Heyburn and Old Mission worked together to chip up brush at the Chatcolet campground and along the main road in a joint work cleanup day.
  - Staff will hold off getting into Hawley’s Landing for final clean up until the loggers are out and then will also address de-winterization of the water system and any potential damage that occurred from the windstorms or heavy machinery.
  - This has delayed the opening of the Hawley’s Landing Campground.
- The Rocky Point Lodge bat abatement project is complete. Crews were able to put steel wool, wire mesh and spray foam over all cracks in the attic space. It has passed inspection from the Division of Public Licensing and will be set to open to the public prior to Memorial Day.
- In wastewater development, the ARVs that had been at risk of failure due to increased pressure have all been replaced. A new isolation valve was also installed on the forced main line.
- Rocky Point Marina development is well underway, and the initial design has been approved. State Historical Preservation Office also approved the archeology report.
- Renovations at the Rocky Point Cottage have continued with a new HVAC system being installed and new plumbing and electrical throughout. Contractors have started ripping out the carpet to make way for new vinyl flooring and the interior painting has begun. Exterior painting is expected in June.
- Chatcolet Marina is in crunch time but still expected to meet deadlines and have a ribbon cutting ceremony May 21st and a grand opening of May 22nd. Crews are busy putting on slip covers and completing work on the interior of the store.
- At Mowry, construction of buildings is underway but stalled for the moment as they are waiting for the well installation. Concrete has been poured for the well house, shelter and restroom in the

group camp. The shower house is also framed. Crews are also waiting to continue the interior of the duplex until electricity is installed to be able to run other equipment. Exterior siding on the duplex was also completed this month.

**MCCROSKEY STATE PARK – NATHAN BLACKBURN, PARK MANAGER**

Customer Service

- Customer Service for McCroskey has centered around answering questions regarding firewood permits, the status of the trails and camping available at the park.
- There have also been several inquiries regarding the road conditions, has the road been cleared of trees and snow.
- Groups continue to reach out to support trail and road clearing throughout McCroskey. Staff offer information regarding organized efforts for the spring so that these other individuals may join.

Park/Program Usage

- The traffic count: Jan-NA /Feb-NA /Mar-NA
  - Park staff could not access the traffic counter this quarter due to road conditions and likely won't be able to again until the spring thaw.
- Park usage is minimal although climbing with warmer weather.
- Reports of numerous down trees following the severe windstorms have made park visitation next to nothing
- Heyburn staff were able to start clearing trees early in the month but ran into snow and slush and could not go any further through the park safely.

Program Services

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Normal winter operations throughout the park.

Staff Training

- Manager attended 2-Day Managers meeting in Boise

Manager's Narrative (not covered above)

- Traffic counters need to be addressed this spring.
- Members of the public are helping to cut vehicle width lengths off trees down across the roadways, trying to make them passable again.

- Staff will need to inspect the park for other damage and clear the remainder of trees off the road as the weather warms up.
- Manager Nathan Blackburn will be meeting with motivated interested parties in April to discuss the reformation of the Friends of McCroskey group and other possible volunteer opportunities to help with clearing trees and preservation of other natural resources throughout the park.

**PRIEST LAKE STATE PARK – LONNIE JOHNSON, PARK MANAGER**

Customer Service

- Work is nearing completion on the restroom at Lionhead group camp and Lionhead campground kiosk.

Park/Program Usage

- We received one good snowstorm in February, bringing about 10 inches of snow. This brought out visitors to snowshoe throughout the park.
- The snow did not last, spring arrived early with great weather. More visitors, campers, cabin users, and boaters showed up this month.

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events	1	12
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Pruning of trees throughout Indian Creek campground started this month.

Staff Training

- Kyle attended the first year Leadership school in West Virginia-Jan. 4th-8th.
- Nate Started the CPM class via zoom Jan. 20-21 and each month thereafter.
- Lonnie attended all managers’ meetings in Boise on Jan. 28-29.
- 4 staff attended the CEO refresher training in CDA Feb. 13-15
- 1 staff attended the zoom meeting on New Employee Orientation, Feb. 4th.
- All staff completed the mandatory luma training online
- Staff attended the new employee orientation and onboarding training via zoom
- Jenny attended the Administrative Assistant training at NR & Heyburn on March 18-19.
- Staff attended the all-agency meeting via zoom on March 9

Park Manager’s Narrative

- Harrison dock builders were out to replace faulty floats to one the docks at Indian Creek beach area. Other floats have been replaced with more coming.

- Construction is continuing on the new kiosk at Lionhead Campground and the new shower building at the Lionhead Group Camp.
  - Much progress has been made on both projects thanks to the low snow year; contractors have been able to work all winter long.
- Staff have been busy interviewing and hiring seasonal employees for the summer. An issue we are experiencing is that after the position has been offered and accepted, later the new seasonal calls back stating they have found other work and are turning down the position.
  - This has happened 6 times so far.
- Summer is approaching fast.
- 2 staff members went to Heyburn on March 26th to assist with cleanup after the windstorm.

**ROUND LAKE STATE PARK – MARY MCGRAW, PARK MANAGER**

Customer Service

- Visitor center hours are 10:00am to 3:00pm, Friday - Sunday
- Park staff provided regular updates to phone and web services to keep customers informed of operational changes for the current season.

Park/Program Usage

- Park use was steady with day users, hikers and dog walkers. There were a few campers throughout the quarter.
- The summer road has not been closed due to the exceptionally warm winter weather.

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Winter tracks conclude this month, this program is hosted by Friends of Scotchman Peak Wilderness they have volunteers come and teach programs about trees, mammals, bear awareness, and how to hike safely and responsibly.

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming	5	295
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 have a contract in place with TML to build the backcountry cabins on IDL property, we have cleared the cabin sites and widened the trail to get the cabins down the trail. The cabins are close to being completed and pit toilet has been ordered it should be completed in mid-summer.

Staff Training

- Manager attended the all-manager meeting in Boise. Training in law for leaders, and updated on dept. policies, America 250, AI Procedures, ADA accessibility (16 hours)
- Manager and one ranger completed the Annual CEO refresher training (20 hrs. each)
- One Ranger attended one day of the refresher CEO training (8 hrs.)

- All Staff completed the Annual luma training: defensive driving, respectful workplace, cyber security.
- Admin attended Admin roundup training (12 hrs.)

#### Park Manager's Narrative

- The Manager attended meetings with Development regarding campground improvements, treehouses, and the water system upgrades. Working with Development to purchase larger items for the treehouse, mattress, microwaves, cushion for the sitting and dining benches, portable kitchen island, and window coverings.
- TML continued working on the punch list for the tree houses
- AA1 has been working to get the treehouse attributes entered in the reservation system so when everything is ready, we can open them for reservations online.
- We have stocked the treehouses with mattresses, dishes, sitting cushions and other supplies.
  - Staff are working to build deck chairs for the treehouses.
- IDL logging on their property was on going during February. The trails on IDL property are closed until April 15th, 2026.
- The Manager worked with the construction manager to get a new contractor to complete the work to get the generator and transformer in the campground connected
- The Ranger worked to get a trail identified and mapped to allow disabled people to be able to get to the backcountry cabins.
- We have worked with the resource manager and the region crew to remove trees, widen the trail and get the site ready for the backcountry cabins along the creek.
- The Manager worked with the construction manager to get a new contractor to complete the work to get the generator and transformer connected
- The manager and construction manager worked to get a new contractor to install the last 16 living pads in the campground, they will start in March.
- Manager attended the Interp. spring meeting in Thousand Springs.
- Finished the planning process for FY 28 budget. B-7 and needs assessment were updated.
- Tile was purchased to be installed in all the CXT restrooms
- Ranger has been working to get seasonal staff hired for the summer.
- The Ranger is working with a team to set up the ranger Roundup training this spring.
- The Manager completed the LSAS report for the drain field and submitted it to Panhandle health.
- Winter tracks programs continued to be enjoyed, with three programs offered in February.
- Trails and campground areas were cleared of trees that came down during the three wind storms this month. We spent a week getting most of the debris cleaned up.
- Picnic tables were put together and placed in the campground.
- The AA1 continues to work with the reservation office to get the reservation system issues corrected.
  - The credit card reader has stopped working and he is working to get a new CC reader
- Work Continues to be done to remove dead timber from the shop area after the beetle infestation to the lodgepole pine trees.

#### **WINCHESTER LAKE STATE PARK – BETH SIMANEK, PARK MANAGER**

##### Customer Service

- The Ponderosa yurt and deck were repaired from December's windstorm.
- The lift station repair was completed.
- The lake did not fully ice over in January, but did briefly freeze in February, although not enough to be safe for fishing – some people fished anyway.
- We had some snow in February, so we did a lot of plowing, shoveling and snow blowing.
- Unfortunately, more trees fell due to wet, heavy snow, so staff have continued to clear downed trees along trails and campgrounds from the multiple wind events.
- We received a large order of new sweatshirt for the Visitor Center.

- We continue to sell quite a few OHV/Boat registrations.
- The lake is completely thawed.

Park/Program Usage

- The traffic count: Jan-1,083 /Feb- 1,003/Mar- 497
  - In Mar the batteries on the counter at the main entrance died, so we didn't get any reading there.
- Appaloosa had 35 total camping nights
- Bitterroot and Camas Loops are closed
- Tamarack Yurt: averaged usage: Jan – 22.6% / Feb – 26.9% / Mar – 7.14%
- Lodgepole: Jan – 25.8% / Feb – 7.7% / Mar – 0%
- Ponderosa: Jan – 20% / Feb – 23.1% / Mar – 28.6%
- Snowberry: Jan – 22.6% / Feb – 14.8% / Mar – 16.13%

Type of permit issued ( <i>after event</i> )	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		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Staff continue to clean up downed trees from recent wind events.
- There is some possible movement in the dam project, but no official word from IDFG.

