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AGENDA ITEM
Idaho Park and Recreation Board Quarterly Meeting
February 19, 2026
IDPR Headquarters Summit Room
5657 Warm Springs Avenue
Boise, ID 83716

AGENDA ITEM: **FY 2026 2nd 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 12/31/2025
- Pages 3-6 – FY 2026 Y-T-D Park Operations Revenues / Expenditures
- Page 7 – FY 2026 Cash Balances as of 12/31/2025
- Page 8 – FY 2026 Y-T-D Passport Program Revenue
- Notes

Year-to-date revenue comparisons to FY 2025 are adversely impacted by the Brant implementation. We halted reservations in the 2nd quarter of FY 2025 and did not resume revenue reconciliation until the 3rd quarter. We expect normal revenue comparisons to resume after the 3rd quarter. Looking back another year, FY 2026 revenue is up 13.8% over a comparable period in FY 2024 (see Notes for additional detail).

Passport revenue is down slightly, -\$27,240 (-1.1%) versus FY 2025. But, it should be noted that January collections were enough to recover that deficit and put us slightly ahead for the year.

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 \$1.4 million (4.8%) higher than FY 2025 (see Notes for additional detail).

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

This item is for information only.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
FY 2026 Financial Statement / Budget Status
as of December 31, 2025**

Program/Object	Appropriation ¹	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Balance	% Remaining
Operations					
Personnel Costs	\$ 20,583,800	\$ 10,037,344	\$ -	\$ 10,546,456	51.2%
Operating Expenditures	11,447,900	4,789,030	36,485	6,622,384	57.8%
Capital Outlay	3,661,131	939,353	1,209,869	1,511,909	41.3%
Trustee & Benefit	25,845,455	6,384,052	16,335,379	3,126,025	12.1%
Subtotal	\$ 61,538,287	\$ 22,149,780	\$ 17,581,732	\$ 21,806,774	35.4%
Capital Development					
Personnel Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Operating Expenditures	-	-	-	-	
Capital Outlay	115,167,198	42,038,833	-	73,128,365	63.5%
Trustee & Benefit	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal	\$ 115,167,198	\$ 42,038,833	\$ -	\$ 73,128,365	63.5%
Total	\$ 176,705,485	\$ 64,188,613	\$ 17,581,732	\$ 94,935,139	53.7%

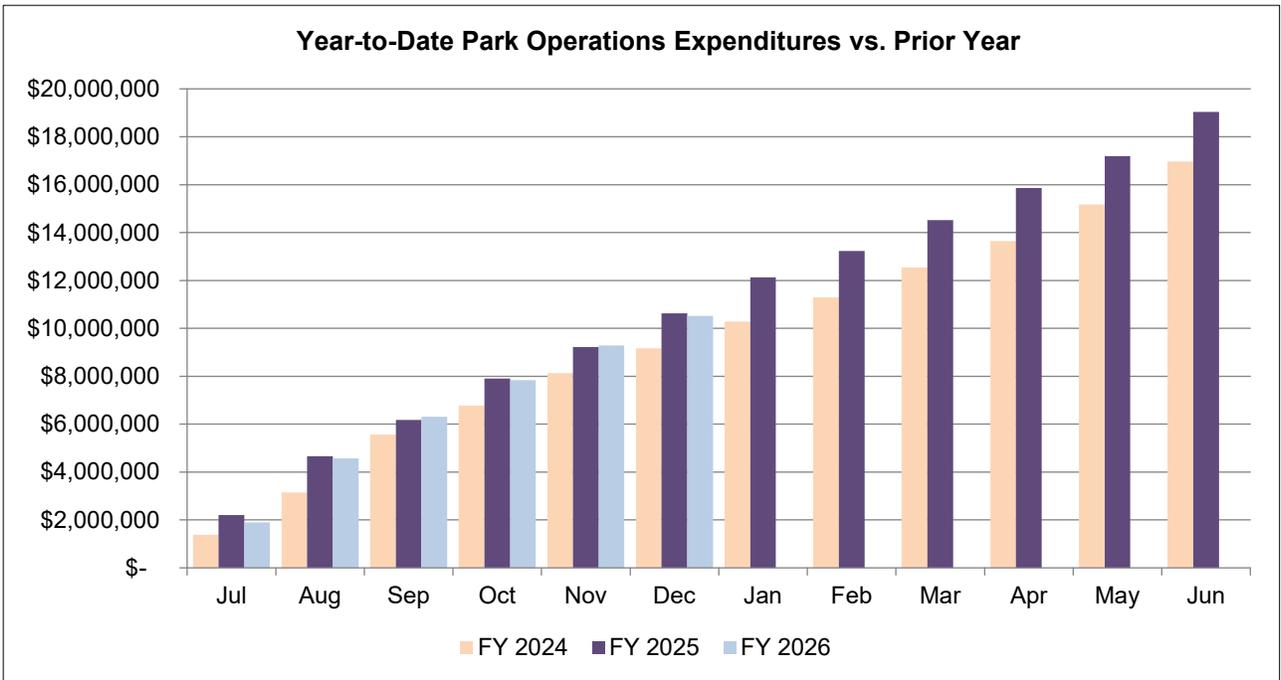
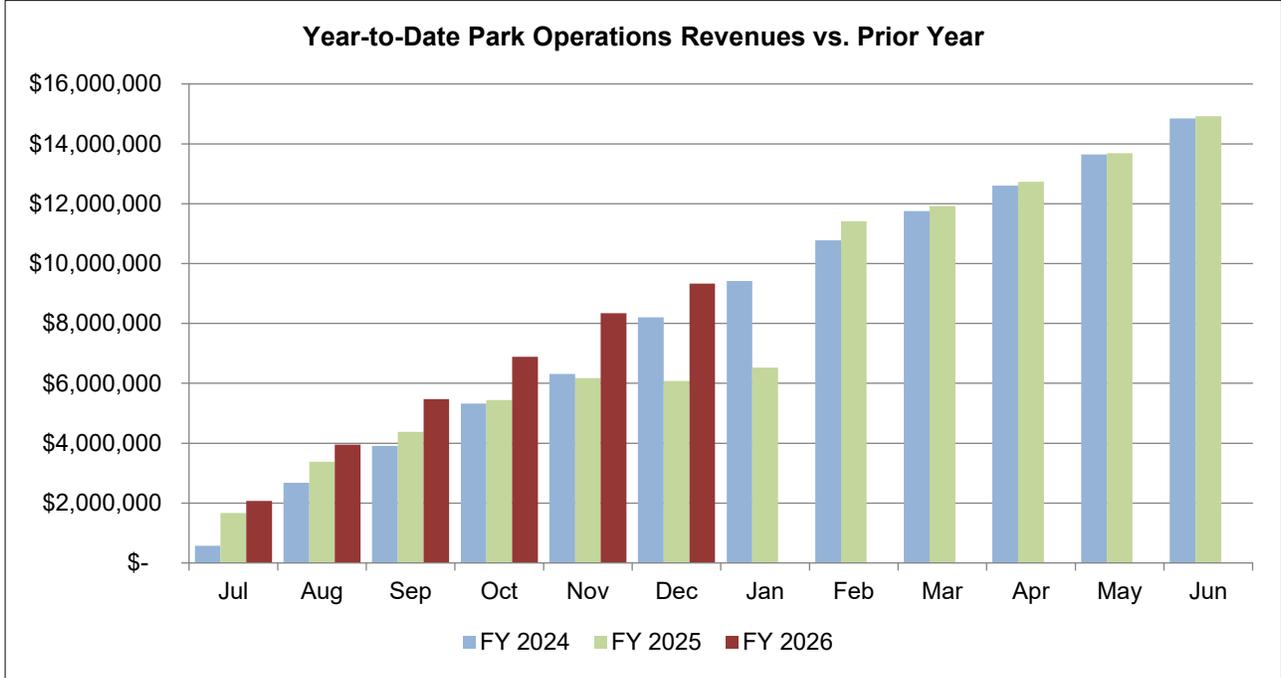
¹ Appropriation Includes:

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	(127,700)
Reversions	(134,300)
	176,705,485

² Encumbrances Includes:

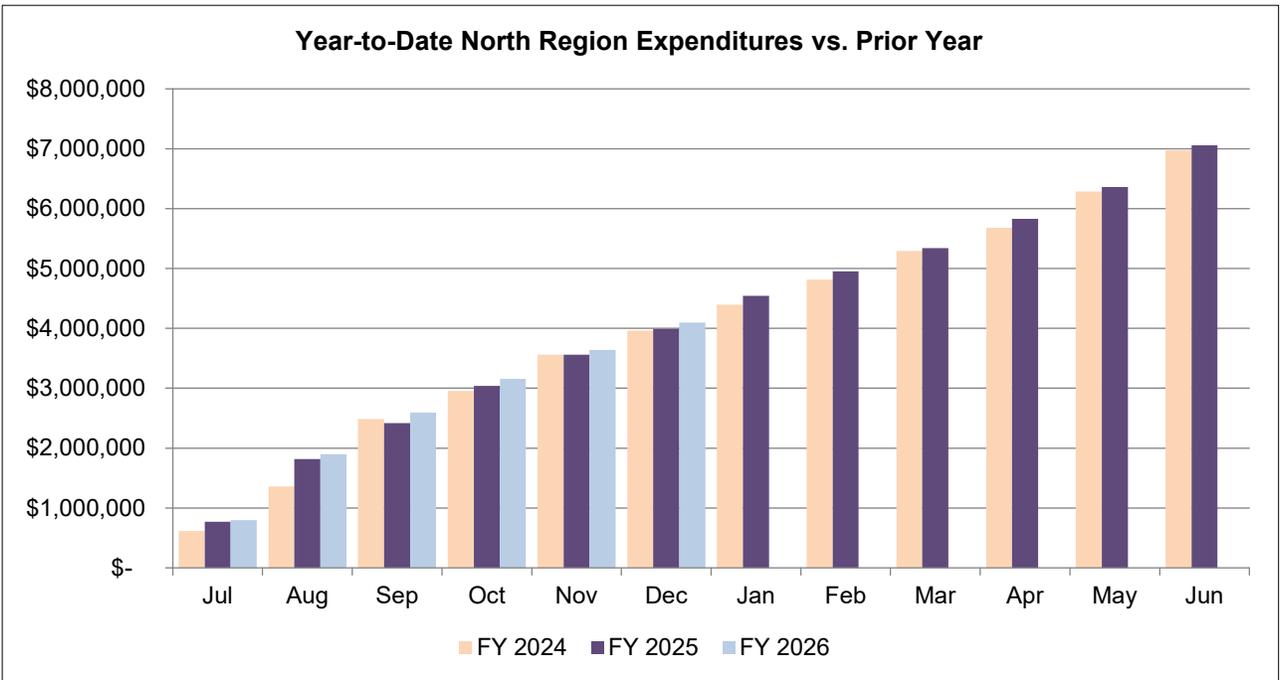
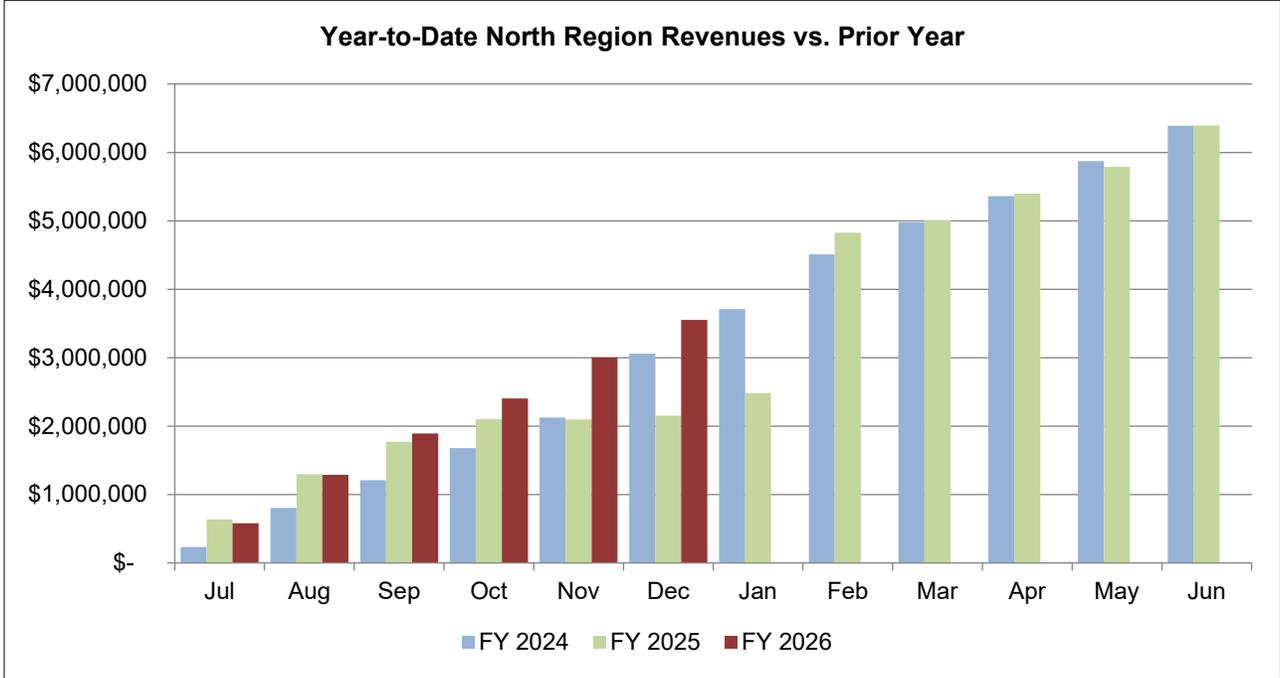
Grant Contract Balances	16,335,379
Open Purchase Orders	1,209,869
AP Accruals	36,485
	17,581,732

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Park Operations - All Funds
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures
December 31, 2025**



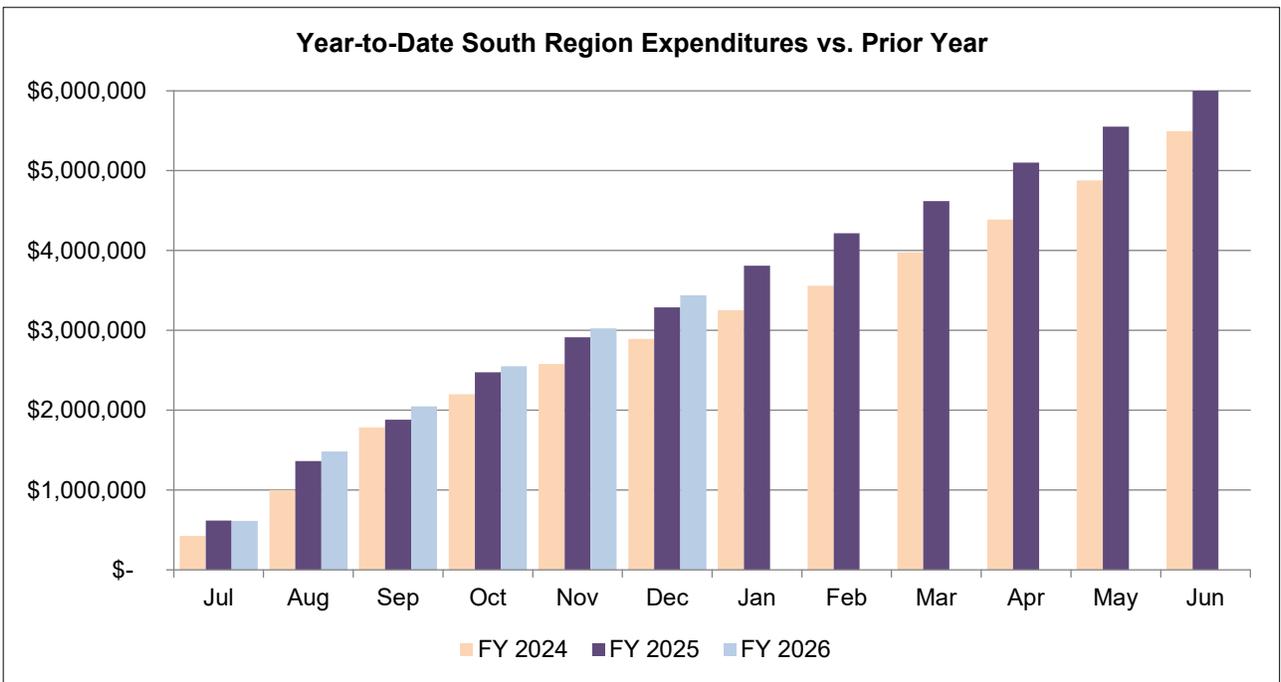
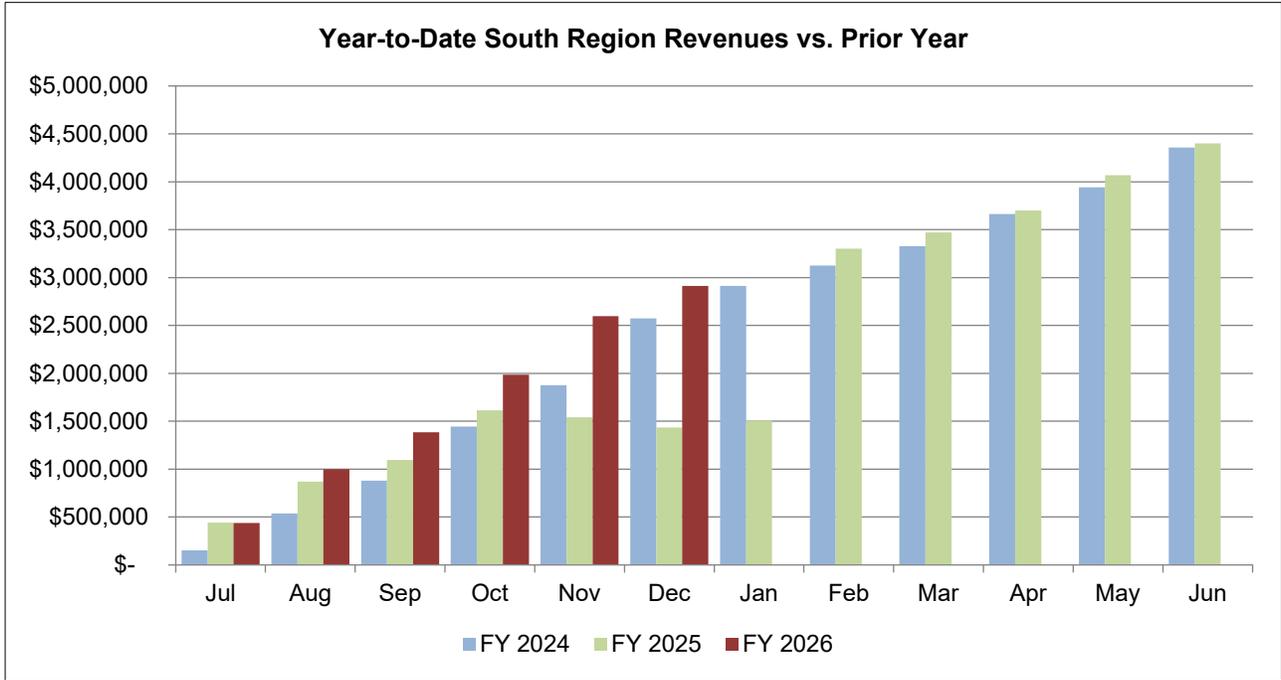
- All Park Operations fiscal year-to-date revenues are not comparable to FY 2025 until Q3.
- All Park Operations fiscal year-to-date expenditures are down \$102,700 (-1.0%) compared to FY 2025.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
North Region - All Funds
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures
December 31, 2025**