Staff Training

- Beth attended her first Manager's Meeting in Boise.
- Lauren, Ivan and Beth attended CEO refresher training in CDA.
- Madison attended the Admin Roundup.
- Beth attended the IDPR Interpretive Team meeting virtually.
- All staff completed their required annual Luma training courses.

Park Manager's Narrative

- Beth traveled to Dworshak and Hells Gate, to help interview new rangers.
- Beth attended a partners meeting with the USFS, to assist in collaborating with the Nezperce/Clearwater National Forest to create 10k ornaments for the US Capitol Christmas tree, which will be harvested from the local national forest.

**EAST REGION QUARTERLY REPORT  
JAN-FEB-MAR 2026**

**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.

**EAST REGION SERVICE CENTER – RYAN BUFFINGTON, EAST REGION BUREAU CHIEF**

**East Region Quarterly Update: Q1**

**Summary:** Unseasonably warm temperatures drove a busy early spring for our parks, offering an excellent opportunity to advance crucial projects. From painting and cleaning facilities at the historic Railroad Ranch to completing myriad improvements at the new Twin Peaks Ranch State Park, this unusual weather allowed us to stay on schedule and make meaningful facility upgrades throughout the region. However, this same weather pattern led to substantially higher early-spring visitation than our parks are accustomed to or staffed for. A common theme across the East Region this quarter has been managing robust visitation with limited to no seasonal staff on hand to support it.

**Key highlights from this period include:**

- Achieving 100% staffing for all Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions across the East Region.
- Successfully hosting the annual East Region Compliance Enforcement Officer (CEO) refresher training across three locations, featuring integrated inter-agency scenarios.
- Nearing completion of seasonal housing, ADA updates, and the rodeo grounds reconstruction at Twin Peaks Ranch State Park.
- Gaining over 1,300 new social media followers across regional parks through centralized content support.

**Staffing Updates** Following successful recruitment at the Land of the Yankee Fork, all East Region FTE positions are now filled. Over the past six months, we have seen an increasingly competitive applicant pool. With all vacancies now occupied, we are optimistic that a competitive job market will also positively impact staff retention.

**Land of the Yankee Fork** Robust hiring pools led to the selection of two new Park Rangers for the unit, Israel Hughes and David Van Nest.

- **David Van Nest** joins IDPR after a career with the National Park Service, where he served as a law enforcement officer in parks across the country. David previously worked for IDPR at Priest Lake for several years before leaving the agency for family obligations. We are excited to welcome him back and believe he will be an excellent fit for the Land of the Yankee Fork team.
- **Israel Hughes** comes to IDPR with a well-rounded background that includes service in the United States Marine Corps, education as a diesel mechanic, experience in agricultural metal fabrication, and work as a hunting outfitter and guide. Israel is already integrating very well with the Land of the Yankee Fork team and is eager to engage with the Challis community.

## Operations

- **East Region CEO Refresher:** The annual CEO Refresher was held in the Burley area this year, spanning three days across three different locations. Day 1 was a classroom session at the Burley Best Western Conference Center, covering topics from Verbal Judo and citation writing to a Stop the Bleed training led by the Burley Fire Department. Day 2 took place at City of Rocks, featuring a presentation by the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue Unit (IMSARU) on organizing and initiating park search and rescues. This was followed by field SAR scenarios conducted with assistance from IMSARU and the local Life Flight crew. Day 3 was held at Massacre Rocks, where Kelly Hoffer from the Idaho Department of Lands Fire team instructed rangers on the ABCs of first-attack fire response and fuels management. In the afternoon, Ryan Taylor from the Burley Fire Department taught a section on fire extinguishers, culminating in a simulated vehicle fire where all staff had the opportunity to practice extinguishing a live fire. This year marked another positive step in making our annual training more relevant, practical, and memorable for the team. We gathered excellent ideas for next year and look forward to further developing this program.
- **Twin Peaks Ranch State Park:** Progress continued steadily throughout the quarter, aided significantly by the milder weather. Renovations to the seasonal housing facility are 95% complete, requiring only minor appliances and furniture to be moved into the space. ADA improvements have commenced on the lodge, and restroom upgrades are finished. The reconstruction of the rodeo grounds is a major undertaking that has seen substantial progress. A contract was secured, and the groundwork for the arena and surrounding area is nearly finished. Once complete, the arena will be regulation size, featuring updated metal drill pipe, a modernized layout, and improved traffic flow. Additionally, the Recreation Bureau completed the OHV diversion road connecting the new parking area near the warm springs. This crucial addition allows OHV users to access adjacent public lands without traveling through the overnight rental area.
- **Project Coordination:** Park Manager Zack Grogan and I continue to meet regularly with Regional Construction Manager Nathan Powers and Regional Maintenance Foreman Brad Gilmer to coordinate logistics and resources. We have also established weekly internal meetings involving Park, Regional, and General Operations, as well as Management Services, Reservations, Development, and Communications. These meetings have proven vital for tracking progress and proactively addressing any potential obstacles.

## Regional Management and Support

- **Site Visits:** Despite the heavy workload at Twin Peaks, I maintained a regular schedule of site visits. Nearly every park in the region saw active progress this quarter, encompassing new initiatives, recruitment, partnership meetings, and large-scale events. It has been a highly productive season across the board.
- **Social Media Support:** From January 1 through March 31, the regional office posted 108 updates across our East Region parks' pages. This quarter, our regional parks saw a net gain of 1,366 new followers, demonstrating steady growth for this program even during our typically slower months. By centralizing content creation and posting support, we have successfully reduced the administrative burden on field staff while ensuring a consistent, professional online presence that increases public awareness of Idaho State Parks.

## BEAR LAKE – ANDREW STOKES, PARK MANAGER

### Customer Service

- Construction at North Beach has started to be in full swing. All the work on the ramp has been completed, and the docks have been put back. We also reinstalled the dock at the end of the jetty. Park users will continue to have access to the ramps during the different phases of construction.

Conditions are far from perfect, but the contractor has been great to work with to ensure access. There will be moments when the area will need to be closed to the public.

Park/Program Usage

- February weather was unseasonably warm. There hasn't been a winter like this in a long time, maybe ever. This has contributed to higher than usual usage but mostly locals. Compliance with paying fees has been low.
- Weekends are the busiest time for the park, particularly on Saturdays. We have even witnessed folks out swimming...in the month of March!! We should still have lingering snow on the ground and ice in the lake.

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- We have reached out to IDFG and scheduled their “Take Me Fishing” trailer for our Cops and Bobbers event in June.

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Working with PacifiCorp on a lease to establish an AIS inspection site along North Beach Road, separate from the North Beach area.
- We remain engaged with local partners—Bear River ECC, Highlands CWMA, and Bear Lake Watch—including participation in CWMA leadership elections and planning for upcoming meetings, trainings, and spray days.

Staff Training

- Daniel and Amy finished their second month of training for their EMT certification.
- In January, manager traveled to the managers’ meeting in Boise. Lots of great topics were discussed and I particularly enjoyed the Law for Leaders class taught by Idaho Employment Lawyers.
- Staff attended an in-person Incident Command Systems training.
- Andy, Amy, and Daniel attended an Emergency Vehicle Operations class.
- Our CEO’s attended the 2026 refresher in Burley.
- Staff completed required annual training.
- Amy, Amy, Daneil attended a radio communications training.

Manager’s Narrative

- We rented a mini excavator to improve Sage Springs, placing barrier rock, developing five tent sites, and measuring each for the reservation system; it was also used at North Beach to prepare the ramp for concrete work. Staff continue developing the new campground and expect grant-

funded tables and fire rings to help complete additional sites and all the site markers have been installed.

- Worked with Development to prepare an RV grant for additional work at Sage Springs and secured support letters; funding would support utility upgrades.
- Installed cameras throughout the park, including video at entrances and trail cameras in problem areas, to deter minor issues.
- Staff worked on a trailer we received from Travis Taylor which was used for canoes. We are making modifications to allow for paddle boards as well.
- Whitaker Construction has nearly completed the ramp, with only minor cleanup remaining. They extended the east side to allow the docks and gangway to sit flat and poured a curb on the west side.
- We received AEDs from the local health department and installed cabinets and signage at each kiosk. Units are stored inside the kiosks, with lock boxes and keys provided for emergency access when staff are not onsite.
- Construction around the North Beach kiosk limited access and contributed to compliance issues; the middle exit was converted to a temporary entrance with an iron ranger installed to support enforcement. Cones and signage were added to direct boating traffic through the construction area and guide the public to the temporary entrance, where regulatory signage was also installed to ensure compliance.
- Several north beach restrooms were opened near our temporary entrance. We continue to keep large areas closed to avoid many of the compliance issues we typically see this time of year.
- Staff have started to replace several of our spigots with a built-in anti-siphon device.
- Updated several of the envelope boxes in the side of the kiosk that provide storage of self-collection envelopes.
- Staff created several fun videos for social media accounts.
- Several of the individual campsites have been worked on. Brush and tress trimmed, vegetation cut, and living site refreshed.

### **CITY OF ROCKS –TRENTON DURFEE, PARK MANAGER**

#### **Customer Service**

- Customer service activity in January was limited, with reduced overnight stays in lodging units and minimal visitor center attendance, with occasional weekend increases from day-use visitors. The team is discussing strategies to increase lodging reservations, including enhanced promotion through social media. Traffic counts were 1,189 in January, 1,532 in February, and 4,357 in March at City of Rocks, and 918 in January, 1,075 in February, and 5,217 in March at Castle Rocks.
- Favorable weather conditions and reduced snowpack contributed to increased visitation, particularly among Idaho families taking local spring break trips. Increased fuel prices may also have influenced families to travel closer to home destinations.
- Junior Ranger participation remained strong, with many families completing Junior Ranger books for both City of Rocks National Reserve (CIRO) and Castle Rocks State Park (CRSP). Staff also participated in the Cassia County College & Career Fair, which reached over 600 local students.
- Camping activity increased substantially. CIRO recorded 594 campsite nights, while CRSP recorded 146 campsite nights. Additional overnight accommodations included the Ranch House (15 nights), Glamping Yurt (12 nights), and Cottage (7 nights).

#### **Park/Program Usage**

- One Indian Grove Backcountry Use Permit for 03/25-03/28 in the City of Rocks National Reserve.

Type of permit issued ( <i>after event</i> )	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits	1	2

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- On January 3, 2026, we hosted the annual Christmas Bird Count, a citizen science initiative organized in partnership with the Audubon Society. The event included five participants who collectively recorded 28 bird species and a total of 503 individual birds. All observations were submitted to the Audubon Society for inclusion in their national database.
- We had two activities in March: a night sky program and a spring scavenger hunt and bioblitz.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	1	35
Environmental Education	2	22
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Austin worked with the Upper Columbia Basin Network I&M to submit USFS FHP proposals for pest identification and property assessments to guide management practices. Staff also met with the Invasive Plant Management Team to schedule the 2026 season, including two weeks of treatments to assess and manage invasives on the new properties. Resource staff inventoried and cataloged all pesticides and invasive supplies, developed a purchasing plan, and will continue assessing Graham Creek plant communities once the growing season begins.
- Coordinated logistics with cultural resources staff, NPS Inventory & Monitoring, the Invasive Plant Management Team, and multiple conservation corps partners, including SCA, MCC, UCC, and NYC crews.
- Staff collaborated with partners at Duck Valley Indian Reservation to discuss future cooperative stewardship efforts.
- A 10 ft x 25 ft greenhouse was constructed to support native plant propagation for restoration projects. Wildlife habitat enhancements included installation of 22 birdhouses across CIRO and CRSP. Trail maintenance included removal of fallen trees from the equestrian trail.

Staff Training

- Eppley Center for Parks and Public Lands' *Foundations of Interpretation* training, a professional development course. (Sophia 10-hour)
- Performance Appraisal Process Training – (Trenton, Austin 1 hour)
- DHR Appraisal Workshop (Austin 2 hour)
- SIFA EMS Class Paul, ID 2/14 (Carolyn 8 hours)
- U of I IDPR iNaturalist Training Sophia 2 hrs.
- Rope Rescue training Carolyn & Brad 9.5 hrs.
- New Employee Orientation HR Trenton Durfee, Austin, Bryce, Phil, Sophia s, Carolyn, Madi, and Michelle 1.5hrs
- Emergency Medicine Conference in Pocatello Carolyn 16hrs

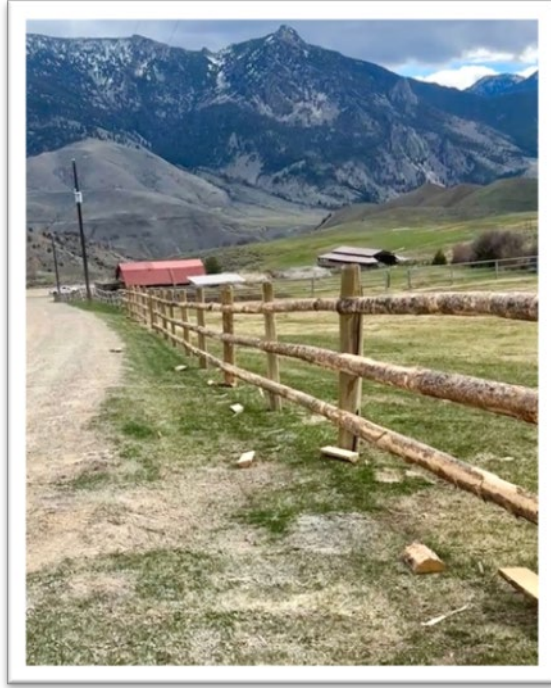
- Staff completed required Luma training courses: Security, AI, Defensive Driving, and Respectful Workplace
- Getting Things Done 8 Hours (Madi)
- CEO 24 Hours (Trenton Durfee, Austin, Bryce, Phil, Sophia, Carolyn, Madie, Ryan, and Michelle S)
- Anchor building and rope rescue 5.5 hours (Carolyn, Brad) 2.5 hours (Phil)
- INaturalist Webinar on plant identification 1 hour (Phil)
- ICS-100 4 hours (Carolyn)
- Seasonal Hiring Training 1.5 hours (Carolyn)
- DHR Mandatory Annual Trainings 1 hour (Austin)
- RT130 Training 6 hours (Austin)

Manager's Narrative

- Staff supported development efforts at Twin Peaks State Park, constructing approximately nine double H-braces, installing pole fencing sections, and developing a new entrance configuration serving the campground and manager residence area. Staff also assisted Twin Peaks Ranch with graveling eight units, fence removal, and constructing nine double H-braces and a new entrance configuration.
- We also conducted brush pile burns at Indian Grove and Twin Peaks, cleared downed trees from Comp Wall Trail/Castles lawn and removed a large hazard tree at Lake Walcott State Park.



- Installed spring-to-pond piping at Castles, insulated ranger house water softeners, prepped wash bay piping, and activated seasonal water systems. Completed pond overflow mitigation to prevent erosion. Built nine visitor center display boxes, installed lodge custodial shelving, and completed a deep clean.
- Expanded parking at Campsite #39, improved ADA access at the yurt, and applied 350 gallons of hydroseed at the Visitor Center/residences.
- Built and placed 28 birdhouses for the March BioBlitz, deployed Circle Creek trail cameras for enhanced monitoring.
- Assisted NHC groups with fencing, trail maintenance, and greenhouse framing to support plant restoration. Submitted 31 PMIS projects, 4 SHPO entries, and 4 PEPC projects, secured 2026 PUP approvals through Regional/WASO consultation.
- coordinated IDPR's transition to an independent EMS agency. Hosted meetings with tribal representatives and regional partners for NHPA consultation and grant development.



Twin Peaks Fence Project

**HARRIMAN - JESS BRUMFIELD, PARK MANAGER**

Customer Service

- Transitioned to winter décor and hosted a "cozy" indoor space with a virtual fireplace and refreshments; the guest feedback has been very positive.
- Despite low snowfall this winter, preventing trail grooming, weekend attendance increased as we successfully pivoted to promoting hiking and biking.
- Opened the winter-only Hounds Trail, allowing seasonal dog access to the US Forest boundary. Guests expressed high appreciation for this rare opportunity.
- Leveraged Facebook to boost Harriman’s profile, providing a central hub for community events and real-time weather/snow updates.
- The lobby wildlife whiteboard continues to drive interaction. In March, we added a clover-drawing competition to further engage visitors.

Park/Program Usage

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- The Idaho Falls Ski Patrol supported patrolling and ski lessons, completed a Mountain Travel Rescue enhancement class to strengthen backcountry skills, and conducted regional rescue training on-site. They also provided safety for night events and assisted with beginner ski lessons, supporting patrol operations at Harriman.

- Families earned Junior Ranger badges while visiting the park independently through the Visitor Center or during ranger-led Junior Ranger programs. In the first quarter of the year, 38 Junior Ranger activity books were completed, resulting in 38 new Junior Rangers.
- Two scout groups were able to use snowshoes during their guided hike at the beginning of the month.
- In-school visits to Administrators were made to deliver flyers about offering Parks in the Classroom programs.
- Reached 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders at Falls Valley, Henrys Fork, Kennedy, and Tiebreaker Elementary schools, focusing on Idaho history and wildlife.
- Hosted Madison High School, Bozeman Field School, and Ucon Elementary for on-site classes, tracking, and badge earning.
- We invited a local musician into the park to play in the Boys House for two Saturday afternoons.
- Hosted "Free Winter Access Day" with activities in the historical district, and a "Build a Snowman" competition with seven unique entries.
- Held the annual "First Day Trek" (30 participants), plus regular Ranger-led nature walks across all main trails.
- Stargazing and Full Moon programs remained the most popular winter offerings, supported by the Idaho Falls Ski Patrol for safety.
- We hosted the Backyard Bird Count, over 23 visitors joined formal count hikes, while others participated from the Boys House windows.
- The "Snowbound and Senile" musical group drew 100 visitors to the Boys House for a high-attendance Saturday.
- Provided a mix of self-guided and Ranger-led tours, resulting in over 400 direct visitor contacts (beyond official charts).
- Despite minimal snow preventing grooming, staff pivoted successfully to hiking and boot-based "snowshoe" treks.