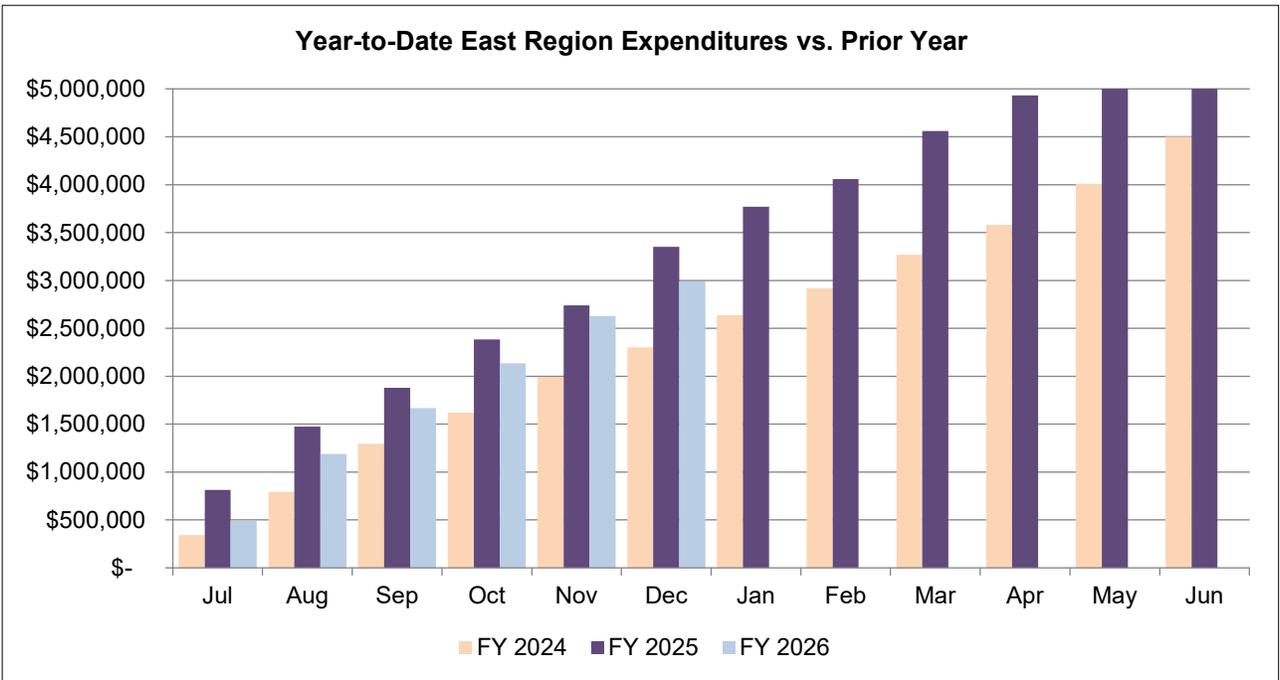
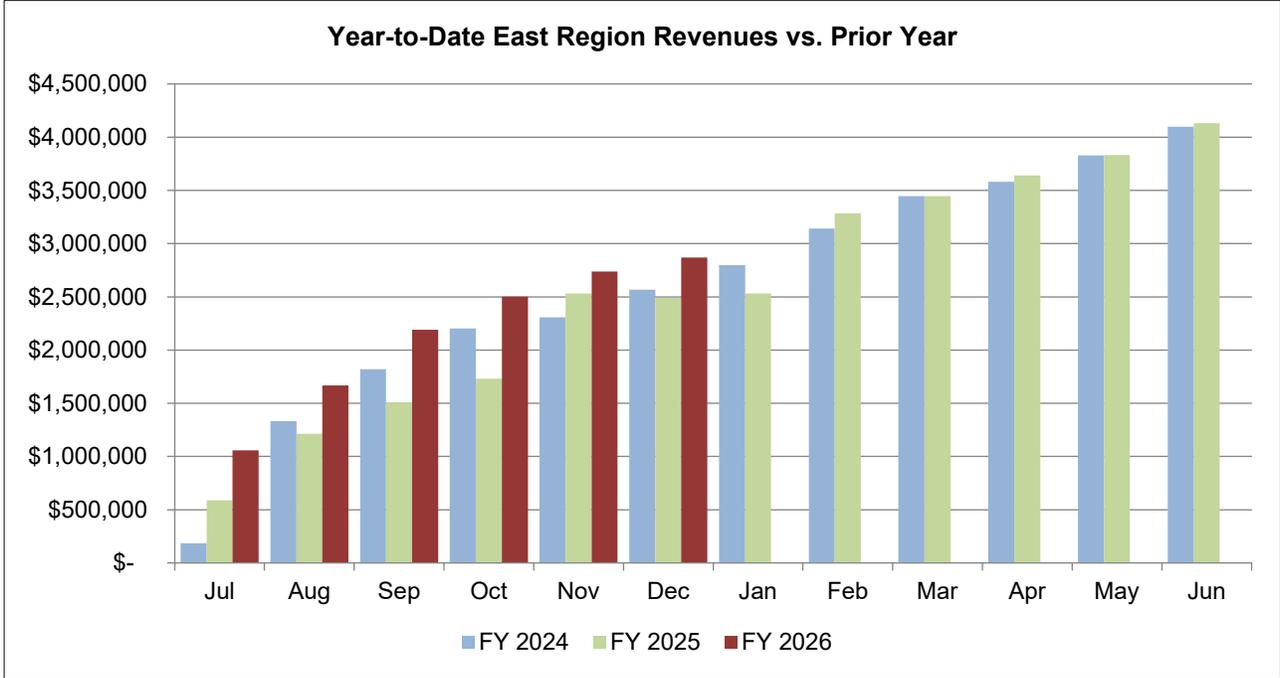
- North Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are not comparable to FY 2025 until Q3.
- North Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$108,600 (2.7%) compared to FY 2025.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
South Region - All Funds
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures
December 31, 2025**



- South Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are not comparable to FY 2025 until Q3.
- South Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$152,400 (4.6%) compared to FY 2025.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
East Region - All Funds
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures
December 31, 2025**



- East Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are not comparable to FY 2025 until Q3.
- East Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are down \$363,700 (-10.9%) compared to FY 2025.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Statement of Cash Position By Fund - FY 2026
as of December 31, 2025**

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Cash Inflows	Cash Outflows	Cash Balance	Grants / Capital Obligations	Unobligated Fund Balance
12500	Federal Indirect Cost Recovery	\$ 48,668	\$ 619,411	\$ (261,288)	\$ 406,791	\$ -	\$ 406,791
24300	Parks and Recreation Fund	89,621,383	22,549,393	(42,084,422)	70,086,354	52,843,548	17,242,806
24302	Parks & Rec - Registration Administration	6,076,465	3,357,724	(8,653,411)	780,778	-	780,778
24303	Parks & Rec - Sawtooth License Plate	2,472	66,753	(66,753)	2,472	-	2,472
24304	Parks & Rec - Cutthroat Wildlife Plate	114,929	45,625	-	160,554	20,440	140,114
24305	Parks & Rec - Mountain Bike	298,985	36,700	(20,594)	315,091	26,486	288,606
24701	Recreational Fuels - Capital Improvement	3,541,765	947,575	(372,654)	4,116,686	2,671,470	1,445,217
24702	Recreational Fuels - Waterway Improvement	3,069,866	947,575	(387,733)	3,629,708	2,217,747	1,411,961
24703	Recreational Fuels - Off-road Motor Vehicles	4,505,179	1,135,045	(703,093)	4,937,131	2,446,721	2,490,410
24704	Recreational Fuels - Road & Bridge	2,511,720	493,532	(151,333)	2,853,920	1,205,546	1,648,373
24706	Recreational Fuels - Administration	179,066	636,351	(433,572)	381,845	-	381,845
25001	Registration - State Vessel	-	1,305,092	(1,305,092)	-	-	-
25002	Registration - Cross Country Ski	257,939	18,286	(9,480)	266,745	-	266,745
25003	Registration - Snowmobile	1,976,447	874,819	(1,823,887)	1,027,379	-	1,027,379
25004	Registration - Motorbike	2,413,937	1,158,954	(765,481)	2,807,410	122,053	2,685,357
25005	Registration - Recreational Vehicle	30,175,450	4,767,469	(3,636,739)	31,306,180	11,495,356	19,810,824
25006	Registration - State Avalanche Fund	94,291	19,381	-	113,672	-	113,672
34000	Federal ARPA ¹	1,298,750	-	(75,150)	1,223,601	2,740,001	(1,516,400)
34430	Federal ARPA - SLFRF	20,553,519	-	(16,496,622)	4,056,897	4,056,897	-
34800	Federal Grant Fund ¹	2,299,116	9,190,332	(6,477,077)	5,012,371	8,504,654	(3,492,283)
34900	Miscellaneous Revenue	3,251,038	-	(90,545)	3,160,493	1,581,725	1,578,767
41001	Enterprise	7,600,185	1,522,250	(944,065)	8,178,370	58,849	8,119,521
49601	Expendable Trust - Park Donations ²	491,584	47,763	(5,503)	533,844	-	533,844
49602	Harriman Trust	1,456,708	175,010	(211,410)	1,420,308	184,422	1,235,886
49603	Park Land Trust	3,527,349	77,305	(35,357)	3,569,297	497,698	3,071,599
49605	Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes	651,218	54,252	(54,937)	650,533	-	650,533
Total		\$ 186,018,028	\$ 50,046,595	\$ (85,066,197)	\$ 150,998,427	\$ 90,673,612	\$ 60,324,815

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

² 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 December 31, 2025

Gross Revenue	FY 2025 December	FY 2026 December	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
1-Year Registrations	\$ 164,560	\$ 160,540	\$ (4,020)	-2.4%
2-Year Registrations	208,720	197,400	(11,320)	-5.4%
Total	\$ 373,280	\$ 357,940	\$ (15,340)	-4.1%

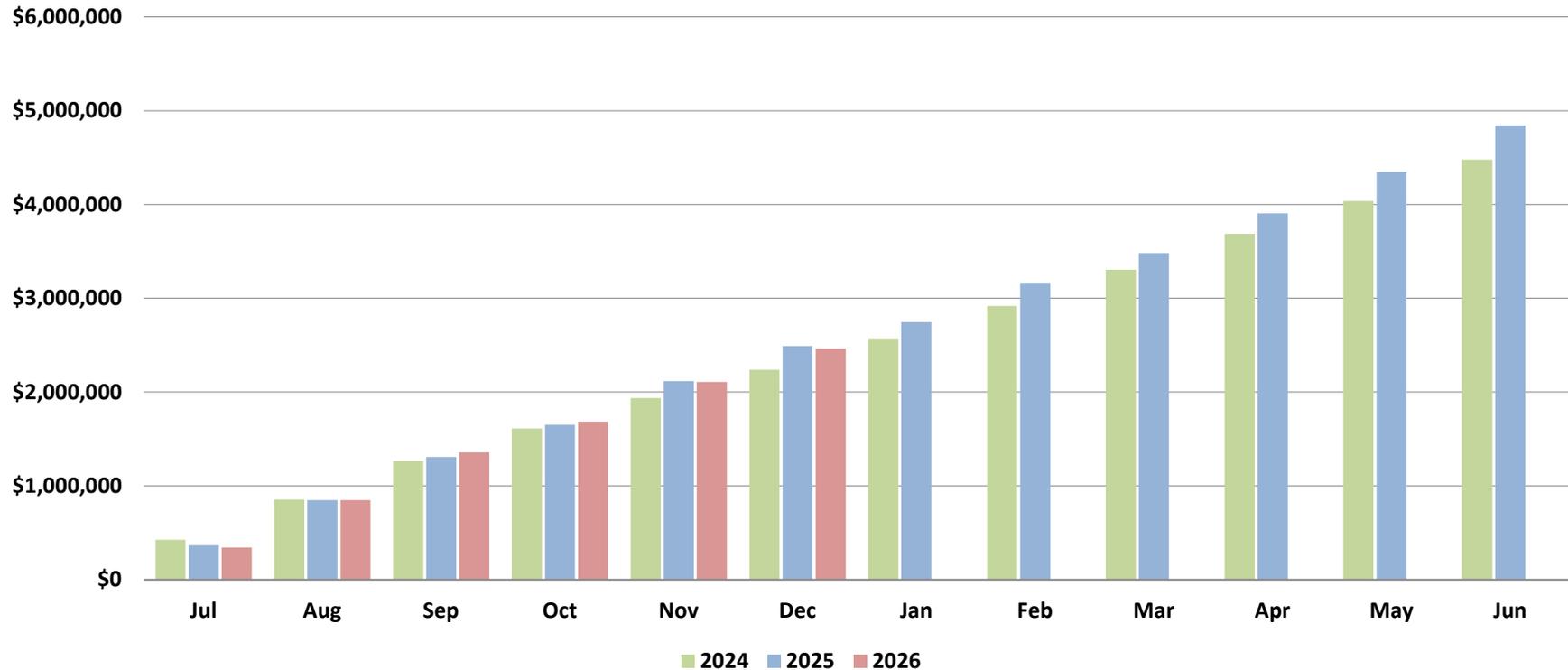
FY 2025 Y-T-D	FY 2026 Y-T-D	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
\$ 1,014,460	\$ 999,680	\$ (14,780)	-1.5%
1,477,140	1,464,680	(12,460)	-0.8%
\$ 2,491,600	\$ 2,464,360	\$ (27,240)	-1.1%

Transactions

1-Year Registrations	16,456	16,054	(402)	-2.4%
2-Year Registrations	10,436	9,870	(566)	-5.4%
Total	26,892	25,924	(968)	-3.6%

101,446	99,968	(1,478)	-1.5%
73,857	73,234	(623)	-0.8%
175,303	173,202	(2,101)	-1.2%

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. \$262,000 reduction for 3% General Fund holdback (\$127,700) and unused CEC (\$134,300)
 - c. Capital Development Reappropriation = \$109,377,198 (FY25 carryover).
 - d. ECF = \$9,881,405 for grants. \$445,381 for delayed capital purchases, all approved by DFM.
2. PC and OE results are consistent with prior fiscal years, right where we would expect to be ¼-way through the year.
 - a. **Combined Management Services and Park Ops**
 - i. PC – 51.2% remaining is typical for the first ½ of the year.
 - ii. OE – 57.8% remaining is typical for the first ½ of the year.
 - iii. CO – 41.3% remaining is typical as we are busy completing the requisition and purchase order processes for the year.
 - iv. T&B – 12.1% remaining is due to remaining monthly amounts to be distributed for county boating distribution.
 - 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 \$42+ 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 invalid until after the 3rd quarter due to the transition to Brandt in January 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. Otherwise, revenue should be more consistent entering our 3rd year in Luma, except for some timing variances and new campground openings as noted below.

For some additional context, comparisons to a normalized FY 2024 period are shown below.

- a. North Region – up \$491,900 (16.1%) compared to FY 2024. This should represent a realistic look at how pricing increases have improved revenue.
 - b. South Region – up \$338,000 (13.1%) compared to FY 2024 and is attributable to:
 - i. \$137,600 at Thousand Springs – New Campground finally open.
 - ii. \$134,200 at Ponderosa – fully open Blackberry camping loop after renovations.
 - c. East Region – up \$303,700 (11.8%) compared to FY 2024.
 - i. \$286,700 at Bear Lake – new campgrounds and out-of-state fees.
 - ii. <\$62,100> 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 three years our revenue has been remarkably resilient.
 - i. \$14.4 million in FY 2023
 - ii. \$14.8 million in FY 2024
 - iii. \$14.9 million in FY 2025
 - iv. Y-T-D FY 2026 is already \$9.3 million versus comparable \$8.2 million in FY 2024, up 13.8%.
 - e. Passport revenue is down slightly at <\$27,200> or -1.1% versus FY25. This could just be minor timing issues with ITD. We had our first month(s) ever over \$500,000 in sales August and September.
2. **Expenditures** – FY 2026 Park OPS Base PC up \$1.4 million (7.2% higher than FY 2025) 5.0 new FTPs, CEC, health benefits, and additional \$309,000 for FTP wages and OE up \$83,400 (0.7% higher than FY 2024 following General Fund holdback). Total PC and OE are a combined \$1.4 million (4.8%) higher than FY 2025.
 - a. So, being down slightly -\$102,700 (-1.0%) is lower than we would expect. This is primarily attributable to the offset on Capital Outlay in the East Region (see below) and the delay in implementing the additional \$309,000 in PC wages.
 - b. Base PC Increase by Region
 - i. NR – (1 FTP) total increase pending additional wage increase.
 - ii. SR – (1 FTP) total increase pending additional wage increase.
 - iii. ER – (3 new FTPs and 2 additional FTPs transferred) total increase pending additional wage increase.

- iv. Increases include CEC and health benefit cost changes (\$1,130 per FTP).
 - c. OE Expenditures by Region
 - i. NR – up \$108,600 (2.7%) is entirely attributable to personnel with an additional FTP, CEC, and health benefit increases.
 - ii. SR – up \$152,400 (4.6%) is mostly attributable to personnel with an additional FTP, CEC, and health benefit increases. Slight offset for timing variances in CO expenditures.
 - iii. ER – down \$363,700 (-10.9%) is due to the CO expenditure timing described in d. below. Personnel is up consistent with the other regions.
 - 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 662,300 (-79%).
- 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.

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Nov. – Jan. 2025/2026 Dual-Appointment Report

Investing in Interpretation

A new year breathed new life into interpretive efforts. Former Three Island Ranger, Tyler Barron (MS Student), shared his research focused on using *iNaturalist* to advance park interpretation and citizen science. Eleven IDPR staff joined his two-hour training on 2/6. Proud of Tyler for his continued service to IDPR.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting with participants: Chris Zajchowski, Tyler Barron, Amanda Grant, Sophia Bates, Jason DeGeorge, and John Redd. The main content is a slide titled "Orange Peel Fungus (*Aleuria aurantia*) 11/15/2025 3:24 PM PST- Winchester Lake State Park @ Silv3r". The slide includes a photo of the fungus and a notes section that says "These are pretty cool and also pretty fragile. This is the one that looks like it to me?". The activity section shows suggestions from users silvr and galaxyfungi for the ID *Aleuria aurantia*.

Amber Hawes (PhD Student) finalized her first interpretive theme report (Henrys Lake), picking up the baton from Anna Medlin (now a full-time IDPR employee). Amber is hard at work on the drafting other reports, including Massacre Rocks, Eagle Island, Farragut, Winchester, Old Mission, Lake Walcott, Lake Cascade, and Three Island Crossing State Parks. She also is kicking off the next round with Bruneau Dunes as we speak.

John and Kiona from Dworshak met with students in ENVS 3870: *Environmental Communication Skills* class on 2/5 to kick off the semester-long project. Will and Sawyer from headquarters joined to speak about agency communications efforts and brand standards. Thanks to these amazing folks for sharing their time and knowledge.

Bruneau Dunes and Twin Peak are exploring hiring students as part-time sign design. In sum, the interpretive momentum is strong right now throughout the agency.