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming	0	0
Traditional Interpretation	5	22
Environmental Education	12	125
Jr. Ranger Programming	11	71
School Programming	1	55
Special Events	2	25+
Special Events Held Off-Site	0	0

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Construction has been completed at the Ranch Office. Staff were able to get it furnished and reservations have been opened, so customers can now start renting this historic building for overnight use.
- Staff continued to clean up numerous buildings and place netting on facilities to prevent bats from entering them.

Staff Training

- The Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol (IFNSP) and the Fremont County EMS Director conducted two training sessions with staff on responding to injuries within park boundaries and extracting individuals using various equipment. The second session included a more complex, real-life scenario exercise where staff applied skills from the initial training.
- The Park Manager attended the State Park Leadership School's first year.
- The Park Manager and Trail Ranger participated in an MTR training put on by the Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol. This is a course aimed at providing intensive SAR training, EMS response, and

Incident Command protocols. Both online course work material and in-person components comprise this course.

- The Assistant Manager went to Boise to attend the annual South Region CEO refresher course.
- Admin Round-up was held in the North Region, and we were able to send our new Admin Assistant on the 2-day training.
- Our manager attended and participated in the CEO Refresher training in Burley.
- All full-time staff went through the cyber security, respectful workplace, and defensive driving training.

#### Manager's Narrative

- March was a busy month with several developing topics and considerations for the park. Senate Bill 1300 generated questions and concerns from the public regarding the park's future.
- A large-scale PBR rodeo was considered for this summer but will be deferred to summer 2027 due to time constraints.
- The park continued work on updated trail mapping and wayfinding through the Trail Management Plan.
- Staff worked with the IDPR Contracts Officer to finalize the agreement and details for a new summer horseback riding concession.
- Job Corps crews continued winter residency, providing essential labor including snow removal from hydrants, firewood processing, and deep cleaning of the shop, tractor storage, and historic barns.
- The Silver Lake project is paused until spring. Staff cleared remaining contractor supplies to reopen public parking for trail access.
- Winter seasonal training is complete; summer hiring is underway with two Park Aides already secured.
- Addressing concerns regarding Senate Bill 1300 and the park's future.
- A proposed PBR rodeo is deferred to 2027 to allow for proper planning.
- Progress continues on the Trail Management Plan (mapping/wayfinding) and finalizing the new summer horseback riding concession agreement.
- Early spring conditions have allowed for an accelerated start to summer preparations.

#### ASHTON TETONIA TRAIL

##### Customer Service

- Vault toilets are cleaned and restocked several times a week.
- Social media and emails are checked to respond to questions and provide updates on the trail.
- Visitor Center hours are 9-5. Open 3-4 days a week, due to currently being short-staffed.

##### Park/Program Usage

- Total visitation counts for the month: January 2026.
  - Marysville: 1388
  - Judkins: 1391
  - Ashton Visitor Center: 408
- Total visitation counts for the month: February 2026.
  - Marysville: 1302
  - Judkins: 1299
  - Ashton Visitor Center: 361
- Total visitation counts for the month: March 2026.
  - Marysville: 1052
  - Judkins: 1055

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Grand opening of Ashton-Tetonia Trail Ice Rink was on January 11<sup>th</sup> (pictures below)
- February 14 “Skate with a ranger day” event featuring Scout.
- Ashton-Tetonia Trail Ice Rink was officially closed on February 25 due to warmer weather.
- ATT Ranger attended monthly Ashton Chamber of Commerce meeting.
- Attended monthly Trail Paving Project meeting via Teams meeting.
- Construction of visitor center shed/garage has started
- ATT Ranger attended monthly Ashton Chamber of Commerce meeting.
- ATT Manager and Ranger attended monthly Trail Paving Project meeting via Teams meeting.
- ATT Seasonal staff was let go for the season. They will return May 10.

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- ATT Ranger attended the City of Tetonia Planning and Zoning meeting on March 2 to document discussion on the proposed Pinnacle Peaks Development Project, which is requesting 3-4 trail crossing agreements. Multiple subsequent meetings have been held regarding this project, and it has been referred to the IDPR Development Bureau.

Staff Training

- ATT Ranger Completed various trainings in Luma.
- Security Awareness Foundations taken by both ranger and seasonal staff.
- Ranger attended I-naturalist training via zoom meetings.
- ATT Manager and Ranger attended and completed 2026 CEO Refresher.
- ATT Ranger and Seasonal staff have completed required training courses via LUMA.
- ATT Ranger attended “seasonal onboarding training” via Teams meeting.

Manager’s Narrative

- The highlight of the month was the public use and festivities surrounding the new ice-skating rink at the park. The Valentine’s Day celebration featured complimentary hot dogs and sides, drinks, Valentine’s crafts and Junior Ranger activities, holiday music, a new trail video created by staff, and IDPR’s Scout the Fox skating with families. The event was well attended and supported by Harriman State Park staff, marking a successful first-year celebration of the new rink.



## HENRYS LAKE

### Customer Service

- Henrys Lake Interpretative Themes were completed in February.
- Blue Dun Loop had 11 sites, and the cabins open to reservations, the roads were plowed, and the boat ramp vault toilets were accessible and cleaned.



### Park /Program Usage

- In January, there were 22 occupied nights (4 sites, 18 cabins) out of 434; cabins were full for two nights around New Year's. As the first winter season at Henrys Lake, public response has been positive.
- January vehicle count was 1,886, up 651 from 2025. Strong fishing and early ice conditions, along with open roads, increased visitation.
- February 2026 had 4 occupied nights (3 sites, 1 cabin) out of 392.
- Vehicle count was 1,402, up from 30 in 2025, largely due to open road access and strong fishing. Traffic declined after the Feb. 15 catch-and-release transition, counts include staff vehicles.
- There were few snowstorms in February and one did bring 8 or 9 inches of snow and a lot of wind. The ice thickness increased to around 24 inches and we had between 20 and 25 vehicles on Saturdays with a couple of groups staying overnight on the lake.
- The park had visitors who came to para-ski and wing-ski as a change from fishing.



- March 2026 had 25 occupied nights (21 sites, 4 cabins) out of 434, up from 4 in February.
- Vehicle count was 1,540, up 1,309 from 2025, driven by open road access and strong fishing. Mixed ice and fly fishing, increased visits, counts include fewer staff trips and more visitors.
- March weather was generally mild with limited precipitation, though a mid-month blizzard caused a temporary closure of Highway 20 as staff were leaving for the day.

The park saw both ice fishing and fly-fishing groups visiting on the same day.



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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Nothing to report.

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		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The swans returned mid-month, but both the lake and the slough were still mostly frozen at the time. The slough and part of the lake had thawed by the end of the month.
- Staff Training, March trainings were: CEO-3/3/26 Burley Inn (8 hrs.), 3/4/26 City of Rocks (8 hrs), 3/5/26 Massacre Rocks (6 hrs.), 3/12/26 Computer Security, A.I. Generation, Respectful Workplace, and Defensive Driving (1.5 hrs.), 3/26-HR’s Seasonal Onboarding Training (1 hr.)

Manager’s Narrative

- Staff explored geocaching, letterboxing, and similar adventure activities and tested free QR code generators. A pilot route is being developed, beginning at the entrance station with an initial code. Participants will collect rubber stamp imprints at six locations throughout the park and return to

the entrance station to receive their “treasure.” A final name for the program has not yet been selected.

- Revenue comparisons show FY 2026 at \$37,032 vs. FY 2025 at -\$164 and FY 2024 at \$27,432; despite the reservation system opening on Jan. 6, 2025, revenue remained lower overall.
- Another period shows FY 2026 revenue at \$55,910 compared to FY 2025 at \$136,161, with FY 2025 recovering four months of reservations after system changes.
- A third comparison shows FY 2026 at \$39,109 vs. FY 2025 at \$36,427, an increase of \$2,682.
- The Henrys Emergency Action Plan was updated in January.
- Henrys Lake was 94% full and the Upper Snake River system was 73% full at the end of the month.
- A meeting was held to discuss reduced camping rates from November 1 through the Wednesday before Memorial Day weekend. During this period, campsites are \$18 (in-state) and \$36 (out-of-state), with cabins at \$60 (in-state) and \$70 (out-of-state). Standard fees—including a \$10 transaction fee, 3% credit card fee, and \$7 MVEF—still apply.
- Reservations increased in March compared to February, though it is unclear whether this was driven by favorable weather or the new, lower pricing. Visitors expressed early spring interest, though some attractions remained closed, including Yellowstone-area facilities, while Mesa Falls Road and the highway opened earlier than usual in March.
- Spring has come to Henrys Lake early. The swans, blue birds, meadow larks, kill deers, gulls, geese, moose (cow and twins), along with others have returned. Some wildflowers not previously observed by staff, due to their later seasonal emergence, have begun to appear.

#### **LAKE WALCOTT – KIRSTEN MARCH, PARK MANAGER**

##### **Customer Service**

- Customers have contacted the visitor center about June camping closures; most are understanding once informed of the potable water upgrade construction.
- Customers continue to contact the park about the construction closure from November 2025 to July 2026. They are understanding when we explain the updates that are happening in the park. Many RV campers have been excited about the upgrade to have both 30- and 50-amp services.
- The campground is closed for camping until July 1 for construction. Customers are generally excited about the upgrades happening in the campground. We have taken a few walk-in campers between construction projects. Online reservations are still closed, since construction for the potable water project will begin in April or May.
- March has been unseasonably warm with temperatures well into the 70s on some days. Nighttime temperatures are still getting into the 20s, so we haven’t turned on potable or irrigation water. The bathrooms without heaters and the shower facilities also remain closed.