Initiatives

Outdoor Recreation and Leadership Certificate

- Our certificate proposal passed the State Board of Education and NWCCU and will launch in Fall 2026. Courses will include introduction to conservation and natural resources, recreation ecology, outdoor recreation leadership, and a skills-based elective. We're pumped to re-invest in this meaningful recreation curriculum.

The poster for Career Fair Week at the University of Idaho lists several events:

- FEB 10**: IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION @ CME 110, 8:00 - 6:00 PM. Booth to meet the beautiful people this summer! Join the Idaho State Park team for tips & tricks for a successful application!
- FEB 10**: NETWORKING NIGHT @ Best Western University Inn, 6:00 - 10:00 PM. Enjoy a fun evening evening designed to connect you with potential employers. Refreshments provided. *Partial List of Speakers Attending: Director of Land Management/Chancellor Patrick O'Connell, Executive Director/State Department of Parks and Recreation/Debra L. Johnson, Executive Director/Idaho Department of Agriculture/Robert M. Anderson, Executive Director/Idaho Department of Health and Welfare/Chris Johnson, Executive Director/Idaho Department of Labor/Phyllis/State of Montana/Brian/Idaho Department of Justice/John*
- FEB 11**: SPRING CAREER FAIR @ FYFCU Kibbie Dome, 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Connect with recruiters, explore full-time jobs, internships, seasonal employment and graduate school options.
- FEB 12/13**: IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS INTERVIEWS @ CME 110. One-on-one interviews with the Idaho Department of Lands. Visit us at Networking Night and the Career Fair to learn about their current openings and to schedule an interview.

Get a Job with IDPRI!

- Jennifer and Lupe will be visiting campus on 2/10 for CNR Networking Night. We've coordinated an IDPR-specific meet and greet for students and are excited to connect them with meaningful employment.



Old Mission Tour

- Amber and Chris meet with Jill Wagner, the Coeur d'Alene Tribes Historic Preservation Officer, in November to hopefully jump-start the interpretive theme inventory at Old Mission State Park.

Dr. Zajchowski and Rebecca Honsinger, along with U of I faculty Drs. Katie Lee and Chelsea Pennick published a research note "Understanding the short-term effect of differential park pricing policy" in *Journal of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism*. This research documents the results of 2021's House Bill 93 on access for Idahoans to overnight camping, revenue, and overall occupancy. Cliff notes: **over 15% more Idahoans reserved overnight stays** at the 5 demonstration parks in the two years after the Bill, but **total visitation dropped ~5%**, with some parks seeing a steep decrease in demand. The full article is included in your board packet.

Past and Upcoming Park Visits

Park	Date
IDPR Board Meeting <i>Virtual</i>	Nov. 4 th
North & South Region Meeting <i>Hells Gate State Park</i>	Nov. 7 th
Meeting with Jill Wagner, Coeur d'Alene Tribe <i>Old Mission State Park</i>	Nov. 10 th
IDPR Managers Meeting <i>Boise</i>	Jan. 27-29 th
CNR Networking Night <i>Moscow</i>	Feb. 10 th



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Initiatives

Director Buxton's U of I visit

- We were thrilled to have Susan join us to speak on the State's unprecedented **investment in addressing deferred maintenance**. Students in Dr. Zajchowski's *NRS 1250: Introduction to Conservation and Natural Resources* class were provided an extra credit opportunity if they attended the talk, introduced themselves to Susan, and snagged a selfie. **Thanks, again, to Director Buxton** for being such a great supporter of University of Idaho students.

Heyburn Leaseholder Interviews

- **Shahriar Rahman (PhD Student)** continues to analyze results from interviews conducted last Fall with **Heyburn State Park** leaseholders. Our goal is to identify their desired physical, social, and managerial setting features to convey with park staff.

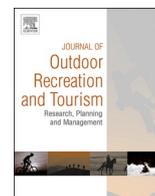
McCroskey Momentum

- **Drs. Mary Engels** and Zajchowski met with CNR Development staff, **Steph** and **Mary Ellen**, to create a **McCroskey State Park Excellence Fund**. Our goal is to provide a vehicle to support a **Park Lab**, where students can assist IDPR staff in data collection and stewardship efforts.

Family (Park) Tradition

- The Remy-Zajchowski family participated in our 4th annual **Ponderosa State Park** winter visit. Thanks to Matt and his staff for continuing to provide an incredible experience for park visitors.





Research Article

Research note: Understanding the short-term effect of differential park pricing policy

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Management Implications

Differential pricing policies may realize legislated goals (i.e., prioritizing resident access and revenue generation), however, may also impact overall demand, undermining revenue optimization and product utilization. Natural areas vary in their appeal, visitor demographics, and competitive alternatives, making it essential to understand demand elasticity through economic modeling of visitation prior to policy generation and implementation. Specific to Idaho, caution is warranted in extending nonresident fee increases to other parks or assets within the State.

1. Introduction

Land use fees associated with access to parks and protected areas are one of the many rationing and allocation strategies to provision of outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism (Manning et al., 2022). Despite advances in technology facilitating demand-based pricing (e.g., Smith et al., 2024), as Crompton (2016) asserts, “price increases made by leisure agencies often are arbitrary, relying on intuition and ‘experience’” (p. 315). Further exacerbating heuristic pricing strategies are the political realities of public sector providers, who are beholden to diverse constituents (e.g., Shoji et al., 2021) and in some cases require legislative approval of fee structures (e.g., Marchant, 2024). In this research note, we detail one United States' park system's response to legislation aiming to increase state residents' outdoor recreation access to natural areas through differential pricing for state residents and nonresidents, while highlighting related impacts.

2. Idaho House bill 93

The surge in global outdoor recreation participation during and following the COVID-19 pandemic is well documented (e.g., Pröbstl-Haider et al., 2023). In the United States, given the public health powers entrusted to states, policy and enforcement strategies related to the pandemic in parks and protected areas often varied widely, reflecting specific leisure contexts (e.g., Hansen et al., 2022) and political orientations (Scruggs et al., 2022). For example, the State of Washington closed all state parks on March 24 and reopened 100 parks for day use on May 5, 2020, while Idaho's parks remained open throughout the pandemic. In Idaho, this ‘business as usual’ approach was thought to increase visitation from nonresidents traveling to Idaho from locations with more pandemic-related restrictions. In 2020, Idaho witnessed 7.7 million visitor days in state park sites, including day and overnight use combined, which eclipsed previous state visitation records by 1.2 million (Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, 2021).

In response to increased visitation and presence of nonresident visitors, who were perceived to decrease the supply of available recreational opportunities for Idahoans (e.g., Russell, 2021), a state legislator representing constituents of heavily visited parks in north Idaho introduced Routing Slip 29389C1 on February 4th, 2021. This pre-bill proposed to increase access to leisure opportunities for Idaho residents through a differential pricing strategy that doubled overnight and park entry fees at a minimum of 5 parks for nonresidents (i.e., United States residents of other states and international visitors). The accompanying fiscal note projected over \$1.4 million in revenue increases

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(Okuniewicz, 2021). House Bill 93 (hereafter, HB93) was debated by the Idaho House and Senate and was signed into law on March 19th, 2021, effective June 1, 2021.

HB93 was also projected to generate much needed revenue for the park system. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR), which operates Idaho State Parks, receives only 3-5 %, depending on fiscal year, of its annual operating budget from state appropriations and relies primarily on use fees. Prior to this proposal nonresidents paid an additional \$3/day for overnight rentals, when compared to Idaho residents. HB93 increased this nonresident fee to \$21-\$31/day, dependent on site type (Table 1). Budget projections related to HB93 assumed a minimum increase of \$1.4 million annual revenue from differential pricing, which, if realized, would benefit park-specific operations.

Given the uncertainty surrounding the impact of HB93 on both resident and nonresident demand, IDPR selected to implement this demonstration program at the legislated minimum of five park sites. Natural areas with the highest day or overnight use, respectively, were selected for fee increases. This analysis solely presents data from the five demonstration parks for overnight stays: Farragut, Henrys Lake, Ponderosa, Priest Lake, and Round Lake State Parks.

3. Materials and methods

Idaho State Parks reservation system captures reservation information at time of purchase, such as zip code, site type, length of stay, etc. De-identified user information from 2017 to 2023 from the five state parks was shared with the research team to understand if HB93 significantly increased access for Idahoans and revenue from overnight stays.

First, all overnight stays were used to descriptively assess trends between 2017 and 2023 and understand the potential for HB93 to impact bookings. Next, observations were segmented into two groups: Pre-HB93 (2018–2019; $n = 59,726$) and Post-HB93 (2022–2023; $n = 56,921$). Due to our interest in the impact on stays across residency, cancellations and no-shows were removed from each park's totals, resulting in 116,647 observations (Farragut = 43,873; Round Lake = 7,481; Priest Lake = 24,442; Ponderosa = 28,768; Henrys Lake = 12,085). Pre-HB93 is treated as a control period, both before COVID-19 pandemic and HB93; Post-HB93 includes the period following the pandemic and after HB93 was passed. The year 2020 was removed from analysis due to national and global changes in outdoor recreation participation. The year 2021 was also removed due to the confounding mid-year implementation of HB93; though HB93 took effect in June of 2021, bookings for demonstration parks were possible 9 months prior to reservation date. Thus, the impact of HB93 on bookings might be suppressed by advanced reservations.

Next, chi-squared tests of independence assessed differences in residency across the Pre-HB93 and Post-HB93 to determine differences in resident and nonresident overnight stays among the demonstration parks. Given the impetus for HB93, Hypothesis 1 projects significantly fewer nonresidents reserving stays after the fee increases and more Idaho residents booking overnight stays. Next, data from overnight stays were then used to understand the results of HB93 on park operations. Anecdotal evidence shared by park managers suggested nonresidents,

Table 1
Legislated fee increase for day and overnight use at demonstration parks.

	Pre-HB93 Out-of-State	Post-HB93 Out-of-State	In-State
<i>Overnight Camping Fees</i>			
Basic Sites	\$27.00	\$48.00	\$24.00
Electric Sites	\$33.00	\$60.00	\$30.00
Full Hook-up Sites	\$35.00	\$64.00	\$32.00
<i>Day Use Fees</i>			
Motor Vehicle Entry	\$10.00	\$14.00	\$7.00

who continued to visit the parks following HB93, decreased the duration of their visits, in part, due to the doubling of overnight rate. If this decrease in length of stay was significant, it would impact park staff operationally, requiring them to turn-over more overnight sites (i.e., clean sites, greet visitors, etc.), even if visitation remained constant. Thus, Hypothesis 2 projects a significant decrease in length of stay following the implementation of HB93. All data exhibited non-normal distributions (e.g., kurtosis >958.68), requiring Mann-Whitney U tests for nonparametric comparison.

Given the assumed increase in revenue from doubling the nonresident rate, Hypothesis 3 projects a revenue increase of \$1.4 million (± 4 % CI). Revenue totals for residents and nonresidents were aggregated from the five parks across the Pre-HB93 (2018–2019) and Post-HB93 (2022–2023) periods. Unlike previous analyses, here, revenue includes stays, cancellations, and no shows due to the fees attached to cancellation and sunk cost from missed stays. The projected increase in revenue is compared to 2018 and 2019 values as a Pre-HB93 baseline for multiple reasons: 1) the likely unrelated spike in demand due to the pandemic in 2020, 2) continued pandemic impacts resulting from “revenge travel” in 2021 (Meenakshi et al., 2024), and 3) 2019 boasted the highest number of overall stays ($n = 30,328$) between 2017 and 2023, allowing for a conservative estimate of revenue growth in the years after HB-93.

4. Results

Initial descriptive comparisons of Idaho resident and non-resident overnight stays between 2017 and 2023 demonstrate Pre-HB93 proportional use, with between 58.7 and 60.4 % of overnight stays occupied by nonresident visitors between 2017 and 2019 (Fig. 1). The tightening of reservation rates between groups is likely the result of the pandemic reducing non-resident travel in 2020, and then the emerging impact of differential pricing with HB93 in 2021. 2022 and 2023 illustrate the shift in reservations, where 44.6 % of stays were held by non-residents.

Next, to test Hypothesis 1, chi-squared tests of independence used reservations and park-specific overnight stays to explore differences in residency status before (2018–2019) and after (2022–2023) HB93. The relationship between residency and pre/post HB93 was significant, $X^2(1, N = 116,647) = 2605.70, p < .001, V = .149$. Thus, Hypothesis 1 was supported: in the two-calendar-year period after HB93, Idahoans reserved 15.3 % more stays than in 2018–2019.¹ Results at the park-level followed a similar pattern (Table 2), wherein residents reserved 9.4%–25.9 % more between 2022 and 2023 than 2018 and 2019. Effect sizes for each park were moderate ($.3 > V > .1$). The largest change in residency status for reservation data occurred at Round Lake, with 25.9 % more Idaho resident reservations post-HB93 than in 2018–2019. Round Lake also witnessed a 27.1 % drop in total stays in 2022–2023 when compared to 2018–2019. Similarly, Ponderosa (–2.3 %), Priest (–3.2 %), and Henry's (–14.6 %) all saw decreased overall stays, while Farragut was the sole park to increase stays (+.2 %). Fig. 2 illustrates park-specific differences across the two periods. Fig. 3 illustrates a comparison in total stays across the two periods.

Next, the impact of HB93 on the duration of overnight stays was assessed using the total number of nights per stay. Results indicated that, for all demonstration parks, there was a significant increase in the number of nights per stay in 2022–2023, when compared to 2018–2019, $U = 1626038342.00, z = -13.20, p < .001$; however, the practical effect was very small ($r = .03$). Mann-Whitney U tests revealed the same pattern for each of the individual demonstration parks (Appendix A). Thus, hypothesis 2 was rejected.

As Fig. 4 illustrates, annual revenue from demonstration parks

¹ This is compared to 2.2 % increase in overnight stays by Idahoans at all other Idaho State Parks in the same period (i.e., 2018–2019 Idaho reservations = 55.7 % of total reservations; 2022–2023 Idaho reservations = 57.2 %).

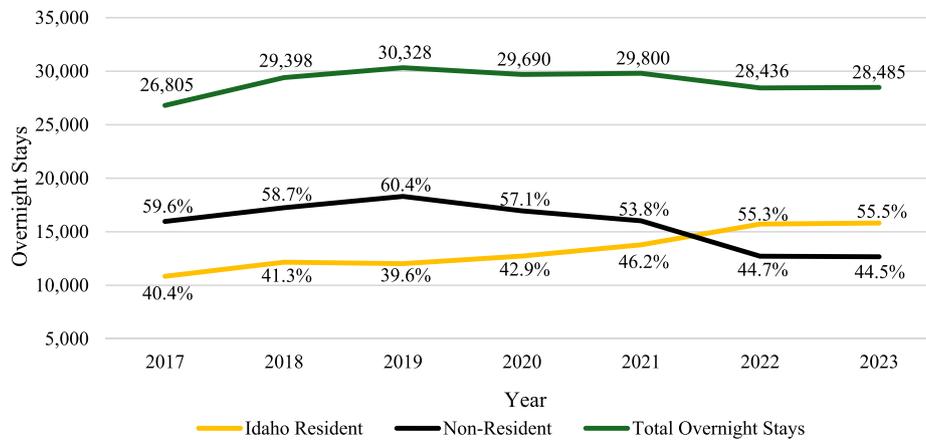


Fig. 1. Overnight stays at demonstration parks between 2017 and 2023 by both residency status and total stays.

Table 2

Chi-square of reservations by residency, park, and all parks before and after Idaho House Bill 93.

Park	Residency	2018–2019	2022–2023	χ^2	<i>p</i>	Cramer's <i>V</i>
Farragut	In-State	5923 (27.3 %)	9522 (43.4 %)	1282.40	<.001	.171
	Out-of-State	15,990 (72.7 %)	12,438 (56.6 %)			
Round Lake	In-State	1514 (35.0 %)	1921 (60.9 %)	492.44	<.001	.257
	Out-of-State	2812 (65.0 %)	1234 (39.1 %)			
Priest Lake	In-State	4125 (33.2 %)	5653 (47.0 %)	485.18	<.001	.141
	Out-of-State	8294 (66.8 %)	6371 (53.0 %)			
Ponderosa	In-State	10,864 (74.7 %)	11,955 (84.1 %)	389.28	<.001	.116
	Out-of-State	3686 (25.3 %)	2262 (15.9 %)			
Henry's Lake	In-State	1749 (26.7 %)	2490 (44.7 %)	422.19	<.001	.187
	Out-of-State	4769 (73.3 %)	3077 (55.3 %)			
All Parks	In-State	24,175 (40.1 %)	31,541 (55.4 %)	2605.70	<.001	.149
	Out-of-State	35,551 (59.5 %)	25,380 (44.6 %)			

Note: Cramer's *V* measures the effect size, or strength of association, between HB93 and residency proportion. Interpret accordingly: .1 or less = weak association; .1–.3 = moderate association; .3–.5: strong association; greater than .5: very strong association.

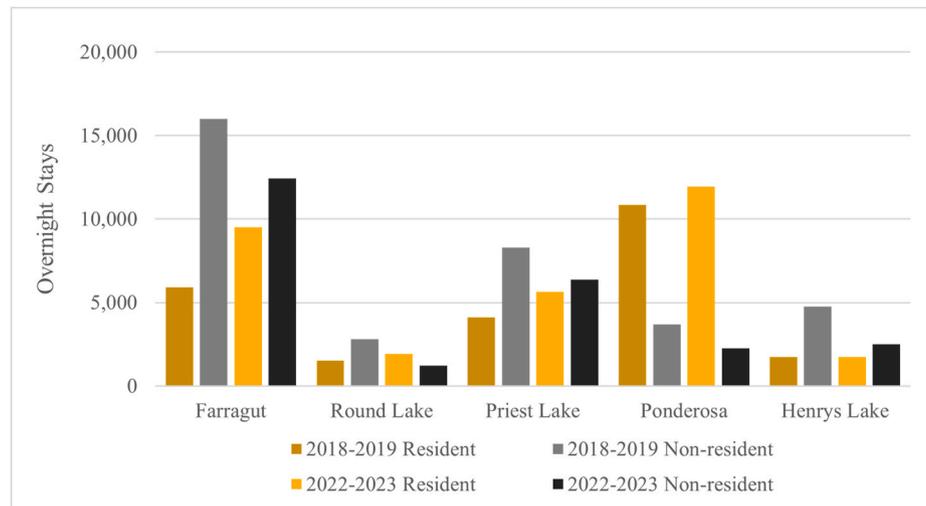


Fig. 2. Overnight stays by residency and park before and after Idaho House Bill 93.

increased from 2019 baseline by \$1,219,756.00 in 2022 and \$1,345,611.00 in 2023. In other words, HB93's projection was between 12.9% (2022) and 3.9% (2023) below the projected \$1.4 million annual revenue increase. Thus, while 2022 is significantly below the projected revenue gains, 2023 revenue is within a ± 4% margin of error, allowing us to accept hypothesis 3.

5. Management and policy implications

Results from this analysis of HB93's short-term impact on outdoor recreation access for Idahoans, overnight stay duration, and revenue generation indicate that Bill achieved the Idaho legislature's desired goals. At least in the short term, differential pricing increased revenue, while simultaneously providing access for 15.3% more Idahoans than the Pre-HB93 period. That said, the durability of the benefits accrued

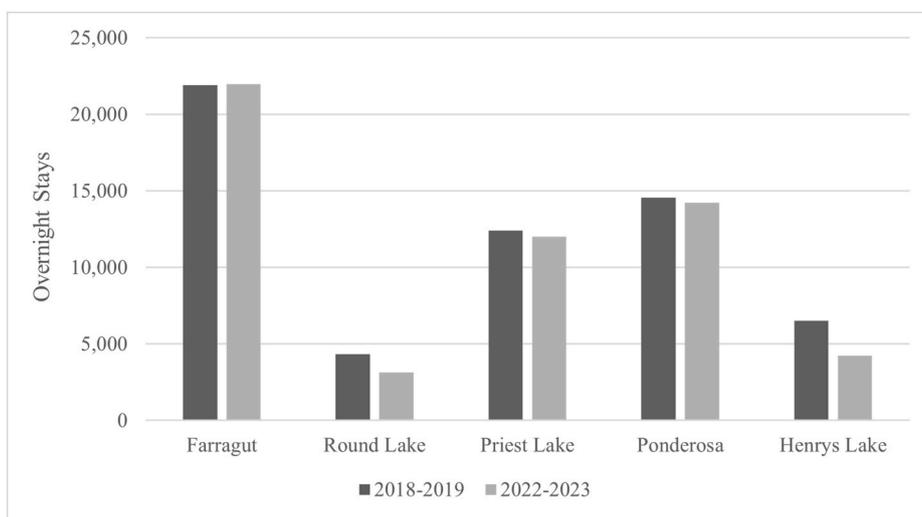


Fig. 3. Overnight stays by park before and after Idaho House Bill 93 (2021).

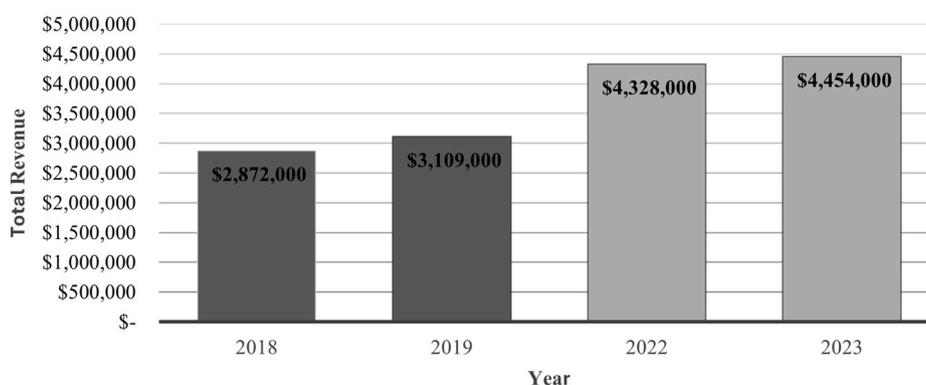


Fig. 4. Total annual demonstration park overnight revenue before and After House Bill 93 (2021).

Note. Revenue totals include overnight stays, as well as cancellation fees and full charges to no-shows. The period after HB93 saw no change in the no-show rate (.2 %) but witnessed a 5.1 % increase in cancellations. For park-specific cancellation data see [Appendix A](#).

from the differential pricing policy remains a question, and the unintended consequences are clear. Four of the five demonstration parks experienced a decrease in total stays following HB93, with Henrys Lake (−14.6 %) and Round Lake (−27.1 %) experiencing the greatest decrease in occupancy.

Overall, a 4.7 % ($n = -2,805$ reservations) decline in overnight stays at demonstration state parks following the price increase for non-residents highlights the delicate balance between pricing and access. It underscores the need for a deeper understanding of how the price increase influenced behavior—are non-residents substituting to alternative parks or are they opting out of overnight park experiences altogether? Idaho's outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism policies do not exist in a vacuum, so understanding Idaho's policy change within the context of neighboring state or federal reversion policies and prices may be useful. Similarly, differential use-fees may not be a one-size-fits-all solution to increasing access for Idaho residents and revenue for IDPR; caution is warranted in extending nonresident fee increases to other parks. Natural areas vary in their appeal, visitor demographics, and competitive alternatives, making it essential to understand demand elasticity of visitation (e.g., [Yen & Adamowicz, 1994](#)). An understanding of resident and nonresident visitor demand in combination with economic modeling can inform optimization of net revenue, while considering potential substitution effects and operational cost changes created by price changes ([Duke et al., 2013](#)). Further pricing analysis of Idaho's land and water assets can reveal how sensitive

different visitor groups are to price changes, ensuring fee adjustments align with broader goals of accessibility and financial sustainability.

Finally, increasing prices for nonresident users might boost revenue, but the decision to keep rates lower for residents speaks to a deeper recognition of the intrinsic value of parks and recreation to Idahoans. It suggests a policy emphasis on maintaining accessibility for residents, reflecting the state's commitment to preserving these spaces as a shared public good and a cornerstone of community identity, rather than purely as a revenue-generating asset. Future work could quantify the value Idahoan's place on state parks using non-market valuation techniques ([Kirkland et al., 2025](#)). A continued monitoring of the duration of stay for overnight visitors is certainly warranted, as more turnover results in management costs that may decrease at revenue benefits. Future work could incorporate administrative data on changes in management costs to estimate these financial trade-offs. And, as parks are often key assets and employers in rural economies (e.g., [Cullinane Thomas & Koontz, 2021](#)), broader economic impact analyses to quantify the contributions of resident and non-resident visitation are vital for a more comprehensive evaluation of HB93's impact.

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Appendix A. Supplementary data

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Data availability

The data that support the findings of this study are available from the University of Idaho, but restrictions apply to the availability of these data and so are not publicly available. The data are, however, available from the authors upon reasonable request and with the permission of the University of Idaho.

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Communications Report

October 2025 – December 2025

Susan Buxton, Director

This Public Information Office (PIO) position was filled by Will Armbruster in October 2025. Will and Sawyer Crenshaw (Communications Specialist) now compose the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Communications team. Will and Sawyer are responsible for press releases, media inquiries, public records requests, social media, marketing, internal communications, and overall communications support to all IDRP staff.

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 *Oct 1 - Feb 1*

- Views: 100,400
- Interactions: 1,100
- New Followers: 470
- Non-Followers reached: 40,200

Instagram *Oct 1 - Feb 1*

- Views: 46,300
- Interactions: 1,100
- New Followers: 979
- Non-Followers reached: 46,300

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 ITS continues to make ADA compliance updates to the website. 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 interviews have been set up. 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 January 24th more than 200 Idaho foster, kinship and adoptive family members came to Eagle Island State Park for an event that paired outdoor fun with connection, learning, and reflection. This partnership between the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and IDPR will continue throughout the 2026 calendar year with tentative events planned at Massacre Rocks, Harriman, and Hells Gate sequentially in the spring, summer, and fall.

Communications Strategy

Will continue to develop a communications strategy for the agency that will include improved internal and external communications with a focus on being proactive and not reactive. A newsletter will be developed for internal communications and systems are being put into place to improve ease of content creation and sharing on social media.

Further, ribbon cuttings are being planned for the 2026 summer to celebrate the great work that has been done to build, purchase and renovate facilities throughout the state improving Idahoans access and experience with their public lands.

October – November – December 2025

DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

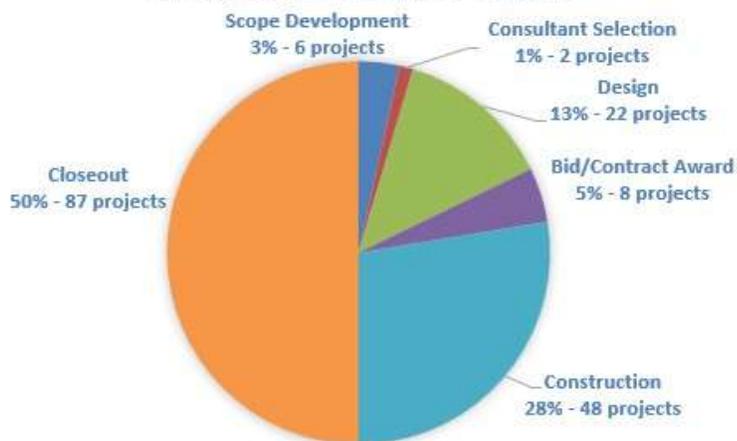
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GENERAL UPDATE

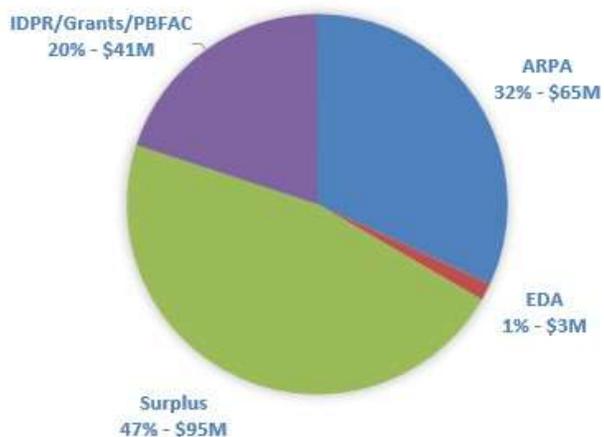
The Development Bureau is currently managing 204 active projects totaling over \$200 million. The charts below illustrate where projects currently are in the development process by project phase and funding source. As we approach our final year to complete ARPA projects an amazing \$61 million of the \$65 million awarded has been spent. 29 of the 45 projects, 64%, are substantially complete. The remaining 16 projects will be completed in 2026. For Surplus funding nearly \$43 million of the \$95 million awarded has been spent. 69 of 171 projects, 40%, are substantially complete.

Of the 8 new campground facilities in progress, 2 are already open at Eagle Island and Billingsley Creek, and 5 are planned to open to the public in 2026, Farragut Peterson Group Camp, Trail of the Coeur d’Alene’s Bike-in Campground, Henrys Lake Damsel Loop, Bear Lake Sage Springs, and Mowry Group Camp. Of the 7 lodging facilities in progress, 2 are already open, Harriman Scovel Center winter use, and Lucky Peak Peterson yurt. 5 are planned to open to the public in 2026, Round Lake Tree Houses, Ponderosa Kokanee Cove, Heyburn Rocky Point Lodge, Harriman Ranch Office, and Twin Peaks Ranch. Of the 26 new day use areas planned, 21 are already open, at Priest Lake, Winchester, Eagle Island, Bruneau Dunes, Massacre Rocks, and Land of the Yankee Fork. 5 are planned to open to the public in 2026 at Mowry, Heyburn, and Ponderosa.

PROJECTS BY PROJECT PHASE



PROJECTS BY FUNDING SOURCE



This winter saw the completion of the TOC Bike-in Campground, Winchester Day Use Areas, Winchester ADA path, Winchester Water line, and Dworshak Freeman Creek waterlines. With a very unusual winter season this year construction has been able to continue on several projects such as Heyburn Chatcolet Marina, Farragut Peterson Campground and Mowry Campground. With the purchase of a new property in October a brand-new park will opening in July between Challis and Salmon. Nathan Powers has been very busy working with park staff to analyze the existing facilities and determine what upgrades need to happen prior to grand opening. This season’s weather has been very helpful to make it possible to get a jump start on projects throughout the winter months.

ARPA FUNDING TRACKING *subject to change

IDPR ARPA TRACKING - July 2022 to December 2026								
								updated 1/5/26
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	\$0.00	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	\$1,595,501.47	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	\$410,950.60	April 2023	Oct 2024
350133	Massacre Rocks	Sewage System Replacement	\$872,288.57	\$872,288.57	\$872,288.57	\$695,906.96	May 2023	
350135	Massacre Rocks	New Day Use Areas	\$29,048.03	\$29,048.03	\$29,048.03	\$29,048.03	May 2023	Nov 2024
350311	Bear Lake	East Beach CG Ph 2 Elec Upgrades	\$132,000.00	\$132,000.00	\$132,000.00	\$132,000.00	Aug 2022	June 2023
350321	Bear Lake	East Beach CG Water Upgrades	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	Aug 2022	June 2023
350332	Bear Lake	Bear Lake Vault Toilets	\$181,397.38	\$181,397.38	\$181,397.38	\$181,397.38	Aug 2022	June 2023
350333	Bear Lake	East Beach Renovations	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$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	\$2,970,355.65	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	\$1,381,113.81	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	\$294,146.55	Sept 2023	
300036	Statewide	AT Bridge	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$346,121.70	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	
Project Totals (*Subject to Change)			\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$60,943,103.45		

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SURPLUS FUNDING TRACKING *subject to change

IDPR SURPLUS TRACKING								updated 1/6/26	
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	\$675,000.00	\$349,872.72	July 2023		
310141	Priest Lake	Entry Station - Additional Funding	\$535,000.00	\$535,000.00	\$533,658.63	\$241,105.74	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	\$3,663.00	Oct 2023		
3103242	Round Lake	Backup Generators	\$360,000.00	\$360,000.00	\$339,799.00	\$311,445.68	April 2024		
3103243	Round Lake	Vehicle Pole Building Replacement	\$394,633.01	\$394,633.01	\$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	\$398,666.23	\$398,666.29	March 2023	April 2025	
310413	TOC	Bike-in Campground - Additional Funding	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$169,329.21	\$23,904.62	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	\$115,078.23	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	\$813,123.07	\$340,381.47	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	\$580,963.00	\$7,500.76	July 2024		
3105252	Farragut	Eagle Break Water Repairs	\$48,117.20	\$45,000.00	\$48,117.20	\$0.00	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	\$3,969,457.80	\$44,186.01	Nov 2024		
310741	Mowry	Mowry House Siding Replacement Refurbishment	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Nov 2024		
310816	Heyburn	Rocky Point Lodge	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Aug 2025		
310831	Heyburn	Wastewater Facility Repairs - Additional Funding	\$2,100,000.00	\$2,100,000.00	\$546,024.86	\$192,899.43	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	\$4,889,164.13	June 2023		
310832	Heyburn	Rocky Point Marina - Additional Funding	\$11,400,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,400,000.00	\$0.00	June 2023		
3108253	Heyburn	Acquisition McCabe Cabin	\$315,000.00	\$315,000.00	\$315,000.00	\$315,000.00	Nov 2024	April 2025	
3109251	CDA Parkway	Higgins Point Dock Improvements	\$94,624.00	\$65,000.00	\$86,615.64	\$34,074.60	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	\$152,000.00	\$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	
3202243	Dworshak	Wastewater Upgrades Design	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$108,056.36	Jan 2024		
3202244	Dworshak	Volunteer Site	\$135,000.00	\$135,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$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	\$118,099.76	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	
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 Visitor 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	\$3,649,263.66	\$3,073,668.00	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	\$3,662,691.66	\$4,111,317.92	July 2023		
330233	Eagle Island	Calf Barn Rehabilitation	\$2,900,000.00	\$550,000.00	\$588,349.30	\$441,722.54	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	\$109,500.00	Oct 2023		
3302244	Eagle Island	Parking Lot Improvements	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,769,553.05	\$1,434,005.01	March 2024		
3302251	Eagle Island	RV Host Sites	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$62,096.04	\$8,609.04	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 Planitarium 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	\$10,000.00	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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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	\$0.00	Oct 2025	
3403241	Thousand Springs	Remodel Manager House	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$117,170.25	\$40,320.25	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 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	\$16,452.87	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	\$391,705.89	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	\$0.00	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	\$315,866.82	July 2023	
360132	Harriman	Water & Septic System Upgrades	\$450,000.00	\$0.00	\$247,244.64	\$0.00	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	\$115,823.61	\$16,693.38	May 2024	
360233	Henrys Lake	Campground Expansion	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$217,465.84	\$51,402.97	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	\$397,363.03	\$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	\$572,516.01	Sept 2023	
360531	LOF	Camping Improvements (RV Grant Match)	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$477.00	\$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 Intial R&M	\$388,596.96	\$388,700.46	\$121,760.84	\$0.00	July 2025	
3000247	North Region	North Region Minor Maintenance Program	\$666,667.00	\$666,667.00	\$580,619.28	\$580,619.28	Oct 2023	
3000248	South Region	South Region Minor Maintenance Program	\$641,667.00	\$641,667.00	\$611,685.21	\$611,685.21	Oct 2023	
3000249	East Region	East Region Minor Maintenance Program	\$666,667.00	\$666,667.00	\$566,584.77	\$566,584.77	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	\$249,361.65	\$249,361.65	Aug 2023	
	Statewide	FY27 RV Grant Match	\$475,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
300002	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	
3000006	ORFAC	ORFAC Sawtooth Wilderness Trails	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$3,570.00	April 2025	
3000007	ORFAC	ORFAC Frank Church River Trails	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00	\$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 Horseshief Reservoir Capital Dev.	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$527,997.89	Aug 2024	
300042	ORFAC	ORFAC Unassigned	\$718,317.50	\$718,317.50	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Surplus Project Totals (*Subject to Change)			\$95,000,000.00	\$73,938,806.07	\$76,084,918.60	\$42,868,151.04		
			Earmarked Budget	Allocated Budget	Obligated Budget	Expended as of 12/31/2025		

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

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. Concrete is complete and paving started on 10/10/2025. Construction of the RR/Shower building and Entry Station has started and will continue through the winter, weather permitting. Construction completion is expected in June 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
See project 310132.

Construction



Priest Lake Lionhead Entrance Station

310321 – Round Lake Campground Improvements Construction
Defined camping pads have been installed in the lower loop (sites 8-24) and will be installed in the upper loop spring 2026.

310332 – Round Lake Electric & Water Upgrades Bidding
Design is complete and reviewed by DEQ. It was determined that funding is insufficient for construction. A RV Grant will be pursued for future funding.

Project Number and Name

Status

310333 – Round Lake Treehouses (ARPA)

Construction

Construction of the two new treehouses is substantially complete. The contractor is working on final completion items. The tree houses are expected to be available for rent in spring 2026.



Round Lake Tree Houses

3103242 – Round Lake Backup Generators

Construction

Design is complete and the generators have been ordered. Three 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)

Design

The cabins will be tiny houses on wheels due to permitting agency restrictions. Electric and road work will occur in spring 2026 with cabin installation following. Construction of the cabins has started. Region crew is currently working on tree removal to improve access and clear the area for the cabins.

310412 – Trail of CDA Land Acquisition & Construct Maintenance Shop

Close Out

Project is complete and the park has moved into the shop and duplex. Waiting for final close out documents.

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

Close Out

Construction of the campground is complete and expected to open in May 2026. Finalizing close out documents.

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) Construction
Construction of the campground is nearly complete. A punch list has been developed and the contractor is finishing a few remaining items. The new campground will be available for reservation Spring 2026.

310532 – Farragut Buttonhook Bay Infrastructure Improvement (Surplus) Construction
The Buttonhook Bay dock has been fabricated and expected to be installed in Spring 2026. Work on the Buttonhook restroom repair is ongoing and expected to be completed in February 2026.



Farragut Buttonhook Roof and Restroom Repairs

310541 – Farragut Connect VC & Brig to Fiber Optic Construction
Due to extremely high monthly costs for fiber service the park has opted to procure Starlink to provide internet service to the Brig and Shop. Equipment is being purchased.

3105251 – Farragut Access Improvements Construction
The preconstruction meeting has been held with the project team. Construction will start towards the end of February with the goal being to have the highway reopened by the beginning of July.