##### **Park/Program Usage**

- Park visitation increased 25% from December, with 2,081 vehicles counted. While still down 6% compared to January 2025, more visitors were observed walking, biking, and picnicking. Visitation increased 12% in February compared to the previous month.
- With the lake unfrozen, there was no ice fishing, but bank fishing continued. Disc golf remained the primary winter day-use activity.
- One permit was issued during the month.
- Lake Walcott hosted the Winter Doubles Disc Golf Tournament at the end of February, with 106 participants. The event raised over \$500 in food donations for the Rupert Senior Center.
- With warmer temperatures, we have seen more day users. There were picnics, birthday parties, and school trips, but none of the events were reserved with the park in advance. Camping is still closed for construction. We saw a 32% increase in traffic from February.

Type of permit issued ( <i>after event</i> )	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	106
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- In March we loaned out sporting equipment and Experience Idaho Backpacks at the visitor center. We also handed out three Junior Ranger badges.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	1	5
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	2	7
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- We continued cleanup of trees and limbs that were downed during a windstorm at the end of the year. Staff from Castle Rocks State Park came to assist him with equipment for partial fallen tree.
- Park staff are working to clean up branches throughout the park in preparation for this coming summer.

Staff Training

- Kirsten March – State Parks Leadership School – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, completion – 22 hours
- Kirsten March – iNaturalist training with University of Idaho – 2 hours
- East Region CEO Refresher – Kirsten, Rolando, and Kylee – 72 hours total
- Required Annual Trainings: Kirsten, Rolando, and Kylee – 3.25 hours total
  - Security Awareness Foundations – Kirsten, Kylee, Rolando – 1 hour total
  - Generative AI: Seeing through the Deception – Kirsten, Rolando, Kylee – 0.25 hr total
  - Respectful Workplace 2026 – Kirsten, Kylee, Rolando – 1 hr total
  - DHR Defensive Driving 2026 – Kirsten, Kylee, Rolando – 1 hr total

Manager’s Narrative

- After a coordinated effort with park staff to educate park visitors over the past year, we are starting to notice there has been a shift to more dogs on a leash.
- We are beginning to see an expected dip in revenue with having the campground closed since November 2025 until July 2026. FY26 is down 16% in revenue compared to FY25 at this same time.
- Plans for the potable water upgrade project are in their final review. The project manager is hopeful of having the plans to bid and under contract by April.
- In March, the Park Manager, East Region Manager, and Operations Director met with the Attorney General’s Office to discuss renewal of the Lake Walcott State Park Management Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. Based on feedback from the meetings, the Park Manager will draft proposed revisions to Reclamation’s draft agreement. The Park Manager is also working to complete the O&M grant renewal by early April.
- Boating season on Lake Walcott begins April 1. The rangers worked with the region crew to get docks installed on March 30. The docks are beginning to show wear and tear from being drug

during removal and installation. Some of the handling dock's supports legs are bending out of shape.

- Ranger Gustafson has been working with local schools to schedule field trips. Many schools have reached out, but only a few have confirmed coming for a field trip. Construction will be happening in May, and schools are nervous about the uncertainty of location in the park due to construction.
- Gustafson also worked with a local high school volunteer to sand the cabins, which are in much need of sanding and staining.
- Substantial completion of the electric upgrade in the campground was done on March 25. We're excited to be able to now offer both 30- and 50-amp service at the electric sites in the campground. We held the Pre-Bid Walk for the Lake Walcott Domestic Water Supply Upgrade in March. The bids will be submitted in April.
- Construction for the potable water upgrade should begin in April or May.

**LAND OF THE YANKEE FORK- BLAKE PACKER, PARK MANAGER**

Customer Service

- Challis Hot Springs pool visitation increased in January, with monthly passholders rising from 367 in December to 616.
- Visitation remained steady in February, with a slight decrease in monthly passholders to 543.
- In March, visitation continued to trend downward slightly, with monthly passholders decreasing to 421 from 543 in February.
- The Challis Hot Springs Visitor Center and Pools are now operating under full spring hours as of April 6: 8:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday, and 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. on Mondays.
- The Interpretive Center is open from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Wednesday–Sunday, and closed Monday–Tuesday.
- The Challis Hot Springs dump station opened for the season on March 17, however, water systems remained off due to freezing overnight temperatures to prevent infrastructure damage. Water service will be restored once conditions allow.
- Bayhorse Ghost Town is currently closed for the season with an opening date of around May 1.
- The park continues to provide invasive species stickers, OHV permits, snowmobile permits, boat registrations, OHV Idaho State Passports, and Annual Motor Vehicle Entrance Fee (MVEF) passes to visitors at two separate locations including the Interpretive Center and the Challis Hot Springs Visitor Center.
- Park staff ensured that the park website was updated with information regarding all seasonal changes to its hours of operation and any additional information to assist visitors. Park staff worked diligently to ensure all open facilities and grounds were accessible and well maintained throughout the month.
- Park staff have started preparing the Challis Hot Springs Campground for the season opening throughout the months of February and early March.

Park/Program Usage

- The interpretive traffic count for January was at 278 , 230 in February and 518 in March.
- The visitor/interpretive center For January was 29, February was 52 and March was 135.
- The historical film was shown 1 time in January, 4 times in February and 3 times in March.

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Interpretive programs focused on the area’s mining history, including Bayhorse, Custer, Bonanza, the Yankee Fork Gold Dredge, and surrounding mining towns and sites. Programs also included interpretation of the Bison Kill Site and were delivered to visitors at both the Interpretive Center and Challis Hot Springs.

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	19	63
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Park staff are coordinating with IDPR Development Bureau, East Region Maintenance Crew, and the Trails Specialist to address structural issues at the Ramshorn and Skylark Mine Sites. Using IDPR funding and support from partners, stabilization work on several historic structures is tentatively scheduled for June 22–26, 2026.

Staff Training

- Joseph Fihe attended and successfully completed State Park Leadership School in January of 2026.
- Training needs identified: Brandt System Training, Interpretative Training, Compliance Enforcement Officer (full 80-hour course), CEO Refresher, First Aid/CPR Training, First Aid/CPR Instructor Training, IDPR Snowmobile and Avalanche Awareness Training, IDPR OHV/Trails Training, IDPR Ranger Round-Up, IDPR Administrative Assistant Training, SITPA Chainsaw Training, Backcountry Horsemen Chainsaw Training, NOLS Wilderness First Responder Training, PNW Field Preservation School Training, DHR Supervisory Academy, DHR Crucial Conversations, DHR Crucial Accountability, DHR Getting Things Done, and State Park Leadership School.
- Blake, Joseph, David, and Israel attended and successfully completed the East Region CEO Refresher in March, in Burley, Idaho.
- Dixie Maxwell, the parks Administrative Assistant attended the Administrative Assistant Round Up virtually during the second week in March.

Manager’s Narrative

- The seasonal trail ranger crew performs critical trail work each spring and summer at the Land of the Yankee Fork Historic Area. Recruitment for two 2026 trail ranger positions began in January–February, with one filled; additional seasonal office staff and a trail ranger are being recruited in March. These skilled roles are essential to maintaining an effective trail program and warrant higher pay.
- A fire suppression leak in the Park Manager residence caused water damage in the primary bathroom. The leak was repaired, and park staff with the East Region Maintenance Crew replaced damaged drywall, flooring, and fixtures, and fully renovated the bathroom. The project was completed by early February.
- After reviewing applicants and completing interviews the Park Manager extended Park Ranger offers to the park’s two newest Park Rangers that include David and Israel. David started on February 9 and Israel will be starting on March 2.

- Park staff have worked diligently throughout the month of March preparing the Challis Hot Springs Campground for its opening on March 17. Staff also worked diligently to complete grounds maintenance and herbicide application at both the Interpretive Center and Bayhorse Ghost Town.

**MASSACRE ROCKS – TRAVIS TAYLOR, PARK MANAGER**

Customer Service

- January and February were very mild and very quiet but we have been extremely busy for March and are way above average for campers.
- The office is receiving a lot of calls concerning camping availability and river levels.

Park/Program Usage

- The visitor center saw a few people stopping by in February, looking for camping spots for the summer.
- RC (radio controlled) Crawling and disc golf have been popular with the mild weather.
- The river has been rising quickly since mid-March and we are nearly back to normal levels.
- This has been the busiest March for camping I’ve ever seen. The last two weekends of March saw about half full campgrounds here. Last year we saw something similar mid-April, and prior to that only sporadic camping until mid-May.
- With the better weather, retail sales have perked up as well. Retail accounted for \$1,419.72 in Revenue for March with the top earners being Gootium Backpacks, Disc Golf, and the Massacre Rocks and City of Rocks Book. We also sold 12 hat pins which is a lot in any month, let along March.

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Nothing to report.

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	1	33
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
Loaner Fishing Rods		6
Loaner Backpacks		6
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Nothing to report.

Staff Training

- Krinn has been finishing up her EMT renewal training.
- Krinn, Adam, and Travis attended the ER CEO refresher held at City of Rocks and here at Massacre. Good times were had by all.

### Manager's Narrative

- On January 22, we had the final sign off for the sprinkler system in the east region maintenance shop.
- Started working with Development on the purchase and installation of the new dock system for the fishing access area that will be paid for with Cutthroat plate grant.
- Our retail area has been fully restocked. With the nearly 50% increase in retail sales, efforts have primarily focused on restocking, with minimal addition of new merchandise.
- Here is a recent walk about video of the changes to the VISITOR CENTER:



<https://youtu.be/q0chZXqv1Rw>

- Travis and Sawyer have been meeting with Health and Welfare regarding hosting a Foster Family Adventures Day at Massacre Rocks. That date has been set for Sat. May 2, 1-4PM. Details are coming together and it'll be here before we know it.