Project Number and Name	Status
3105252 – Farragut Eagle Breakwater Repairs The Eagle Cove Breakwater repair project is complete and the project is in close out.	Close Out
3105261 – Farragut Snowberry Shower House Replacement The Snowberry Shower House design is complete and the project has been submitted for plan review. Construction is anticipated to start after Labor Day 2026.	Bidding
3105262 – Farragut Eagle Boat Launch Road Repairs Road construction for Eagle Cove Boat Launch will also include replacement of the water main. Construction is scheduled to occur in Spring 2026.	Bidding
310731- Mowry New Campground (ARPA) Construction of the staff duplex and new well has started. Work on the new campground, shelter, restroom and shower building has started and work on the Mowry house will start as soon as the staff duplex is complete.	Construction



Mowry Staff Duplex

310741 – Mowry House Siding and Foundation Repairs See project 310731	Design
310816 – Heyburn Lodge Remodel (Surplus & ARPA) Interior and exterior construction is complete. Working through permitting issues with IDOPL and ongoing bat mitigation to be completed Spring 2026.	Construction

Project Number and Name

Status

310824 – Heyburn Rocky Point Fuel Dispenser Replacement Construction
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.

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 winter 2026.

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

3108243 – Heyburn Replace Chatcolet Docks (ARPA) Construction
Parking lot improvements are nearly complete. The marina store has been dried in and the Breakwater has been installed and tensioned. The main walkway docks have been installed and about half of the slips have been installed. Marina installation is on hold until lake levels come back up. The new marina will be completed by Memorial Day 2026.



Heyburn Chatcolet Docks

DPW 23833 – Heyburn Rocky Point Cottage Upgrades Construction
North Region DPW Deferred Maintenance Design Build team has started the electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and minor light construction upgrades with construction expected to be complete Spring 2026.

Project Number and Name	Status
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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
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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
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Higgens Point Dock Improvements

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
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320141- McCroskey Develop Group Shelter, Toilet, Parking See Project 320181.	Design
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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
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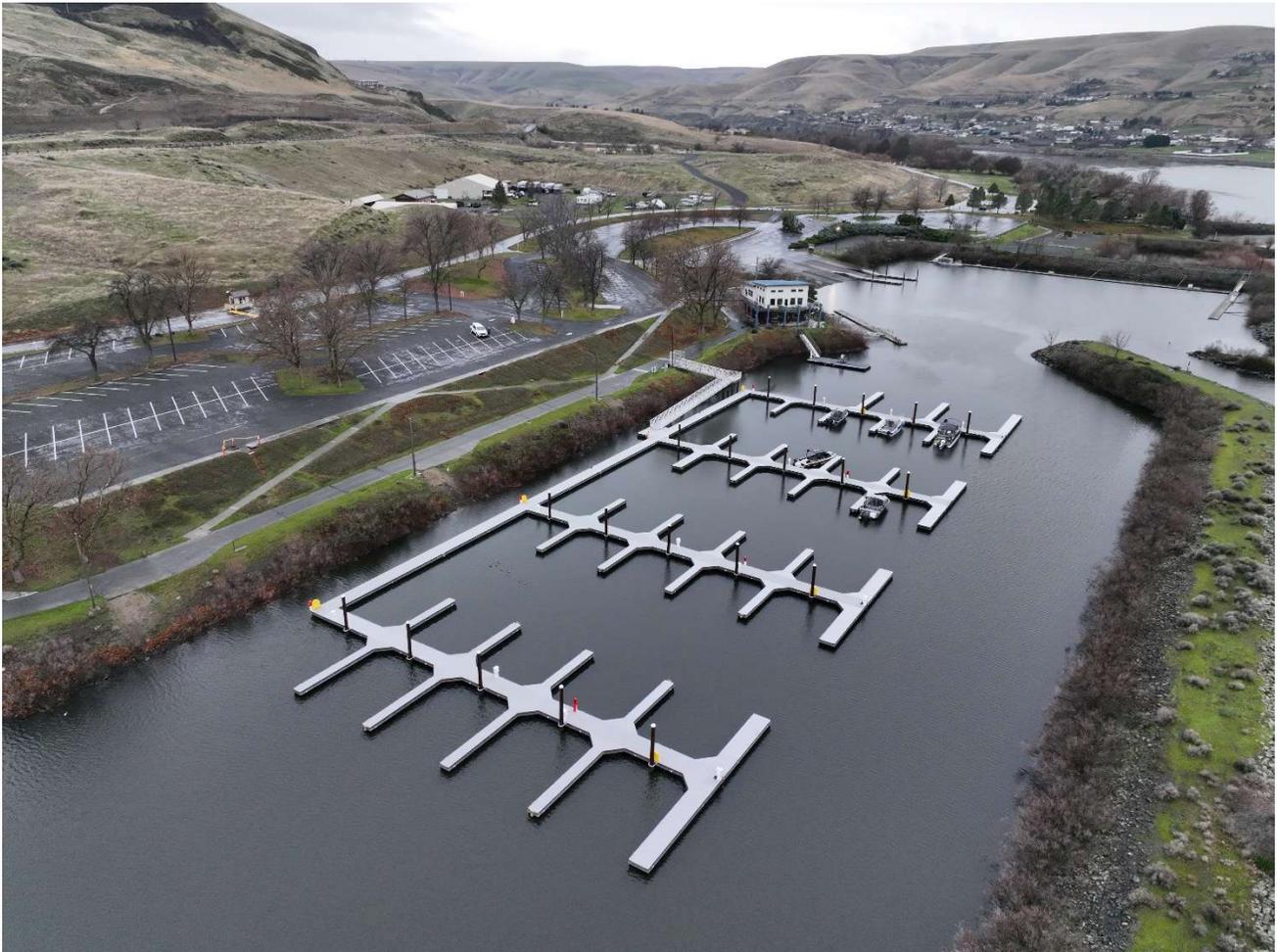
3202243 – Dworshak Wastewater Upgrades The Design-Build team is proceeding with wastewater system evaluation and recommendations for Freeman Creek and Three Meadows. Received USACE test pit approval on 10/17/25.	Design
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3202244 – Dworshak Volunteer Site Expansion (Surplus) Received USACE project approval on 10/17/25. Waiting for contractor pricing.	Bidding
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Project Number and Name Status

320321 – Hells Gate Sewer System & Facility Upgrade Design
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.

320392 – Hells Gate Marina Mooring Dock Replacement (ARPA) Construction
A and B docks are open to the public. C and D docks have been installed. Pedestals for power and water have been installed. Final power connection will be made once breakers arrive in Spring 2026.



Hells Gate New Marina Docks

320396 – Hells Gate Bike-In Camping (ARPA) Design
Design is complete. Waiting on USACE approval to proceed with the project.

DPW 25543 - Hells Gate ADA Restroom Remodel (PBFAC) Design
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.

320531 – Winchester Additional Yurts (Surplus) Design
Project on hold pending new pricing.

Project Number and Name Status

3205241 – Winchester Staff House Repairs (Surplus) Bidding
We will be meeting with electrician winter 2026 to define scope of electrical repairs.

3205242 – Winchester ADA Pathway (Surplus) Close Out
Construction has been completed and the project is in closeout.



Winchester ADA Pathway

3205243 - Winchester Appaloosa Water Line Replacement (Surplus) Close Out
Construction is complete and the project is in closeout.

3205251 - Winchester New Day Use Areas (ARPA) Close Out
Construction is complete and the project is in closeout.



Winchester Day Use Area

SOUTH REGION

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
330133 – Ponderosa Kokanee Cove Dev & Renovations (ARPA) Phase 3 Kokanee Cove is complete less sewer connections and landscaping which will be completed in the Spring of 2026. The development will be open for use by the public in June 2026.	Construction
330141 – Ponderosa Reroof Ranger Residence A The re-roof is complete and 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 This is a joint project with IDFG to stabilize the bank between the river and the fishing pond. Construction was completed the end of October and the project is in close out.	Close Out
DPW 26543 – Ponderosa SP Activity Center Ext., ADA Access Project design is complete and DPW will submit to PBFAC for approval to proceed to construction.	Design
330231 – Eagle Island RV Campground The campground has been open since Labor Day 2025. Construction has been completed except for landscaping. Landscaping will resume in the Spring 2026. The water and sewer systems have been approved by the local agencies.	Construction
330233 – Eagle Island Calf Barn Re-Roof & Stabilization (ARPA & Surplus) The Calf Barn stabilization, re-roofing and security lighting installation have been completed. Building rehab into office and event space is now in the design process.	Design
3302243 – Eagle Island Dorm Abatement (Surplus) The Dormitory has been cleaned up and abated. Construction is now proceeding with structural bracing, exterior lighting, and means of securing the building to complete the project.	Construction

3302244 – Eagle Island Parking Lot Improvements (Surplus)

Construction

The upgrades to the parking lot including paving the graveled lot, and road widening at the kiosk have been completed. All that remains is hydroseeding in the spring 2026.



Eagle Island Parking Lot Upgrades



Eagle Island Added Lane at Kiosk

Project Number and Name

Status

3302251 – Eagle Island RV Host Sites

Close Out

Two new RV host sites with electrical, water and sewer connections are ready for use.



Eagle Island RV Host Site

DPW25540 – Eagle Island Staff Housing Renovations

Scoping

Working with DPW to define scope of work and delivery method.

330432 – Lucky Peak Idaho City Additional Yurts (Surplus)

Close Out

Construction was completed in mid-November. The yurt is open for winter reservations.



New Idaho City Peterson Yurt

Project Number and Name	Status
<p>330441 – Lucky Peak Sandy Point Erosion Control (Discovery) Design and permitting are complete. The project will feature steps for erosion control and recreational access, improved ADA access, and a small pedestrian boat ramp and dock for personal watercraft. Construction will begin in early February with Spring 2026 anticipated completion.</p>	Design
<p>DPW 26540 - Lucky Peak Sandy Point Lower Restroom Remodel Working with DPW to define scope and project delivery.</p>	Scoping
<p>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.</p>	Close Out
<p>3305251 – Bruneau Dunes Water Treatment Upgrades The design of the water system upgrades is complete and has been submitted to DEQ for their review and approval. Once IDPR has the approval, a bid package will be assembled and the bidding process will begin.</p>	Design
<p>3305261 – Bruneau Dunes Manager’s Residence Siding Replacement The project includes siding and window replacement to address deferred maintenance items. Work is complete and the project is in close out.</p>	Close Out
<p>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.</p>	Construction
<p>DPW 26541 – HQ Bldg. HVAC Replacement IDPR will ask DPW for delegation of project when spending authority is received.</p>	Scoping
<p>340322 – Thousand Springs VC Exhibits The Project has been transitioned to a new Design-Build team as the former team went out of business. The revised Schematic design documents are in review.</p>	Design
<p>3403241 – Thousand Springs Manager House Maintenance (Surplus) New flooring, new entrance doors and a bathroom remodel have been completed. A mini-split, electrical upgrades, and exterior painting are still to come. The stairs and upper deck will be repaired as well.</p>	Construction
<p>DPW 23887 - Thousand Springs South Region Reroofs Reroofs have been completed for the Red House, Yellow House, Ritter Island Shop, Horse Barn, Rock House, Rock House Garage, Bonnieview House and Ranger House. The project is in close out.</p>	Close Out

EAST REGION

Project Number and Name	Status
340531 - Castle Rocks VC Water System Upgrade Commissioning of chlorine dosing system has been completed. We are now adding water treatment to address the high iron content in the water.	Construction
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, and roof are completed. A letter contract has been issued to paint and install new light fixtures on the interior. We are seeking a proposal to replace the HVAC/AC system.	Construction
3406251 - Lake Walcott Water Systems Upgrades Finalizing design and pushing for construction spring/summer 2026.	Design
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 nearing completion with the contractor finishing up site repair and rehabilitation.	Construction
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



East Region Maintenance Shop and Housing

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 is on hold for the winter.



Bear Lake Sage Springs Campground under construction

3503241 – Bear Lake N. Beach Boat Ramp Replacement Construction
Design includes repairs to the concrete boat ramp and parking and circulation improvements. The project has been awarded and construction will begin in February with expected completion late Spring 2026.

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 has been approved for a duplex to be built behind the shop and Visitor Center. Final site planning and permitting are in progress. Construction expected 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.

360131 – Harriman Historic Ranch Office Rehabilitation Construction
Construction is nearly complete. Final work includes cellar door replacement and heater installation for new well equipment.

Project Number and Name	Status
360132 – Harriman Water & Septic System Upgrades (ARPA) Construction project is substantially complete and we are working towards close out. Design is underway to address fire water supply.	Construction
360133 – Harriman Fishpond Campground (Surplus) Due to the time needed to analyze the area and coordinate with outside agencies this project will be transitioned from ARPA funding to Surplus funding.	Scope Development
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.	Close Out
3601248 – Harriman New Welcome Center (Surplus) The project is under design with the building location chosen and the schematic design phase completed.	Design
3601249 – Harriman Honeymoon Hotel Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof, and bat abatement completed. Bats have moved into their new condos outside the building. Interior completed in September 2024. Re-wiring has been completed and the project is in close out.	Close Out
36012423 -Harriman Dike and Culvert Repairs Golden Lake Repair is in the permitting process. Construction for culvert and headgate repair at Silver Lake is on hold for the winter, construction will resume in Spring 2026.	Construction
360232 – Henrys Lake Sewer Connection (ARPA) See project 360233.	Construction
360233 – Henrys Lake Campground Expansion (ARPA) The contractor has finished construction for the year. Excavation and fill are near completion and underground utilities are in place. The project will be completed next fall. Vault toilets are on site and will be installed next spring.	Construction
3602241 – Henrys Lake Boat Ramp Replacement (Surplus) Design team is looking at construction options to repair the boat ramp.	Design
360431 – Ashton-Tetonia Trail Upgrades (EDA) The trail project is under contract. Contractor has graded and rolled the trail from Tetonia to Hwy 33 to meet EDA start date requirements. Construction will continue Spring 2026 to be completed Summer 2026.	Construction
360432 – Ashton-Tetonia Visitor Center (Surplus) The contractor is finishing installing bollards around the Visitor Center per the Fire Marshall's instructions. Contractor will install shed when procurement process is complete in Spring 2026.	Construction
300036 – Ashton-Tetonia Trail Bridge Inspections & 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.	Close Out

Project Number and Name Status

300036 – Ashton-Tetonia Trail Bridge Inspections & Repair (ARPA) Close Out
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.



Conant Creek Bridge Repair

360513 – Land of Yankee Fork General Rehabilitation (Surplus) Construction
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.

360531 – Land of Yankee Fork Camping Improvements (ARPA) Design
The design team has completed master plan concepts for the park. Engineer working on water and sewer improvements. Requesting a RV grant for additional funding. Paving repairs have been made to the main entrance road to the park in May.

3605251 – Land of Yankee Fork Bayhorse Bridge Replacement (ARPA) Design
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.

**EAST REGION QUARTERLY REPORT
OCT-NOV-DEC 2025**

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

GOALS:

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

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

Summary: East Region Quarterly Update

This quarter was defined by significant growth and strategic staffing across the East Region, with a primary focus on the operational launch of the **Twin Peaks Ranch State Park**. Following a highly competitive recruitment cycle, the region successfully filled several critical roles with top-tier talent, ensuring both new and established units are positioned for long-term success.

Key highlights from this period include:

- **Twin Peaks Launch:** Successfully onboarded a full management and operations team. Maintenance and development are ahead of schedule, supported by a prioritized three-tier project framework and strong collaboration with the Recreation Bureau.
- **Strategic Staffing:** Filled vacancies at **Bear Lake** and **City of Rocks**, adding specialized expertise in wildlife management and visitor services to the regional roster.
- **Digital Engagement:** The centralized social media support program continues to yield high returns, resulting in a net gain of **4,470 new followers** and significantly increasing public visibility for Idaho State Parks without increasing the administrative workload for field staff.
- **Operational Resilience:** Maintained consistent oversight and progress on site-specific initiatives across all regional parks, ensuring that the heavy lift of the Twin Peaks acquisition did not detract from regional maintenance and partnership goals.

Staffing Updates

City of Rocks / Castle Rocks

- **Madeline Burgoyne** was selected to fill the vacant Ranger position. Maddi joins the team after working seasonally as a Biological Technician for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) out of their Burley office. As a Rupert local, she has spent years recreating in the park and is eager to contribute to the team. Her principal duties will focus on Visitor Services. She has integrated well with the staff and is already proving to be a valuable asset.

Land of the Yankee Fork

- Two hires were made at Land of the Yankee Fork; however, both have since departed. **Kris Greene** accepted a Ranger position at Heyburn State Park, and **Johnny Cox** left the department to pursue other opportunities.
- Both positions were promptly reposted and drew solid applicant pools. We are optimistic that filling these vacancies will be a smooth process.

Bear Lake

- I am pleased to announce that the long-standing Ranger vacancy at Bear Lake has been filled by **Daniel Wahlen**. Daniel joins us from Wyoming Game and Fish, where he worked year-round monitoring wildlife habitats and assisting with the winter wildlife feeding program. Daniel and his wife, Grace—who secured a nursing position at Bear Lake Regional Hospital—look forward to putting down roots and becoming long-term members of the local community.

Twin Peaks Ranch State Park

- **Zack Grogan** was selected to manage this new unit. Zack transferred from Lake Cascade State Park, where he served as a Ranger, Assistant Manager, and Park Manager. He has hit the ground running at Twin Peaks, addressing a wide array of maintenance needs and building relationships within the local community.
- **Lanette Stach** was selected as the Park’s Housekeeper. Lanette comes to us from McCall with extensive experience in the hospitality and residential cleaning industries. Since starting in November, she has been establishing a housekeeping program, deep-cleaning facilities, and assisting with maintenance projects.
- **Caroline Edwards** was selected as the Seasonal Ranger. Until the FY27 budget is finalized, this position is classified as a Benefited Seasonal Ranger; we hope to transition this into a permanent full-time role after July. Caroline joins us from northern Washington, where she worked for the U.S. Forest Service and in the hospitality industry. Her wealth of experience is a significant benefit to the unit.
- **Joseph Reed** was selected as Park Ranger. Joe joins us from Indiana County Parks and Recreation, where he managed a large county facility. He is an exceptional candidate with extensive experience in operations, maintenance, and customer service. Joe will begin his role in January. Overall, the applicant pool for these positions was highly competitive, and the secured candidates are all top-tier professionals.

Operations

- **Twin Peaks Ranch State Park** Operations this quarter were primarily focused on the launch of Twin Peaks. All positions were successfully filled following a recruitment process that yielded a uniquely suited and highly qualified team. We have cataloged deferred maintenance needs and upgrades, prioritizing projects into three categories: **Contractor Projects**, **Regional Maintenance Crew Projects**, and **Park-Level Projects**. Work is currently underway in all three areas.
- Zack and I meet regularly with Regional Construction Manager Nathan Powers and Regional Maintenance Foreman Brad Gilmer to coordinate logistics and resources. Additionally, we established weekly internal meetings involving Park, Regional, and General Operations, Management Services, Reservations, Development, and Communications. These meetings have been crucial for tracking progress and addressing potential obstacles proactively.
- Establishing this new unit is a massive undertaking, and the team is performing with exceptional professionalism. The Recreation Bureau has also been an invaluable partner; they moved quickly to construct a new day-use parking area and an OHV access road to the BLM and Forest Service trails above the Ranch. Brian DiLenge and his regional team have set a high standard for our ongoing efforts.