- Bass fishing has been excellent for this time of year.
- Rattlesnake Round Up Disc Golf tournament is scheduled for April 11. Our first tournament here in 4 years. We've been trimming the course and added new flags to the baskets



- Game Cameras have been installed at the RV dump station and Register Rock.



- We have implemented a suggestion box for the new Sani Star system at the park.

**TWIN PEAKS RANCH – ZACH GROGAN, PARK MANAGER**

**Customer Service**

- Twin Peaks Ranch staff are now in place: Park Ranger Joseph, Seasonal Park Ranger Caroline, and Lead Hospitality Lanette.
- The Park Manager regularly engages visitors who are interested in the park’s progress since IDPR’s purchase.
- The park has a grand opening timeline plan in place for June 27.
- Headquarters staff, the Regional Manager, and Park Manager continue work on two RFP’s for the lodge restaurant and the stable ground concession.
- Community members and visitors have expressed their interest for continued operation of the rifle range.
- The Park launched their Facebook page with the new park logo.

**Park/Program Usage**

- The park has been seeing visitors who come up to see progress of the constructions.

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

**Park Sponsored Program or Event**

- Held a community outreach meeting at the Dusty Mule to give updates to the local community.
- The Region Manager Ryan Buffington and park manager held a community outreach with select invitees.

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events	1	25
Special Events Held Off-Site	1	100

**Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources**

- Park staff and the regional maintenance crew began making temporary repairs to the original historical homestead house to prevent more wear and tear.

**Staff Training**

- The Park manager attended the managers meeting in Boise.
- The Park Manager has begun onboarding and training our newly hired staff.
- Park staff will need CEO, CPR/first aid, and in-house ranger training to begin.
- The Lead Hospitality Position was sent to admin round up to bring other staff up to speed.
- The Park Manager and Rangers Caroline and Joe attended CEO Training.

**Manager’s Narrative**

- The park continues to make progress for the grand opening. The regional maintenance crew continues to work on remodeling the three lower cabins and development continues to work on seasonal housing and ADA requirements.
- Staff have made great strides in the arena, cabins, and grounds repairs for the grand opening.

## EAST REGION MAINTENANCE CREW - BRAD GILMER, FOREMAN

### **Park Name**

#### **Lake Walcott**

- Swim/boat docks were launched in preparation for the boat ramp opening.

#### **Land of the Yankee Fork State Park**

- Completed work on the shared bathroom at the Manager's house (see photos below). Installed new isolation valves and supply lines to a new shower cartridge, replaced the damaged subfloor around the tub, and installed a new bathtub with reconnected drain. Durock was installed and waterproofed, followed by tiling of the surround and necessary sheetrock repairs. Finished work included installation of new LVP flooring, toilet, bathroom fan, and light fixtures.
- Dropped off the Skid Steer for Blake to borrow it for a week.

#### **Twin Peaks Guest Ranch**

- Removed dead trees from the park and canal embankment.
- Exposed the septic tank lids for the facilities and consulted with a septic technician, who reported the tanks are in good condition with mostly water and minimal sludge. He estimated pumping would be needed every 12–15 years; however, a 10-year interval is recommended as a precaution.
- Ran trash and old appliances to the dump.
- Trenched and installed a new drain line below the rodeo arena.
- Removed all the old arena fence and piled it in a burn pile.
- Spread gravel around the park on all the roads that are our responsibility.
- Widened the narrow gravel road that goes down to the cabins. Stacked some rocks above the old cabin and widened the area 2-3 ft.
- Placed soil around the base of the cabins to bring grade to ground level and create proper slope for drainage away from the buildings. This may also help deter animals from burrowing beneath the cabins.
- Put together a plan and a supply list for the Quaken aspen A&B cabin, and performed some work on the cabin.
- Removed carpet in buildings.
- Jacked up the sag in the building
- Sistered the floor joists that had been cut when the building was built and also those that were rotten or had other structural issues.
- Picked up the washer and dryers and delivered them to the park on our way there on a Monday.
- Kept working on the cabin remodel fixing up some structural issues.
- Moved dirt around the arena and leveled it out. Got it down to 0-9" from finish grade before IDOT showed up with a grader and wheel loader to help the cause.
- Located a large rock in the middle of the rodeo arena (see photo). Initial efforts to break it up were only partially successful; IDOT assisted by breaking the rock into smaller pieces, allowing it to be removed below grade.



### **East Region Crew tasks**

- Relocated the backhoe from Harriman to Twin Peaks. All heavy machinery is now on-site, the skid steer remained behind briefly for snow removal before being picked up.
- Cleaned up and organized the shop for use at CEO training.
- Moved 80% of the dirt piles that were left over after the septic system was installed on the shop. We ended up filling in some low spots with the dirt around the maintenance yard.
- Picked up a car from a junkyard to light on fire for CEO training, lit it on fire and then returned the car to the junkyard.

**SOUTH REGION QUARTERLY REPORT  
JAN – FEB– MAR 2026**

**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 – JOHANNES GIESSEN, SOUTH REGION BUREAU CHIEF**

- The South Region hosted the annual Compliance Enforcement Officer (CEO) Training at the Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC) Training & Development Center located in Meridian. This refresher course provided 25.5 hours of training for about 24 park staff members.
- In January, Anna Medlin filled the South Region & Operations Administrative Assistant II position.
- Jacqueline Katchmar was promoted from park ranger to assistant manager at Lake Cascade State Park in January, resulting in filling the vacant ranger position with an external hire, Matthew Cremser.
- Julia DeHoff was promoted from park ranger to assistant manager at Eagle Island State Park in January, resulting in filling the vacant ranger position with an external hire, Tim Andresen.
- During this quarter, the south region renewed and entered multiple agreements across the state parks, including a new rock-climbing concession at Ponderosa, a renewal of a natural resource agreement at Eagle Island, and a renewal of the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) agreement at Lake Cascade.
- Two requests for formal proposals (RFP) went out live during this quarter for a mobile sauna and cold plunge concessionaire; one for Ponderosa State Park and the other Eagle Island State Park. Both RFPs are currently being evaluated, with more information shared in the corresponding quarterly board agenda item.
- Warmer than average winter season caused snow activities (e.g. Nordic Skiing and Ice Fishing) to have limited to no season at Ponderosa and Lake Cascade State Park. However, other parks in the region had visitors take advantage of the warm temperatures and engagement in recreation activities normally associated with warmer seasons (e.g. Hiking, Camping, etc.).

**BRUNEAU DUNES – BRYCE BEALBA, PARK MANAGER**

**Customer Service**

- On March 6<sup>th</sup>, the water was turned back on in the campgrounds to match the shift in the Boise Spring Break schedule.
- Winter Observatory programs were popular and well attended, with almost every program sold out throughout the season.
- A 9-hole disc golf course opened in January with numerous positive comments left in its first couple months of use.
- Sanistar was installed in December 2025, with issues arising with people not paying for the dump stations and dumping their tanks next to the station.
- Customers left concerns about the online reservation system, specifically the \$10 reservation fee.
- Spring Break was busy both weeks with camping essentially full during the weekends.

Park/Program Usage

- Car Counter numbers were 922 in January, 1,274 in February, and 3,411 in March.
- The visitor center had 336 visitors in January, 506 in February, and 2,121 in March.
- The park had 29 sandboard rentals in January, 69 in February, and 553 in March.
- Sandboarding and the Observatory remain the two biggest programs in the park.
- Day Use Visitation was higher than usual due to warmer than average temperatures this past winter.

Type of permit issued ( <i>after event</i> )	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	40
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- The partnership with Boise State University (BSU) wrapped up its full first year with a successful launch. The park anticipates the partnership to continue through 2026 while working with interns and volunteers in exchange for telescope research access.
- The park hired an undergraduate student from the University of Idaho to create new interpretive signage for the park.
- In addition to the winter observatory programs, one day a week was set aside for school STEM programs.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	16	1,184
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The river pump, used to fill both lakes in winter for summer use, is failing and the park applied for a Cutthroat Plate Grant to rebuild it. Failure of the pump halts our lake filling efforts and harms the fishery. The pump has now been shut off, potentially for the remainder of the pumping season (May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026).
- The Eagle Cove irrigation system is having pressure related breaks likely due to the conversion of a large portion of the system to drip irrigation.
- Staff made significant improvements to the Small Lake boat ramp area behind the Observatory by removing brushes and overgrown trees to improve shoreline and lake access.
- Southern District Health is requiring the proposed observatory septic system to be engineered.
- Staff removed dead and hazard trees throughout the campgrounds.
- The park developed a plan for incremental reseeding in Broken Wheel Campground to allow seeding without closing the entire campground for 2-3 weeks this spring.

Staff Training

- In January, Park Manager Bealba attended the agency-wide managers meeting in Boise.
- Park staff attended Compliance Enforcement Officer (CEO) refresher training in February and March.
- In January, BSU covered travel costs for our Park Astronomer, Greg Harman, to attend an astronomy conference located in Arizona.
- Ranger Normand completed his Aquatic Herbicide certification which will allow the park to treat the lake shorelines and open more water access.

Manager’s Narrative

- There is continued significant public interest and support for a music-in-the park series at the Observatory Amphitheatre. Funding requests have been made for a bandshell and other items of need. The park is proceeding with a state trademark application.
- The new observatory has 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 1-2 staff members and does not completely satisfy the need.

EAGLE ISLAND – ANDREW SALZANO, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The Gateway Parks Snow hill concession was popular among visitors in January.
- Campground reservations were very limited in January and February but picked up in March during spring breaks and the weekends.
- In response to the complaints about there being no opening to the fields by the new parking lot, staff have opened a portion of the fencing for our guests.
- Due to miscommunication with construction, the landscaping project caught campers and staff by surprise by bringing in heavy equipment. This caused some unhappiness with campers, but the park staff compromised and worked with guests to resolve the issue.
- Staff have received a few complaints about interactions between dog owners due to not following park rules.

Park/Program Usage

- Park visitation for January was down 13% compared to January of 2025 and down 10% compared to February of 2025, likely due to the warmer weather impacting the snowtubing concession.
- Park visitation for March was up 12% compared to March of 2025, but visitation numbers are skewed due to 18-wheeler traffic coming in to dump topsoil for the campground.
- Visitation this quarter consisted largely of photographers with their clients, Gateway clients, runners training for indoor track season, horseback riders, disc golfers, and dog walkers.
- 2 shelter reservations took place during this quarter.
- The Park’s Traffic Count was 12,390 in January, 10,004 in February, and 10,427 in March.

<b>Type of permit issued (after event)</b>	<b>No. of Permits</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Group Use Permit	8	755
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- The park had a First Day Hikes event that had numerous people show up to participate.
- The department held a Foster Families Event in the park during January. The families got to enjoy using the snow hill, star gazing, IDPR’s mascot Scout, making smores, and many other activity stations.
- There was a “The Great Backyard Bird Count” held by park staff in February which included a mile hike around the new pond to count and learn about birds.
- The park saw an uptick in outdoor events: 3-disc golf events and 1 running event.

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	2	112
School Programming		
Special Events	1	250
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Knife River continued to work on the campground landscaping during January.
- Pioneer Landscape has begun to put irrigation in the parking lots.
- The park continues to have people trespass in both the Dormitory and the Slaughterhouse. Park staff have spent many hours continuing to close gaps in fencing and securing windows.
- In January, meetings were held to discuss the future of the Dairy Barn, and a design plan was created.
- Veritas came out several times working on the Dormitory, and they continue to work on electricity and clean up for the site.
- Staff burned ditches and the slash pile to help clean up the park.
- Poison hemlock and roadsides were treated in spots with herbicide by park staff.
- Additional invasive weed treatment was done by Ada County Weed Abatement.

Staff Training

- Ranger training included pesticide training, National Interpretation Association (NAI) certification training, and Compliance Enforcement Officer (CEO) refresher training.
- In March, the park’s office administrative assistant traveled to Heyburn State Park for the first statewide Admin Roundup.
- All staff completed Luma training.

Manager’s Narrative

- The park filled the vacant assistant park manager position and promoted within by selecting Julia DeHoff.
- Contractors began installing irrigation systems to assist with the rehab of the areas around the remodeled parking lot. The infrastructure is intended for temporary usage.
- Park staff joined the development team and met with a group working on installing interpretive signage throughout the park.
- Park staff wrapped up bi-weekly meetings with Gateway Parks and scheduled a final walk through to be conducted in April.
- Contractors began to haul in topsoil to place around the ground and new pond areas.

- The South Region Crew removed the disconnect slide portions from the waterslide compound, and the park ordered a large dumpster to have those pieces removed from the park.

**LAKE CASCADE – DALTON CRANE, PARK MANAGER**

**Customer Service**

- During the winter months, staff cleared parking lots to keep winter camping accessible, cleaned yurt chimneys, and improved access to yurts with new gates.
- Overall visitation parkwide was steady and staff proceeded with routine compliance and customer service assisting visitors in the field with their camping and parking needs.
- Collaborations and relationships with local rental vendors, customers and rental equipment access on park premises improved.
- In March, staff worked on broken docks to have docks installed 2-3 weeks earlier than prior years due to ice melting off the lake a month earlier.
- The park received complaints about the docks not being out with the ice off the lake. Typically, the docks are installed in May, and the staff is working to get them installed at the beginning of April.
- Boulder Creek was locked due to poor road conditions, hazard tree removal, and dock repairs. The staff has had upset customers with it being locked, including locks being cut. The estimated date for opening with docks is April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Park/Program Usage**

- In January, the lake frozen enough for fishing, and ice fisherman occupied parking lots and utilized winter camping in available areas.
- Visitor center usage was mostly customers renewing registration and purchasing snowmobile permits with phone inquiries increasing during March.
- Visitation was stagnant and moderate with warmer temperatures creating less than ideal ice fishing conditions in February and March.

<b>Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)</b>	<b>No. of Permits</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Group Use Permit	1	40
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

**Park Sponsored Program or Event**

- Assistant Manager Jackie Katchmar assisted IDFG with the Trout in the Classroom Egg Delivery and Education Program. She delivered 900 eggs to 9 schools and provided educational presentations and assistance to teachers and classrooms.
- In partnership with IDFG, the park set up a Trout in the Office tank and released 100 eggs at Lake Cascade State Park office location. About 80 trout are visible now and in good health.
- An interpretive presentation on Cascade Dam and the surrounding area history was conducted at Cascade Elementary school for a 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.
- Assistant Manager Jacqueline Katchmar participated in two programs on Idaho Watersheds, which is an educational program.

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming	10	334
Traditional Interpretation		

Environmental Education	3	77
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	2	30
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

#### Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Assistant Manager Katchmar and Administrative Assistant McDaid attended the Valley County Fire Mitigation and Education Meeting at Donnelly Fire Station. The group covered evaluations of the 2025 fire season and planning for the 2026 fire season.
- Assistant Manager Katchmar joined the Valley County Fire Mitigation and Education Committee. The group is working on agency partnerships, planning fire mitigation actions and educational outreach for further natural resource protection around Lake Cascade and the surrounding adjacent forests.
- Park Manager Crane attended Valley County Waterways meetings to improve access and discuss waterways in Valley County.
- Park Manager Crane attended meetings with other state park managers from State Park Leadership School to discuss how to improve state parks including policy, natural resources, and work plans.

#### Staff Training

- Park Manager Crane attended the State Park Leadership School in Wheeling, WV.
- Multiple staff members attended the South Region Compliance Enforcement Training (CEO) training in February.
- Ranger Johnson completed “Get Yourself Outdoor” learning program and certificate.
- Ranger Nuttall attended the East Region CEO training.
- Administrative Assistant McDaid attended the Admin Roundup at Heyburn State Park.

#### Manager’s Narrative

- During this quarter, the lake usage increased, but there was little snow making it impossible to groom Nordic ski trails.
- Staff worked on hiring seasonal and volunteer employees for the upcoming season as applications came in.
- Due to the lack of snow, Free Ski Day was cancelled this year.
- Staff completed insulation of Poison Creek shop to improve temperature control, complete installation of full-size air compressor, remove mouse infestations, and build/stock additional shelving to improve summer operations efficiency.
- Management conducted park ranger interviews and hired John Blankenship to fill Jacqueline Katchmar’s previous ranger position.
- Tamarack continued working on the marina at Poison Creek. With the ice off the lake in March, they began working on installing the docks, building a maintenance road, prepping to remove cattle guards, and prepping to install asphalt to expand the parking lot.

#### **LUCKY PEAK – SURAT NICOL, PARK MANAGER**

##### Customer Service

- In January, the restroom facilities shut down, and portable toilets were installed for the winter.
- During the winter months, Sandy Point operating hours were reduced due to shorter days.
- Mild winter weather brought out more visitors to the park.

Park/Program Usage

- Continued warm weather during the winter months increased day use activities.
- In March, the park noticed lake levels were rising with elevations a month ahead of a typical year.

Type of permit issued ( <i>after event</i> )	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	1723
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Ranger Rasmussen conducted several guided hikes on January 1<sup>st</sup> for the First Day Hike program. Nels had 96 participants and gave a wonderful interpretive hike featuring geology and history of the Lucky Peak area.
- In January, Spring Shores hosted the Polar Bear Plunge for the 23rd year. There were approximately 500 participants, 426 vehicles and a total crowd of 1,753. Weather was sunny and relatively warm for the big fundraising event Make-A-Wish has.

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	1	96
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Staff met with descendants of the Call family who operated a ranch at Spring Shores prior to the Lucky Peak Dam construction. The family brought pictures, artifacts and information on the Call family and life around the area. They also indicated they would donate materials for display in the Spring Shores concession. The park will be in touch with the family as part of a history project for the Lucky Peak area.
- Larry Stevens (former South Region Manager), Bill Dokken (former Deputy Director) and Rick Cummings (former North Region Manager) were kind enough to come to Spring Shores and look at old department pictures. They went through over a hundred photographs identifying people, places and events. They also shared information and stories about IDPR and answered a lot of questions. Surat will continue to work with former employees as part of the ongoing history project.

Staff Training

- In January, Park Manager Nicol attended the IDPR Managers Meeting in Boise.
- Multiple full-time staff attended the South Region Compliance Enforcement Officer (CEO) Training in February.
- In March, Park Administrative Assistant Raider attended the annual Administrative Assistant training at Heyburn State Park.