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, including new initiatives, recruitment, partnership meetings, and large-scale events. It has remained a highly productive season.

- **Social Media Support:** From October 1 to December 31, 2025, the office posted 83 updates across our East Region parks. Since the inception of this program in July, our regional parks have seen a net gain of 4,470 new followers. By centralizing content creation and posting support, we have reduced the administrative burden on field staff, ensuring a consistent and professional online presence that increases public awareness of Idaho State Parks.

BEAR LAKE – ANDREW STOKES, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- While the seasonal water shut off occasionally results in a few complaints, we strive to notify visitors in advance. Despite these efforts, a small number of folks still express concerns regarding the temporary loss of service.
- Unusually warm, dry weather led to high November attendance, including Thanksgiving weekend campers and North Beach anglers. However, as most visitors were locals using park passports, revenue remained low despite the increased foot traffic.
- Our team has done a fantastic job this season, especially with the high volume of fall and winter anglers. I’m proud of how naturally they balance friendly conversation with ensuring park compliance. They truly go above and beyond to make every visitor feel welcome, representing our agency with a great personal touch.

Park/Program Usage

- Never have I seen such a slow start to winter. We are nearly 20 degrees above what temps should be this time of year. Lots of folks fishing but others come to just visit and walk the beach. Most of the people that visit have an annual pass or passport.
- Revenue and compliance are currently low, as many visitors believe fees only apply to full-day stays. We address this by reminding them that the fees are essential for maintaining the park’s costly infrastructure and supporting daily operations.

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

- We held our fall festival. We had several activities for the kids, carved pumpkins, and lots of sweets.



- A little holiday fun this year. We teamed up with Idaho’s East Region Fish and Game crew, who let us borrow their *Elk-on-the-Shelf*. He was a little mischievous and hid a few ornaments throughout the park. Kids searched for them and then came to the office, where they learned about evergreens. We taught them how to tell the difference between pine, fir, and spruce.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	1	118
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 assisted US Fish and Wildlife services with their treatment of cheatgrass on the east mountains. They used our Mountain Fawn boat ramp as a centralized location for their helicopter. They sought financial assistance from the agency, but they ended up treating our property without any contribution.
- Daniel and I toured property along Saint Charles Creek with other members of the Bear River ECC group. Rivers West is seeking funds from the ECC to purchase property to place in a conservation easement to help protect fish in the creek. I have selected Daniel to represent the park/our agency in the ECC group.

Staff Training

- We had our east region meeting up at Twin Peaks. Speaking for all of Bear Lake Staff, we had an incredible experience. Twin Peaks is a beautiful addition!!
- Staff renewed our Criminal Justice Information Services training through Bear Lake County Sheriff’s Office.
- Sheila attended the Ranger round up.
- Amy, Daniel, and Andy attended a training with our local fire department on fireman carries and PPE. They were taught several different ways to carry individuals to safety. Including, single and

two person carries. This is applicable training for many of the emergency events we might see at the park.

- Amy and Daniel are working to obtain their EMT certification.

Manager's Narrative

- We finished our summer long sand sculpture competition in October, selected winners, and provided them with a free parking pass for the day.
- We filled our vacant ranger position with Daniel, who is from Florida and has been working for Wyoming Game and Fish. He will start in November.

- November was crazy warm for this time of year. I always joke about the sun always shining at Bear Lake State Park but this November it truly did.
- Our Sage Springs Campground is at a bit of a stall. Idaho DOPL is taking their time reviewing plans for our shade shelters. The holes are dug and formed for concrete, just waiting for approval.
- We held a pre-bid meeting onsite for our North Beach boat ramp project. We had a good turnout of local contractors. The highest bid was \$1.2 million and low was \$680ish. The company that was awarded the project is the same group working on the Utah marina expansion.
- The park housing permit was submitted to the city of Saint Charles and along with a letter from Adam stating we want to be good neighbors but will build what is needed to ensure sustainability at the park regarding staff.
- We put up all our Christmas lights in November and included decorated trees at both North Beach and Mountain Fawn. We received many compliments on our decorations.
- Nothing feels better than being fully staffed. Daniel is proving to be an incredible addition. He has a very positive attitude, and his work ethic is exceptional. Anyone thinking of robbing another ranger from Bear Lake will have to fight me first lol. We hope to keep Daniel around for many years! The housing will be crucial to ensuring we can.
- We closed a portion of the beach frontage road at North Beach during the offseason. This will keep patrons in a more consolidated area, making it easier to patrol and prevent vandalism and kids speeding up and down the park road.
- Staff walked through the new campground to come up with our priority list of projects as we look to open things up this spring. We have located several viable tent site locations that staff can develop to provide more camping options.
- A significant windstorm made its way through the valley in December. The town of Smoot, Wy (a town only about 50 miles away) experienced winds upwards of 144 mph. We had gust of 70-80. We had a little damage, just a couple signs and a few tree limbs.



CITY OF ROCKS –TRENTON DURFEE, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- We issued one backcountry permit for Indian Grove in the City of Rocks National Reserve.

Park/Program Usage

- In October we hosted a couple of school groups for field trips as well as a couple of backcountry permits.
- In October, we issued a film permit to Big Loud Rock, LLC to film music artist Liam St. John and his band performing among the rocks at the Bread Loaves group campsite in City of Rocks National Reserve.
- November park use included climbers taking advantage of remaining fair-weather days, bow hunters, and families and couples visiting City of Rocks amid uncertainty surrounding a potential government shutdown. Traffic counts totaled 4,081 at CIRO and 2,067 at CRSP.
- Usage at both parks was strong in December, with 1,714 vehicles recorded at CIRO and 1,142 at CRSP. The Visitor Center welcomed a total of 104 visitors, and the orientation video was shown 11 times, reaching a cumulative audience of 30 visitors. Overall, December reflected steady use of lodging facilities and consistent engagement with Visitor Center resources.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	2	76
Special Use Permit	0	0
Film Permit	1	8
Other permits	2	22

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- On October 11, 2025, Castle Rocks State Park hosted a Hispanic Heritage Month event in partnership with the Southern Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to honor the Hispanic community’s contributions to ranching and agriculture in Southern Idaho. The event featured a barbecue, horseback rides, roping demonstrations, fishing and archery access, and music. Food was generously donated by Walmart, Texas Roadhouse, Pepsi, and Antojos Eatery & Café. Despite cold, rainy weather, attendance was strong, and leftover food was donated to La Posada, a Burley-based ministry supporting families in need.
- School Programing this month consisted of two field trips and a virtual program for an after-school program in Burley called SPARK (Support, Participate, Appreciate, Respect, Kindness).

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	0	0
Traditional Interpretation	0	0
Environmental Education	0	0
Jr. Ranger Programming	0	0
School Programming	3	83
Special Events	1	87
Special Events Held Off-Site	0	0

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- We uploaded all 2025 Pesticide Use Proposal System (PUPS) actuals for NPS review and completed prescribed burns on approximately 40 acres of CRSP pasture.
- Austin has been working with staff to begin fuel reduction near Circle Creek Overlook Road. Approximately 10 truckloads (about 150 trees) were removed in December. Austin also created a Project Compliance Initiation form for both CIRO and CRSP, and we held a staff meeting to review the form and ensure the proper information is gathered for compliance.

Staff Training

- All CIRO staff attended the IDPR East Region Meeting at Twin Peaks Ranch State Park. During this event, Sophia received the Interpretation Award, recognizing her dedication to developing and delivering meaningful interpretive programs throughout CIRO and CRSP.
- Sophia and Carolyn attended Ranger Round-Up and completed the following training: Adult First Aid/CPR/AED (8 hrs.), Welding (3.5 hrs.), and Sawmill (2 hrs.).



- Stop the bleed, splinting and litter use trainer Carolyn: (Michelle, Shelly, Phillip, Trenton Durfee, Bryce Packer) 2hrs.
- Interp Training Snow School- Winter Education: (Carolyn 1hrs)
- Grant Training in Twin Falls, Idaho: (Carolyn) 3hrs.
- USU NEPA Graduate Certificate – Endangered Species Act (Austin) 4.5hrs.
- Continuing Education University – Spiders and Right of Way Applications (Austin) 2 hrs. each.
- Interp Training: U of I Re-Storying Science: Narrative and Emotion in Interpretation- (Sophia Bates 1.5 hrs.)
- Snow School Conference- (Sophia Bates 3.5 hrs.)
- HSI instructor training online (Carolyn Dewsunp 6 hrs.)
- Oklahoma State University – Introduction to Prescribed Fire Course (Austin 6 hrs.).
- Dec 4 Burley Applicator Recertification Seminar (Phil Christensen 7 hours)
- Dec 10 Twin Vegetation Management Meeting (Phil Christensen 7 hours)
- Dec 11 Pesticide online Emerald Ash Beetle (Phil Christensen 2 hours)
- Dec 17 Project Proposal and Compliance Initiation Form (Phil Christensen 1 hour)
- HSI instructor training in-person (Carolyn Dewsunp 5 hours)
- Project Paperwork (Carolyn Dewsunp 1 hour)
- University of Idaho & ISDA Pesticide Conference – (Austin Zollinger 8 hours)
- University of Idaho Pesticide Class – Glyphosate and War on Weeds (Austin Zollinger 2 hours)
- University of Idaho Pesticide Class – War on Weeds (Austin Zollinger 1 hour)
- Continuing Education University – Invasive Species (Austin Zollinger 2 hours)
- Continuing Education University – Aquatic Plant Species (Austin Zollinger 1 hour)
- Notary Public Training – (Austin Zollinger 1 hour)

Manager's Narrative

- Due to the federal government shutdown, several meetings were canceled and overall progress slowed. Canceled meetings included the Smoky Mountain meeting with BLM, the CIRO road meeting with NPS, PMIS updates training with NPS, and the SHPO biannual meeting with

HAFO and NPS. The shutdown also stalled progress on the Graham Creek improvements and the potential acquisition of 490 acres of NPS land within CIRO. Despite these delays, IDPR moved forward with the Almo Schoolhouse and property project, which was approved by the IDPR Board on October 4, 2025. Once acquired, the building will serve as an improved visitor center and preserve an important community landmark for CIRO, CRSP, and the Almo community.

- Due to the shutdown, the ICC crews required a park to continue their work, and we were able to host them at CIRO and CRSP. Together with Austin, Bryce, Phill, and Carylon, they completed a significant amount of much-needed maintenance and resource management work, including:
 - Campsite #44: Installed 11 check steps to reduce erosion.
 - Campsite #15: Installed an 8-foot pole to reduce runoff, added 11 check steps, and relocated the site number sign for better visibility.
 - Campsite #11: Added two long poles to divert water and extended five check steps.
 - Bath Rock Parking Lot: Removed and replaced fencing.
 - Too Much Fun: Replaced 2 poles and 2 rails.
 - Flaming Rock Overflow: Added 12 parking stops.
 - Creek Side Towers Trail: Repaired a check step and retaining wall.
 - Bread Loaves Area: Repaired nearby trails.
 - Circle Creek Overlook Road: Cleared brush.
 - South Fork Trail: Widened trail and constructed a retaining wall.
- Phill worked hard replacing some of the parking lot fencing in CIRO. At Parking Lot Rock parking, he removed all the rotting rails and replaced them with new/used rails. Parts of the fence had missing railing, so he added railing to those areas in total replacing 23 railings 17 full 20' and 6 half 10'



- CIRO staff assisted Twin Peaks with fence installation by removing old fencing and clearing debris around the spring. The fallen barbed wire fence leading to the drinking water spring was repaired and reinstalled, and a simple access gate was added. In the pasture, three rails of split-rail fencing were installed on both sides of the gate, and staff repaired and tightened downed barbed wire along portions of the west perimeter.



- Carolyn fixed the trail around Bread Loaves that was washed out. Hauled 13 wheelbarrow loads of gravel to fill in holes on check-steps to help mitigate erosion. Built a new staging area for the Wind Dance and Dubois routes on Upper East Bread Loaves. She also fixed the gate at Eviction Rock that was broken and off its hinges.



- Austin created and updated the FY 2026–2030 National Park Service (NPS) projects in the Project Management Information System (PMIS), ensuring accurate planning and tracking for upcoming fiscal years.

- He also completed the 2025 Dark Sky Report for CIRO, contributing to ongoing dark sky conservation and compliance efforts.

HARRIMAN/HENRYS/ASHTON TETONIA TRAIL - JESS BRUMFIELD, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The Haunts of Harriman event was held on Oct. 17th and 18th. Attendance exceeded 1,100 people per night—over 2,200 total—an increase of 800 from last year.
- By the middle of November our water and sewer systems were all up and running again.

Park/Program Usage

- A wedding was held at the park on Nov. 1, 2025. It was located at the Boys House in our Historical Buildings. The couple had 48 wedding guests. The weather was fabulous, and they enjoyed every minute of their day.
- During the holiday season, staff members decorated the Boys House, Honeymoon Hotel, and the Visitor Center for Christmas. Staff also arranged the Boys House for Santa’s visit on Dec. 20, 2025.
- During December, we continued using the whiteboard in the visitor center lobby to allow visitors to log wildlife sightings. Participation has been strong, sparking interest and conversation among guests.
- In December, our rental facilities came back online for reservations. The staff transitioned nicely to help prepare the rentals for the customers.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	50
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	14	76
Environmental Education	10	24
Jr. Ranger Programming	14	66
School Programming	50	50
Special Events	96	2,295
Special Events Held Off-Site	0	0

- The new Junior Ranger activity books were distributed throughout the month for a total of two very excited Junior Rangers who received their badges.
- We held the Donuts with Santa event on Dec. 20, 2026. Staff hosted families from surrounding communities for a festive day at Harriman, featuring outdoor winter games, Christmas movies, a junior ranger activity in the Honeymoon Hotel, tours of the historic houses, and indoor games and crafts in the Boys House. Families attended from Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Rexburg, St. Anthony, and Montana, with approximately 95 guests participating.
- We offered a variety of ranger-led Junior Ranger activities in the Honeymoon Hotel, as well as ranger-led winter nature walks on the River Trail, John Muir Trail, Ranch Loop, and the Ranchview interpretive pathway. Self-guided and ranger-led tours of the historic buildings continued, with staff answering questions about the park’s history, buildings, trails, and wildlife. These interactions totaled over 150 contacts, which are not included in the chart.

- A Parks in the Classroom program was given for two 4th grade classes at Ucon Elementary School. They are also planning to come up to Harriman at the end of their school cross-country ski week in February to visit the trails and look for tracks with the Interp Ranger.
- Unscheduled visits have begun with a stop into the School Administrative offices to deliver a poster about the Parks in the Classroom program to make more direct contacts with schools and teachers. It will continue again in January after the school break.
- We offered extra programs for the holiday week in anticipation of families staying in the park and being in the area looking for activities to do while schools were out. The weather was not very helpful though for this year's "winter" start with unusually low park visitation due to high temps with rain and minimal snow. All are doing snow dances to improve conditions.

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Construction has been completed at the Ranch Office and staff are finishing up with the installation of the furniture so we can rent this facility soon.

Staff Training

- 8 full time staff members traveled to Twin Peaks Ranch State Park for the East Region Fall Meeting Oct. 6-8th, 2025.
 - East Region Construction crew came to train our staff on the skid steer and its attachments.
- #### Manager's Narrative
- The Honeymoon Hotel has been turned into a combined tour facility as well as Junior Ranger base camp. Educational programs and monthly Jr. Ranger activities will take place in the building's second floor.
 - Park management met with IDL Fire warden and his staff to start a good relation to work together on things such as fuel reductions, hazardous trees and more.
 - JCCs returned to help our staff with the Haunts of Harriman, splitting and stacking wood and building a fence around Springhouse area.
 - Grazers have successfully moved all cattle from the premises. Now that the park has received the tax bill staff can now begin the process of collecting the taxes portions from the grazers and lease payments.
 - Dry Ridge Outfitters have ended their term and have begun the process of cleaning up and hauling their personal items away. Havilands Adventures have been selected as the new 10-year Concessionaire.
 - Bats re-entered the Bunkhouse over the summer, creating significant odor issues. Since they migrated out for winter, staff have cleaned the attic and installed scent neutralizers ahead of the first renters.
 - Construction continues on the Silver Lake Dyke at the first head gate and culvert.
 - Staff have been taking new pictures of all our rental facilities so we can have them added to the online reservation system.

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 7 days a week.

Park/Program Usage

Total visitation counts by site:

- October: Marysville 1,390; Judkins 1,383; Ashton Visitor Center 399
- November: Marysville 1,312; Judkins 1,318; Ashton Visitor Center 384
- December: Marysville 1,130; Judkins 1,129; Ashton Visitor Center 312

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Promoted the ATT Junior Ranger Program.

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

- Nothing to report.

Staff Training

- Nothing to report.

Manager's Narrative

- Ranger assisted Harriman State Park with Harriman Haunts event.
- Ranger also attended Ashton Chamber of commerce meeting, attended ATT construction meeting via Teams and participated in Ashton City Trunk or Treat.
- ATT participated in the Ashton trunk or treat event that was put on by the Ashton Chamber of Commerce.



- We are building a community ice rink on the VC lawn, awaiting consistently cold weather to begin making skateable ice.

- Our seasonal employee, Rhonda Bell, has returned to the VC for the winter season.

HENRYS

Customer Service

- After the shop and cabin lost connection to the park’s main phone line, fiber optics were installed at the shop, cabin, and house. Lines 1 and 2 are now located separately at the shop, improving the ability to receive visitor calls during winter when entrance kiosk staffing is limited.
- The park is discussing removing the dump station due to high maintenance costs for the tanks, with plans to rely on a new county dump station at **Red Rock Road**, potentially opening this year.
- The entrance station will be put east of the park’s cattle guard instead of the hill as planned for the IDL integration.

Park Usage

- No year-to-year comparison is available for occupancy, as this was the park’s first year open year-round. October 2025 occupancy averaged 11.87 sites per night (25.84%). November 2025 occupancy averaged 0.5 sites per night (3.57%), with 15 occupied nights out of 420 possible (sites and cabins). December 2025 occupancy averaged 0.32 sites per night (2.30%), with 10 occupied nights out of 434 possible (sites and cabins).
- October vehicle count was 5,247. The accuracy of the counter is uncertain, as day use did not appear to decline.
- November vehicle count was 2,797.
- December vehicle count was 3,565. Fishing was good to great before transitioning to ice fishing.



Park/Program Usage

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		

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

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The swans still had five cygnets in November, but the lake is now frozen, so they have moved for the season.

Staff Training

- Oct. 6-9 the Region Meeting was held at the department’s newest state park, Twin Peaks Ranch near Salmon. Staff were able to go Bayhorse (mining ghost town) and Challis Hot Springs, parts of Land of the Yankee Fork State Park in Challis as they traveled to Twin Peaks.