Manager’s Narrative

- The Park Administrative Assistant Rader worked with the reservations team on using Brandt to process moorage contracts at Spring Shores. There were good discussions and excellent work with Brandt to develop a more efficient system for the park.
- In January, the Discovery Beach project started with meetings and staging material. Crews brought in large rocks to stabilize the riverbank and create safe access to the Boise River. An ADA pathway, kayak launch and non-motorized boat ramp are the features of this project.
- In February, the staff started setting up Spring Shores concession for the 2026 season.
- Lack of snowpack has led to an early fill up on the lake. Water levels are a month early causing challenges with dock maintenance.
- Seasonal staff were interviewed and many hired.
- In March, moorage renewal contracts were processed and people on the waiting list were contacted. There was only a slight increase in vacancies despite a significant increase in moorage fees.

**PONDEROSA – MATT LINDE, PARK MANAGER**

Customer Service

- In January and February, the park had the visitor center open 5 days a week in January with no staff at the entrance station.
- Park usage dropped dramatically in March. The park operated at the visitor center 5 days a week with Sunday and Monday being the only closed days.

Park/Program Usage

- During January, Nordic Skiers and snowshoers made up the bulk of visitation while walkers and sledders added some usage. The free ski day added some visitation but was scaled down compared to previous years.
- Nordic use started to taper off in February due to rain and low snowfall, but the Roots program still saw strong use and possibly outnumbered all users in the park.
- The boat ramp was opened late March, and had fishermen come in to use the ramp.

<b>Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)</b>	<b>No. of Permits</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- The park had TVCC come up in February and meet with the rangers.
- The Roots program was the main user of the park throughout this quarter. Additionally, the park had a couple of programs that a park ranger hosted for local middle school grades.

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	2	26
School Programming	133	1,572
Special Events	3	124
Special Events Held Off-Site		

### Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- In January, the park tried to burn the large piles of slash left over from the Water Tower 2 thinning project and was waiting for the right window of new snow and atmosphere movement to move smoke out of the area.
- Natural Resource Program Manager Jones and Park Manager Linde worked on getting IDL to pay for some mastication work in the Water Tower 2 cut area. The park will work with SITPA to accomplish this work in spring with potential to complete a burn in the Meadow Marsh 2 project early this fall.
- The park worked on the Kokanee Cove group area throughout this quarter. The contractor is making fixes and turning on the water to that unit. The park expects this work to be finished by end of May.

### Staff Training

- Staff attended the Compliance Enforcement Officer (CEO) refresher course in February.
- Ranger Grant attended a grass identification class that identified all the different types of invasive grasses that can be found in the park area.

### Manager's Narrative

- In January, the remastered Nordic race was moved to Bear Basin and the free ski day was effectively cancelled due to low snow conditions. Ranger Grant saved some of the free ski day by opening it to snowshoers.
- With the light snow year, park staff had the opportunity to do some outside projects they typically would not have access to such as taking down an old shed that was at the end of its lifespan as well as working on putting up netting to dissuade birds from roosting high in the visitor center building.
- Assistant Park Manager Coyle applied for the RTP grant to put track setters on the back of the groomer.
- During February, the new groomer was used once to groom the trails after a rare snowstorm. The rangers found the new groomer was very tight in some of the trail areas and cut several trees to accommodate the width of the new machine.
- The park worked with Khrans home furnishing to replace flooring in the Fox cabin. The flooring had deteriorated to a condition that users could trip over corners of the flooring.
- The park ramped up seasonal hiring to be ready for the opening date.
- People from the public have asked park staff if there is a dock available at the new Kokanee Cove development. Park Manager Linde talked to the waterways committee, and they are in favor of paying for the docks.

### **THOUSAND SPRINGS – DAVID LANDRUM, PARK MANAGER**

#### Customer Service

- The Winter season was relatively mild here the Hagerman Valley, but the park still saw an increase in visitors in all units.
- The Rock House, Yellow House, and Pink House on Ritter Island remain one of Thousand Springs' most used amenities.
- In February, the Visitor's Center averaged 45 visitors a day with reduced hours being three days per week from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- In March, the Visitor Center averaged 76 visitors a day while being open 5 days per week from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

#### Park/Program Usage

- Day use in the parks included visitors hiking Box Canyon, enjoying the bike path at Billingsley Creek, and using the riding arena at Billingsley Creek.
- Visitation at the Billingsley Creek visitor’s center has had several record-breaking days, compared to the last two years of visitation. In February 2026, the park had 534 visitors coming through the doors compared to February 2025 with 328 visitors.
- In March 2026, the park had 1675 visitors come through the doors compared to March 2025 with 1,419 visitors.
- The park hosted the 36<sup>th</sup> annual St. Patty’s Day fun run at Malad Gorge with over 400 people in attendance.

Type of permit issued ( <i>after event</i> )	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	475
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	15	60
School Programming		
Special Events	1	475
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The campground at Billingsley Creek has been open since May 2025. With the winter weather being mild this year, the park had campers nearly every weekend during this quarter.
- The Visitor Center at Billingsley Creek has been open for over 3 years with temporary interpretive exhibits. The park is working with the NPS to come up with ideas for the final design and started working with NFusion. The schematic design is finished, and the design development phase has started.

Staff Training

- Ranger Copperi attended the Pacific Northwest Natural Resource Field School in Seabeck, Washington. This is a two-year course; he will attend the second half in 2027.
- In February, staff attended the Compliance Enforcement Officer (CEO) training in Boise.

Manager’s Narrative

- Camping at Billingsley Creek campground was an unknown being the 1<sup>st</sup> winter of have the campground open. The park had campers occasionally, but never a full loop.
- As spring showed up way early this year, the park staff started some tasks earlier than normal such as mowing, turning on irrigation, and weed control.
- The horse arena at Billingsley Creek was active with riders trying to keep their horses in shape through the winter months. As the weather starts warming up, riders and horses will be outside.

**THREE ISLAND – NITA MOSES, PARK MANAGER**

Customer Service

- The Oregon Trail History & Education Center (OTHEC) days and hours of operation were from 9am to 4pm Tuesday through Saturdays during this quarter. The park had to close the history center on Sundays, Mondays, and holidays due to lack of staffing. The OTHEC was open for a total of 61 days during this quarter.
- Peak Season began on March 12<sup>th</sup> and all facilities were opened. There were a lot of kinks that had to be worked out regarding the restroom facilities, and parts needed repair or ordered.
- The Oregon Trail History & Education Center served 944 visitors during this quarter.

Park/Program Usage

- Visitors to the history center came from all over the country and beyond, with international visitors from France, Canada, and South Korea.

<b>Type of permit issued (after event)</b>	<b>No. of Permits</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Group Use Permit	2	39
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Multiple groups used the park for a variety events including the Chamber of Commerce hosting focus groups, Bethal Temple Christian Academy, and a nearby elementary school.
- Park Hosted Chamber of Commerce Focus Group: 9
- Park Rangers Kevin Fossen and John Redd attended and hosted a booth at Family Literacy night at Glens Ferry School on March 19<sup>th</sup> with 195 visitors.

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>No. of Programs</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	1, 2	30, 286
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The Rangers volunteered and refurbished the Chamber’s wagon kiosk.
- The park hired Hawkes Tree Service to clean up three fallen trees. The Rangers cut up and hauled away the two trees in front of the Trail break Cabin. The tree service took care of the one in day use.
- The Rangers picked up and hauled tree limbs, blew out the pads and roads, and cleaned up the park in preparation for the opening of the Trailside Camp loop on March 1<sup>st</sup> for the opening of Peak Season on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- On March 7<sup>th</sup>, Park Ranger Kevin Fossen met with Rusty Krammer with the Fur Trapper’s Association to secure furs for park use.

Staff Training

- In January, Manager Moses attended the all-Region Managers Meeting in Boise.
- In February, staff attended the annual CEO Refresher Training in Boise.

- Rangers Redd, Fossen, and Cardona attended the iNaturalist training presented by former Park Ranger Tyler Barron.
- In March, Park Manager Moses and Ranger Fossen attended East Region's annual CEO training.

#### Manager's Narrative

- Rangers have been working on reorganizing the shop, cleaning up the park branches, and pulling out the urinals to scrape them and re-install.
- Rangers Fossen and Redd attended the Chamber Meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Electricians from Quality Electric came and replaced the neutral line and rewired the electrical panel in the Wagon Wheel loop at Campsite 41B and 43. This company also wired in a small subpanel and two outlets at the Trailbreak Cabin for future Washer and Dryer hookups.
- In March, The Oregon Trail History and Education Center's fire suppression system failed and sprayed a lot of water in the park's office area, then clogged itself with rust. The walls were damaged and the carpet was bubbling up. Staff turned off the system until it could be repaired.

#### **SOUTH REGION MAINTENANCE CREW – CHRISTOPHER RE, FOREMAN**

Hired Andrew Carlson as new Utility Craftsman. Andrew came from the BOR in Colorado, brought with him a catalogue of experience, and has hit the ground running.

#### Eagle Island State Park

- Worked on Culvert by the Wardens House on Mace-Cait Irrigation Canal.
- Removed waterslide pieces from the park to the dumpsters.
- Brought in Road mix.
- Installed a window in the waterslide office

#### Twin Peaks Ranch State Park

- Visited the new state park to help with equipment needs.

#### Thousand Springs State Park

- Billingsley Creek, graded by park housing and parking area and trails along the river
- Smoothed out small parking area at Kelton Trail
- Road Grading at Niagara Springs, helped spread new gravel

#### Bruneau Dunes State Park

- Added pressure relief valves for Eagle Cove Irrigation