Manager’s Narrative

- Improvements as Henrys Lake State Park moves to year-round:
 - The new Gator (heat, radio, power steering, a/c, hydraulic, dump bed, \$30,000) came on the 3rd. It took the money for the two UTVs needed in Damsel for the camp hosts, but it will be very handy for winter use.
 - Marked the reservation sites with small poles for snow removal.
 - Work on the 9030 Tractor and snowblower was completed by the beginning of November for use over the winter.
 - The pump house back-up generator was completed, by getting the propane tank installed and filled.
- Revenue: October \$42,310; 2025 \$25,057; 2024 \$2,773 (reservation system closed for transfer to Brandt in 2024). FY Revenue: 2026 \$20,647; 2025 -\$23,663; 2024 \$38,753 (system closed for transfer in FY 2025).
- The new CXTs weren't installed in the Damsel Loop because the ground was too muddy for the semi-truck. The unit that arrived is being stored in the day-use lot for the winter.
- Dennis and Kay Elliott returned on November 7 as winter seasonals after initially volunteering. This marks Henrys’ first winter with seasonal staff, full-time on-site coverage, and daily public access.



LAKE WALCOTT – KIRSTEN MARCH, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The campground was winterized mid-October. Water was shut off to the individual campsites and showers were closed for the season. Central water is still available throughout the campground and bathrooms in the campground were kept open and heated for campers to use.
- The official last day for watercraft on Lake Walcott was October 31. Minidoka Dam is repairing the spillway and water was lowered at the beginning of October. Boaters were no longer able to use the ramp around October 8. The lake will be closed to watercraft until April 1.
- “A company held a disc golf event on Columbus Day, but no staff were available to loan discs. The Park Manager later apologized and waived the entrance fee.”
- After multiple inquiries, the Park Manager informed a horse rider that horses are restricted to roads to protect sprinklers and paved trails. Interest in horseback riding has increased this year.
- The Visitor Center has transitioned to winter hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. When the building is unstaffed, visitors can call the cell number posted on the front door for assistance.
- Visitors have complained about the booking freeze from March 1 to June 30, 2026. This closure is necessary for a potable water project involving major trenching, which will disable bathrooms and cut off water park-wide.

Park/Program Usage

- October: Visitation dropped to 3,251 cars due to the cancellation of a large cross-country meet (700+ cars) and the end of boating season. One GUP remained after a cold-weather cancellation.
- November: Visitation averaged 2,591 cars, bolstered by warm weather. The campground closed Nov. 17 for construction; a few campers were relocated due to power outages.
- December: Activity shifted to day-use only as the campground remained closed for electrical upgrades. Rain and wind limited visitors, and a lack of ice has prevented fishing.
- Refuge Headquarters: Construction is on track to finish in November.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	30
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Park staff distributed Junior Ranger badges and loaned sporting equipment and Experience Idaho backpacks from the visitor center.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	5	8
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	3	12
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The new irrigation filter performed well this summer, with its self-flushing feature improving efficiency. When the auto-flush was removed for winter, an electrical pin was damaged. Park staff are working with the contractor on repairs.
- In November, Ranger Rolando repaired long-standing sprinkler leaks at the cabins and Klebe shelter. A final repair near the campground awaits Bureau of Reclamation approval for trenching. Additionally, calm, damp conditions allowed staff to burn the summer slash pile at Lake Walcott.
- A recent windstorm downed trees and limbs throughout the park. Cleanup is underway and must be completed by February for the winter disc golf tournament.

Staff Training

- Kirsten March – 11/04-05 Getting Things Done – 6.5hrs
- Totals Training Hours for Lake Walcott – 6.5 hours

Manager's Narrative

- Our interpretive inventory for signage and media is continuing in partnership with University of Idaho. Surveys went out and the graduate student running the project is keeping in touch with park management. Park staff provided the grad student with photos of all the interpretive signage in the park.
- The Bureau of Reclamation is permitting fiber installation for park and refuge facilities. To avoid conflicts, the project will now share a trench with the potable water upgrade, as recommended by the Project Manager.
- The Park Manager, Project, and Region Managers met to discuss the potable water project. Section 106 compliance is finished, and the contract should be signed by February. Construction is scheduled for March 1–June 30, requiring a freeze on all reservations and the rescheduling of two May disc golf tournaments to the fall.
- SaniStar Fee Stations: Installation at the dump station was completed Nov. 9; units remain offline for the winter season.
- Lake Walcott Electric Upgrade: Pedestal demolition is largely complete. The project is on schedule for March completion, with a formal timeline update expected late December.
- Potable Water Planning: Inter-agency meeting scheduled this month to finalize infrastructure plans for Spring 2026.
- 2026 Mad Pelican Tournament: Canceled at Lake Walcott due to scheduled park closures (March–June); event relocated for 2026 with a planned return in 2027.
- 2026 Idaho State Championship: Planning is underway with the Tournament Director. The event is rescheduled for an earlier start in late July (previously mid-August).
- Record-high regional temperatures and minimal snowpack pose a significant risk to the 2026 water year. Continued lack of precipitation will likely necessitate a drastic reservoir drawdown next summer to meet downstream demands, adversely impacting boating and fishing access and potentially mirroring the recreational declines seen last year.
- Lake Walcott Campground Electric Upgrade Campground construction commenced November 17, and the site remains closed to the public. While pedestal demolition is largely complete, the contractor suspended work on December 9 to prioritize another project. Work is expected to resume in January, weather permitting, with a formal timeline update scheduled for later this month.
- Renewal efforts are underway for the Bureau of Reclamation O&M grant and the State/DOI Management Agreement, expiring in September and June 2026, respectively. The Park Manager is collaborating with the Outdoor Recreation Planner and fiscal department to draft the agreements and compile necessary budgetary data for the application process.

LAND OF THE YANKEE FORK- BLAKE PACKER, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The Interpretive Center and Challis Hot Springs dump stations were closed by mid-October to protect infrastructure from freezing temperatures. During the November closure, new SaniStar systems were successfully installed at both locations; a strategic public relations rollout is planned for the spring to ensure a seamless transition and positive visitor experience.
- Bayhorse Ghost Town was closed for the season on October 15th due to changing weather. The Challis Hot Springs Campground closed for the season starting on November 1st with an anticipated Spring season re-opening date of March 17, 2026.
- The Interpretive Center is open from 8:30am-4:30pm, Wednesday-Sunday, Closed: Monday-Tuesday.
- The Challis Hot Springs Visitor Center and Pools are open from 8:30am-8:30pm, Wednesday-Sunday, Closed: Monday-Tuesday.

Park/Program Usage

- The Bayhorse Ghost Townsite traffic counter data was 387 during the month of October.
- Visitation at the Visitor/Interpretive Center decreased significantly in November, with 62 recorded visitors compared to 226 in October. December visitation remained low at 69 visitors.
- Traffic counter data shows overall foot traffic in the area, which differs from staffed visitor counts. The traffic counter recorded 632 counts in October, 234 in November, and 236 in December.
- The historical film was shown 24 times in October, 4 in November, and 3 times in December.
- The Challis Hot Springs pools visitation: October-342, November-291 and December-367

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Interpretive programs highlighting regional mining history (Bayhorse, Custer, Bonanza, and the Yankee Fork Gold Dredge) and the Bison Kill Site. Information is delivered to visitors at the Interpretive Center and Challis Hot Springs.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	18	39
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 collaborating with IDPR Development and East Region specialists to stabilize historic structures at the Ramshorn and Skylark Mine sites. Funded by the IDPR Development Bureau, this multi-agency effort—including the Idaho Army National Guard—is scheduled for completion during the 2026 construction season.

Staff Training

- 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.
- Joseph Fihe is scheduled to attend State Park Leadership School in January of 2026.

Manager’s Narrative

- Park staff trenched and installed a propane line connecting the main shop to the existing 1,000-gallon tank. By sharing the Interpretive Center’s fuel source, the park eliminated the need for a secondary temporary tank.
- In September, the Park Manager interviewed and hired two new Park Rangers for Land of the Yankee Fork State Park. The team welcomed Johnny Cox on October 20th and Kris Greene on October 27th.
- In early December, the Park Manager identified a fire suppression leak and bathroom water damage at the park residence. 3-D Fire repaired the attic leak, while park and East Region crews replaced damaged drywall and gutted the bathroom—removing the shower, tub, and flooring—to prepare for full reconstruction.
- During the spring and summer, the Seasonal Trail Ranger Crew completed extensive maintenance across the Land of the Yankee Fork Historic Area. Recruitment for these vital 2026 positions begins in January; however, to sustain an effective program, the specialized skills required for these roles warrant a higher compensation rate.

MASSACRE ROCKS – TRAVIS TAYLOR, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- We were lucky enough to add a very rare Jackelope to our skull collection. YES! It’s real!



- Retail sales increased by 46% this year. Monthly performance tapered with cooler weather, totaling \$788 in October (led by 15 books and 20 stickers) and approximately \$300 in December.



Park/Program Usage

- We had a field trip from Connor Academy in Pocatello with 100 students, teachers, and chaperones. They toured the visitor center, went on a nature walk with park interpreters and had lunch at Register Rock.
- We also held our 2nd annual Halloween Massacre 5K with 42 participants, about double from last year.
- Early October was fairly busy, especially in the lower campground loop. Day visitor numbers have remained high with a lot of people still traveling. Most are just stopping to stretch their legs but have been happy the VC is open. We are currently trying to stay open Monday through Saturday.
- Even though the river has been low, shore fishing has remained popular.
- The few boaters appear to be duck hunters. Launch is still usable, but barely.
- Hiking, bouldering and disc golf are still happening when the weather cooperates.

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	1	100
Special Events	1	42
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Register Rock received some graffiti in the first week of December. Fortunately, the boulder was not defaced, only the fence surrounding it and the older CXT. Staff quickly removed it. We have since installed a solar streetlamp at the pavilion to hopefully discourage the behavior.



Staff Training

- Nothing to report.

Manager's Narrative

- Travis, Krinn, and Adam all attended the east region meeting in Salmon.
- Travis has been meeting with Sawyer Crenshaw and Steve Machado from MashIdaho about some new shirt designs.
- Adam met virtually with the interp team to recap the summer and discuss future goals.
- Big news on the septic project. Now that the ERMCM drain field is done, the contractor, BFC Diversified, has already completed the improvements at the Visitor's Center and lower campground loop!
- All three monitoring wells are complete across from the RV dump station.
- Restroom floors at the VC have been painted and CXT floors as time and weather permits.
- We have sent our plow/fire tank truck to Twin Peaks for the winter and are in the process of refurbishing an old trailer into a standalone fire pumper trailer.
- Adam has nearly singlehandedly renovated the VC's interior over the past year. He is adding new baseboards as well. We are in need of some larger projects, namely, ADA accessible pathway and doorways and new flooring.
- Our retail sales this year have been amazing. Currently, we are looking at a 46% increase in sales over the past year.



- The final septic drain field was finished in the first week of December. An Eljen system was required of this loop.
- SaniStar system was installed on Dec 8th.
- We were hit by a pretty significant windstorm on December 18. Gusts at the Coldwater Rest Area were recorded at 82mph. I don't think the park hit that high, but we did have some tree damage at Register Rock.
- We finished the year on a sad note. On December 26, I received a call from the Power County Sheriff's Office regarding a missing person from Montana whose last phone ping placed him near the park. On December 29, the missing vehicle was located in approximately 20 feet of water just off our boat ramp. The vehicle was removed by the Power County Sheriff's Office with assistance from Bingham County Search and Rescue. The missing person, later identified as Kee Ray Begay, was found deceased inside the vehicle.

TWIN PEAKS RANCH – ZACH GROGAN, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Twin Peaks Ranch State Park was purchased in October of 2025, and Zach Grogan was hired in November 2025 as the park manager.
- The park held a board meeting to officially name the park Twin Peaks Ranch State Park. This name was brought forth by the park manager Zach Grogan and was supported by the community.
- Zach Grogan and Region Manager Ryan Buffington attended County Commissioner meetings to settle property taxes for the county.
- Recreation bureau staff are building a new trail for 4x4 high clearance vehicles and OHVs to access the future trails on BLM and USFS property. This is something the community is really looking forward to.
- The park manager continued building community trust and support by attending local community meetings, introducing the department and park to local officials, and updating the county commissioners on progress at the park.
- The park manager has continually engaged visitors that come to look at the progress of the park since IDPR purchased it.
- The park has a final grand opening timeline plan in place.
- Headquarters staff, the Regional Manager and Park Manager, have begun work on two RFP's, one for the lodge restaurant and one for the stable ground concession.
- Community members and visitors have expressed their interest for continued operation of the rifle range.
- Ryan Buffington has begun to build a community outreach group that will help build trust and community relationships.

Park/Program Usage

- Visitors come up to see progress of the constructions and leave.

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

- SHIPO came to do a study for areas of potential construction and had no major findings.
- Castle Rock Park staff came to help repair the fence around the drinking water source.
- Development team has created a plan and budget for projects to bring the park online.
- DEQ came to inspect the site, no major findings, small adjustments to the system need to be made at the park level.
- Major construction has begun on the arena, OHV parking lot, lodge, cabins, and housing facilities.
- The park manager and east region maintenance crew did major canal work to help facilitate spring irrigation to the lawns and pastures.

Staff Training

- The east region meeting was held in the park in October.
- The park held the board meeting in October.
- Park staff will need CEO, CPR/first aid, and in-house ranger training to begin.

Manager's Narrative (not covered above)

- The park hired one ranger who failed his probationary service in the first week and was let go.
- The park hired Lanette as the lead hospitality position. She is currently in a benefited seasonal position.
- The park also hired Caroline as a benefited seasonal ranger.
- The park will be extending an offer out for the permanent ranger position to be filled in January.
- The park still needs to be connected to the state network system and lacks basic office equipment, including computers for staff and a printer and scanner.

EAST REGION MAINTENANCE CREW - BRAD GILMER, FOREMAN

Bear Lake:

- Removed some old gates and posts that needed to be removed for the new campground.

Henrys Lake State Park:

- Helped winterize as well as looking at some ways to make winterizing park quicker and easier going forward.
- We picked up the Ford 9030 Tractor that was in the shop for repairs and picked up the snowblower that had been repaired this fall and delivered it up to Henrys Lake for the winter.

Harriman State Park:

- Robert and two seasonal workers excavated the fire suppression line serving the north wing of the Scovel Center after it began leaking again. The line had previously leaked last summer but resumed holding pressure before the source could be identified. This time, the leak was located, repaired, and the excavation backfilled.
- Repaired the drain line in the crawl space that had been broken at some point but not properly repaired.

- Brad attended a pre-construction walk-through at Silver Lake, and we removed the headgate for de-watering for the culvert project.
- Brad attended the Harriman water and sewer completion walk-through.
- Ran the backhoe up to Harriman to be used in helping with the culvert replacement.

Twin Peaks Ranch State Park:

- Mucked out a mile of the main irrigation canal.
- We started working on supply lists for the two cabins we are going to finish remodeling.
- Completed clearing the canal to the irrigation intake for the pasture. Work was paused and will resume in the spring once weather conditions improve and a plan is finalized for managing excess water.
- Did a walk through with Rivers West Construction to see what needs updated or upgraded.
- Delivered the truck with a plow, and a spare Kawasaki Mule from Massacre Rocks.
- Removed dead standing trees and put them in the burn pile.
- Removed stumps from the yard area of the property and began collecting debris for placement in the burn pile.
- Picked up some sample paint and brought them up to Twin Peaks to help get a color picked out for the buildings.
- Cleaned up the maintenance yard at Twin Peaks. We cleaned up a lot of the junk that was left behind and burned the debris that could be burned and hauled off any scrap metal that will be recycled later.
- Worked with Development to assign cost estimates to proposed projects, helping clarify scope and prioritize essential items alongside desired improvements.

Lake Walcott State Park:

- With the water level at Walcott lowered, we smoothed out and filled in the hole at the end of the boat launch from people power loading their boats.
- Picked up the metal Idaho entrance sign and privacy fence posts from powder coating.

Land of the Yankee Fork State Park:

- Tore out and replaced the sheetrock where a leak in the suppression system occurred. Installed the sheetrock, taped the joints, and have it prepped for a final sanding and texture after the holidays.
- Removed the shower surround in the manager's house to assess the extent of the damage. The existing tub was removed after it was discovered that the flange had broken, allowing water to run off the tub lip and into the void beneath the tub and behind the wall. Both layers of subflooring were found to be wet and molding and were removed for replacement. A leak was also discovered at the tub spout, where plumbing was dripping into the crawl space.

East Region Crew tasks:

- Attended the East Region Meeting at Twin Peaks Ranch State Park.
- Took the Skid Steer in for some warranty work as the high flow hydraulic system still had a drip out of the quick connect.
- Set up the bottom house of the Salmon Run for me and Nathan to stay in while we are working up at Twin Peaks. That way we can leave it set up and don't have to tear down our rooms after every week.
- Moved all our stuff that we were storing in the Massacre shop up to the region crew shop.
- Began organizing and cleaning the shop after equipment and materials were moved in to clear space for Massacre staff. Shortly thereafter, items were relocated to Twin Peaks, and organization is ongoing as permanent storage locations are still being established.



Human Resources Report February 2026 Board Meeting

Jennifer Quinno-Miller – Human Resource Officer

North & South Region and Headquarters Awards and Certificates

As with the East Region, later this last fall and early winter, the team traveled to and participated in the North/South Region Meeting hosted in Lewiston, where Director Buxton presented awards to the recipients of our newly reinstated IDPR Annual Awards. Traditionally these awards have been presented every year, but through Covid and many other changes and transitions, this program lapsed. Through lots of feedback and inquiries it was evident that these awards were meaningful and missed so we committed to bringing them back this year. It was decided that one of each award would be handed out in each region, and then there would be an additional award of a Statewide Ranger. Certificates of merit were also presented to those who were nominated for the award. Recipients of the North & South Regions and Headquarters awards this year included:

Certificate of Merit

South Region

Ponderosa State Park Staff as a Whole – Ponderosa State Park
Greg Harmon – Ranger, Bruneau State Park
Juelie Traska – Assistant Manager, Thousand Springs State Park
Julia DeHoff – Eagle Island, Thousand Springs State Park
Ruth Klinkenborg – Ranger, Thousand Springs State Park

North Region

Peter Schuler – North Region Training Coordinator, North Region
Norm Summerfield – Administrative Assistant, Round Lake State Park
Kaylynn Kotlar – Ranger, Round Lake State Park
John Hale – Ranger, Heyburn State Park
Erin McKindree – Assistant Manager, Farragut State Park
Lauren Emmert – Ranger, Winchester State Park
Lonnie Johnson – Manager, Priest Lake State Park

Headquarters

Jon Sennett – Administrative Assistant, Registration and Reservations
Erik Ryan – Project Manager – Development Bureau

Volunteers in Parks

South Region

Julie Rensink – Volunteer, Ponderosa State Park

North Region

Mike Peden – Volunteer, Winchester State Park

Excellence in Interpretation

South Region

Amanda Grant - Ranger, Ponderosa State Park

North Region

Errin Bair – Ranger, Farragut State Park

Beth Durham Award

South Region

Johannes Giessen – Park Manager, Eagle Island State Park (position at time of nomination)

North Region

Nate Blackburn – Park Manager, Heyburn State Park

Headquarters

Rich Gummersall – OHV Education Coordinator, Recreation Bureau

Ranger of the Year

South Region

Brett Copperi – Ranger, Thousand Springs State Park

North Region

James (Jim) Mallet – Ranger, Heyburn State Park

Statewide Ranger of the Year

Tyler Westbrook – Ranger, Farragut State Park

Director's Award

South Region

Alyssa Leavitt – Administrative Assistant, South Region/Headquarters

North Region

Jodi Johnson – Administrative Assistant, Farragut State Park

Headquarters

Melanie Schuster, Bureau Chief, Development Bureau

We look forward to continuing this award program going forward and demonstrating the importance of recognizing the hard-working employees.

Compensation Distribution

For FY26 IDPR was appropriated \$309,100 in personnel funds to address positions that are the most difficult to recruit/retain employees, positions with the lowest compa-ratio's, and any resulting compression. These adjustments were effective November 23, 2025, and reflected on the December 19, 2025, paycheck. Here is a summary of the adjustments:

Park Operations Structure:

- Increased starting Park Ranger rates to 78% and adjusted the entire structure to alleviate compression created by the higher starting rates. This includes adjustments for Park Rangers, Park Assistant Managers, Park Manager 2, Park Manager 3, and Regional Managers.

- Increased the starting rate for Park Administrative Assistants to 78% and adjusted all employees in this classification in parks accordingly.
- Adjusted Park Maintenance Craftsman positions, to ensure they remain aligned with Ranger progression and do not fall significantly behind.

Development Bureau:

- Increased the lowest-paid Development Bureau Project Manager to 78% and adjusted the full bureau structure to address compression. This includes Project Managers, Construction Managers, and the Development Bureau Chief.

Recreation Bureau:

- Adjusted the Recreation Bureau Chief to maintain alignment with the updated Development Bureau Chief rate.

Managers Meeting Training

As part of our recent Managers Meeting, we had the opportunity to bring in two great training sessions for our managers. They were both well received and left the managers with information and tools they could take and use immediately. Training included:

Law for Leaders – Presented by Pam Howland, Idaho Employment Lawyers

This training was designed for IDPR supervisors, managers, and leaders with responsibility for employee oversight, performance management, investigations, or responding to employee complaints. Participants gained a clearer understanding of how everyday leadership actions can impact legal exposure, increased confidence in appropriately addressing employee issues, and improved alignment with HR related to documentation, investigations, and decision-making. The training better prepares leaders to prevent issues, respond consistently, and reduce the risk of retaliation or wrongful termination claims. The session focused on prevention, documentation and investigations, managing workplace incivility, and whistleblower and retaliation considerations, with time built in for discussion and practical takeaways for IDPR leaders.

Supervisor Safety – Presented by Kimberly Tkacs, Idaho State Insurance Fund

This training provided supervisors with foundational knowledge and practical tools to support a safe work environment. Topics included the basics of workers' compensation insurance, an overview of Parks & Recreation injury trends, and an examination of why incidents occur, including the role of human factors. The training also emphasized leadership roles and prevention techniques, equipping supervisors with strategies to proactively reduce workplace injuries and reinforce a culture of safety.

New Employee Orientation

The Human Resources team launched a monthly New Employee Orientation for permanent, full-time employees. The virtual orientation is held on the first Wednesday of each month and provides new hires with essential information early in their employment. Topics include an overview of the agency's mission and structure, employment expectations, pay and benefits, retirement, performance evaluations, workplace conduct and policies, required trainings, safety and workers' compensation, and key contacts. This monthly format ensures new employees hired during the same period receive consistent information and begin their roles with a strong foundation for success.

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	Bear Lake State Park	Daniel Wahlen	11/06/25
Ranger	Castle Rocks State Park	Vacant	
Ranger	Twin Peaks	Vacant	
Ranger	Land of the Yankee Fork	Vacant	

HEADQUARTERS			
Public Information Officer, Senior	Headquarters	William Armbruster	10/31/25

NORTH REGION			
Ranger	Old Mission State Park	Vacant	
Ranger	Heyburn State Park	Vacant	
Ranger	Dworshak State Park	Vacant	
Maintenance Craftsman Sr.	Heyburn	Vacant	
Office Specialist 2	North Region Office	Vacant	

SOUTH REGION			
P&R Manager 3	Lake Cascade State Park	Dalton Crane	12/04/26
P&R Manager 3	Eagle Island State Park	Andrew Salzano	12/04/26
Utility Craftsman	South Region	Vacant	
P&R Assistant Manager	Eagle Island State Park	Vacant	
P&R Assistant Manager	Lake Cascade State Park	Vacant	

Patricia Hendrickson, Volunteer Services Coordinator

Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement

The volunteer program continued its strong momentum through the end of 2025, building on strategic recruitment partnerships and long-standing relationships with past volunteers. This continues into this new year. As of this report, 116 host agreements have been received and onboarded for the 2026 season, placing us at over 70% of required host positions filled, with additional applicants joining daily.

Our recruitment success is driven by:

- Continued partnership with Workamper.com
- Strong relationships cultivated by park staff with returning volunteers
- Increased visibility and outreach through social media

These efforts have positioned volunteerism as a uniquely valuable asset to IDPR.

Volunteer Impact

- 953 volunteers contributed 72,229.5 hours of service across IDPR programs and projects in 2025.
- Using Independent Sector's 2025 Idaho volunteer value of \$32.48/hour, these contributions represent an economic impact of \$2,346,014.16.

This level of engagement reflects both the dedication of our volunteers and the effectiveness of our program in matching skills to agency needs.

Operational Improvements and Technology Integration

In 2025, the volunteer program fully implemented Smartsheets, modernizing and streamlining several key processes:

- Online form completion for volunteers
- Automation of previously manual workflows
- Improved accuracy and accessibility of volunteer data

These efficiencies have allowed the Volunteer Services Coordinator to support additional operational and employee-service functions across the agency.

Incident Response System (IRS)

After the retirement of the agency's legacy incident database, development of a new IRS application had stalled. The Volunteer Services Coordinator revitalized and completed this initiative by:

- Leading the final review and launch of the new IRS app
- Coordinating agency-wide training
- Serving as system administrator and technical support contact
- Managing user profiles and permissions
- Advancing the system to include a new reporting function

This work has significantly strengthened agency-wide incident documentation and data reliability.

Housing Management

The Volunteer Services Coordinator has assumed responsibility for:

- Tracking park housing occupancy
- Ensuring timely collection of housing agreements
- Verifying accurate rent deductions

This oversight has improved consistency and accountability in housing management.

CPR, AED, and First Aid Training

To support agency compliance, the Volunteer Coordinator:

- Earned instructor-level certification and delivered multiple CPR/AED/First Aid classes to staff throughout 2025
- Completed Instructor Trainer certification in November
- Certified a team of new instructors to ensure long-term training capacity across the agency

This internal training capability enhances safety readiness and reduces training costs.

Public Engagement

The volunteer program continues to serve as a primary point of contact for individuals seeking information about volunteer opportunities with IDPR. These interactions consistently result in positive placements and enthusiastic new volunteers.



MANAGEMENT SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT

October · November · December

Fiscal Year 2026

Management Services Administrator

Adam R. Zaragoza

IDPR Mission

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

Management Services Administrator Primary Functions

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

Administrative Duties

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

October 1 to 3

General administrative duties as needed to support the agency initiatives and staff support. Coordinated and closed with the paperwork for Idaho's newest State Park, Twin Peaks Guest Ranch. Prepared for the East Region Manager's meeting in Salmon.

October 6 to 10

Presented at the Lemhi County Commissioners meeting on October 6. Attended the east region managers meeting at Twin Peaks Ranch. Met with the ITD District Engineer and his staff regarding a turn lane into Twin Peaks. The coordination is ongoing. Also, had a landscape architectural firm up the ranch for a tour to discuss preliminary layouts.



Morning time in Salmon, Idaho



October 13 to 17

General administrative duties and support. Our DHR Administrator, Operations Administrator and I interviewed candidates for the Public Information Officer position. Provided recommendations to the Director for final candidates.

October 20 to 24

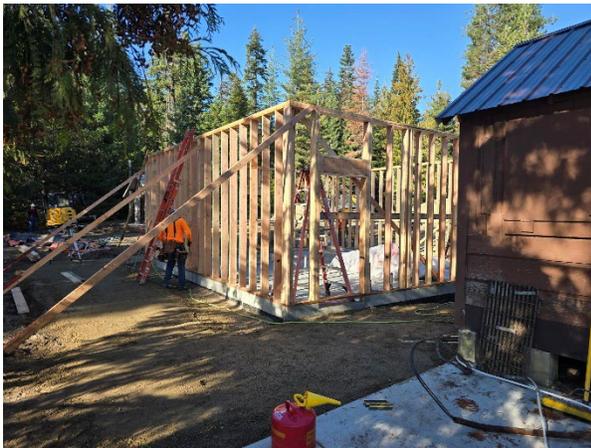
Reviewed quarterly county distribution reports with R+R Program Manager. Flew to North Idaho, visited construction projects at Mowry, Heyburn, Round Lake and Priest Lake. The work the development team has been doing the past 4+ year is impressive and hats off to all their work.



Interior of new staff housing at Mowry



Chatcolet Marina



New shower-house at Lionhead Group Camp



Paving at Lionhead Entrance

October 27 to October 31

Provided general administrative support for the Director and staff. Prepared for the quarterly Board meeting in Salmon.



November 3 to 7

Drove to Salmon and attended the quarterly Board meeting at Twin Peaks. After the Board meeting, drove to Lewiston for the North/South Region Managers meeting. We stopped at the only state park I have not been to, Glade Creek! Provided department updates at the Managers meeting and quality time with our team. It was great to see most of the staff together in one place.



Board meeting at Twin Peaks Lodge



Glade Creek State Park

November 10 to 14

General administrative duties and support for the Director and staff. Attended meetings with the Director for Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Twin Peaks and received updates from the construction team regarding the Kokanee Cove development in Ponderosa State Park.

November 17 to 21

General administrative duties and support for the Director and staff. Reviewed our budget information, forecasts, individual parks self support indexes and strategized on the RV fund with our grant manager.

November 24 to 28

Attended the first meeting for the weekly rollout of Twin Peaks leading up to the grand opening in June 2026. Short week due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

December 1 to 5

General administrative duties and support for the Director and staff. Attended the weekly Twin Peaks Rollout discussion and coordinated our new facilities with the State Fire Marshall.

December 8 to 12

Attended the weekly Twin Peaks rollout meeting. At the request of the Eagle Sewer District Manager, we hosted his board members at Eagle Island State Park to discuss our partnership and the new RV Campground. Met with the leadership team at the Department of Administration. And, the executive staff hosted a holiday party for our team, provided updates and we got to be chefs for the day.



December 15 to 19

General administrative duties and support for the Director, staff and started cleaning out old files, emails, etc heading to the holiday weeks.

Christmas and New Years Weeks

General cleanup of files, emails, etc. Prepared a legislative budget book and budget background ahead of the new year and the legislative session.

End of Report

NORTH REGION QUARTERLY REPORT

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2025

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

GOALS:

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

Primary Issues and Concerns

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

NORTH REGION SERVICE CENTER – DAVID WHITE, REGION MANAGER

- Working as Interim South Region Manager while position is vacant.
- Conducted North and South Region Monthly Teams Meetings
- Participated in the weekly OPS Region Park Manager's Teams Meetings; CdA Regional Chamber of Commerce Natural Resource Committee Meeting; USACOE monthly project meetings; the Board Meeting at Twin Peaks; rule changes discussion with Joy, Troy, and other Region Managers; IRS reporting Demo with Trish
- Coordinated, hosted and led the combined NR/SR All Staff Meeting in Lewiston and the Bi-Annual TOC RAMP Government's Meeting.
- Worked with USACOE on the Lucky Peak Lease
- Discussed with DAG various TOC encroachment issues; with DAG and staff the IDPR/Tribe Chatcolet Marina MOU
- Assisted with Round Lake, Heyburn and Old Mission Park Ranger interviews; TOC wind blown down tree cleanup between Bull Run and Enaville
- Participated in the Idaho Heritage Trust Region 1 Grant Reviews as the IDPR representative
- Conducted residence inspections at Farragut, Priest Lake
- Met with staff and reviewed operations and residences at Winchester, Dworshak, and Hells Gate.
- Toured Bay Horse, Challis Hot Springs, and Twin Peaks.
- Met with Snake River Adventures Concessionaire to discuss agreement violations and then developed a response.
- Attended Dave Fair, Post Falls Parks and Recreation Directors, retirement party

NR MAINTENANCE CREW – LANNY NEIPERT, MAINTENANCE FOREMAN

Dworshak:

- Spoke with John about re-roofing cabins at Freeman creek and letting them use the line locator to trace underground wiring for lift station pump

Heyburn:

- Picked up another pack joint for Jim to finish the waterline connection to trailer in Vol. Lane
- Looked at shed in Benewah Jim wants to move to Heyburn

North Region Office:

- Shut sprinkler timers off for the season, called Dan at Advanced sprinkler and back flow for sprinkler blow out and had it completed on 10/29/25
- Went to Nesbitt property and completed fall clean-up (re-screwed deck boards, cleaned pine needles and leaves from valleys and flat roofs on house, piled branches and used weed eaters to trim up grassy areas)
- Trimmed bushes in front of office and at entrance sign on Kathleen Ave
- Drove to Lewiston and set up for North/South Region All-staff at Lewiston P&R building
- North/South Region All staff meeting in Lewiston
- Replaced planer knives and re-adjusted planer infeed and outfeed rollers, chip breaker and pressure bar with dial indicators
- Spoke with Auctions Northwest about auctioning our state vehicles and items
- Removed tires from R-520 and cleaned up the brake calipers and fittings on all tires (brakes were squealing. Brake pads were rusted and not moving properly in the calipers)
- Helped Ethan at F&G pour concrete in a form at his shop
- Removed starter from chipper and cleaned up contacts in starter solenoid, repaired broken wire to starter and replaced taillights. Still had issues with no start, looked at key switch and battery cables, replaced battery cables and it seems to be starting fine now
- Cleaned up downed trees from windstorm in center island
- Unhooked wiring on damaged streetlight
- Helped review SR Utility Craftsman resumes for Chris Re

Old Mission/TOC:

- Drove to TOC campground and looked at water valves and CXT with David and Will and helped Will winterize CXT and water standpipes in campground.
- Looked at woodstove in OM shop and figured out the stove pipe is missing a fitting to connect it to the thru wall kit
- Went to TOC with Keith and Will's crew and cleaned up storm damage and chipped branches

Priest Lake:

- Inspected woodstove in aide's quarters it needs to be replaced.

Round Lake:

- Repaired another water leak by site 3
- Removed drinking fountains and installed water standpipe by beach
- Planed 60 table boards with Norm and Kaelynn

OHV/Boating:

- Helped Peter, Renee, and Blake with LJK roof, showed them some pointers on how to construct them

NR OFFICE STAFF

- Front desk Office Specialist quit and we began the process of hiring for the position.
- Assisted with scheduling in-person and Zoom interviews for open Dworshak, Heyburn, Old Mission and Round Lake Ranger positions
- Toured Priest Lake State Park at the end of October. Thanks to Manger and AA1 for taking time to walk me through their day-to-day operations. I am now able to better answer visitors' questions with first-hand knowledge of the park and its operations.
- Attended Outdoor Innovations lecture given by Susan in Moscow
- Processed several SARs with IT to clean up and update NR staff information and access
- Responded to request for assistance from Cozette/IT to track down missing equipment that was believed to still be in our office

- Worked with IT to coordinate the installation of two new Wi-Fi access points for the NR Office to improve overall connectivity for staff
- Coordinate and hosted the combined Fall NR/SR Meeting with David and Alyssa
 - Coordinated order of custom pullovers for IDPR staff to be handed out at meeting
- Attended Bi-Annual RAMP meeting with David and submitted meeting minutes for review
- Working with team that is coordinating the upcoming first ever department wide Admin Round up
- Working with Lucas, Melanie, park staff and Nadine to get MM project contracts and documentation completed and payments to contractors processed

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

Customer Service

- The Parkway is running smoothly; construction is starting on the moorage docks.

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.

FARRAGUT STATE PARK – LIZ PALFINI, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Overall, customer complaints are low. Campgrounds are closed for the season.

Park/Program Usage

- 4 permits (1 Family reunion, 1 XC meet, 1 Trail ride, 1 Horse clinic)

Program Services

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	4	1,330
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Brig and Jr Ranger Station opened Friday before Memorial Day weekend and closed Sept 1
- 126 backpacks were lent, 27 fishing poles, 1,581 Badges, 1,029 patches, 1,296 guidebooks

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation (Brig Tours)		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events at CDA Parkway	1	100
Special Events Held Off-Site		
Library Partnership Programming		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

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

Staff Training

- Staff attended the monthly safety meeting.
- Staff attended the NR/SR Staff Meeting in Lewiston.

Park Manager’s Narrative

- Visitation has been steady and dropping this quarter, but it's still not as busy as we would expect.
- We hosted a sign reveal for Historic Preservation and Tourist Bureau with Dir Buxton.
- We attended the Sagebrush Navy event in Sandpoint with Director Buxton
- We did the residence annual inspections
- We did a Disc golf team building with all full-time employees.
- Construction meetings continue for both Peterson and TML. Both are progressing well.
- The roof replacement at Buttonhook began and should finish up in February.
- 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.
- December was “hunting for the leak” month. The water tower is still active because the leak is larger than what pump house 9 (our winter operation well with a capacity of only 25 gpm) can provide to the system. Leak detectors have helped us narrow it down to about a 200-yard stretch and we will install an isolation valve in Thimbleberry campground to help stop the leakage and repair the leak in Spring.
- Design work completed on the Snowberry restroom. And demolition quotes were turned in.

DWORSHAK STATE PARK – JOHN SEELY, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The Big Eddy office is open 9am-4pm Monday-Saturday. The Marina store is closed for the season as of September 20th. 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 are being offered at a 50% discount for the winter season

Park/Program Usage

- Primary users are hunters, trappers, and fishermen and the occasional weekend recreational camper.
- Traffic count: Oct – 483 /Nov –182 /Dec – 1,545
 - This is the 2nd highest number in the past 10 years for the month of October.
 - This is significantly higher than any December on record and indicates there may have been an issue with the traffic counter.

Program Services

- Big Eddy Lodge was the location of the Taste of the Clearwater which is a fundraiser for the Hospital in Orofino.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit	1	135
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

- 6 Hazard trees fell at 3 Meadows

Staff Training

- Jake Davis - Rural water association training/conference - 8 hours
- Staff attended the NR/SR Staff Meeting in Lewiston.

Park Manager's Narrative

- The water line project is completed and hydroseeding was completed in mid-October.
- The electric line break that ran to the water treatment facility and lift station 3 were located and repaired. The break was in the planter bed at the FC shower house.
- The park is now offering half-price camping for the winter, including all sites and cabins at Freeman Creek. Hopefully this will bring in more campers over the winter months.
- The month of December was eventful for the park. Ranger Davis resigned. His last day was officially December 3rd. Interviews for a new ranger will be in January.
- A bad windstorm came through the area and knocked-out power to Freeman creek and 3 Meadows for 6 days. Luckily there was no damage to any structures in the park. 10 trees came down on 3 Meadows Road, and many trees came down on Freeman creek road outside of the park. This blocked access to the park for the public for 2 days.
- Warm winter weather has led to the reservoir water level coming up very quickly this winter. It is approximately 40 feet higher than normal for this time of year. Adjusting the docks took up a lot of time in the month of December.

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

Customer Service

- Two seasonals for Visitors Center

Park/Program Usage

- Traffic count: Oct – 2,395 /Nov – 1,188 /Dec – 1,370
- Goodney Wedding – 20 pp
- St. Dominics – 200 pp
- Immaculate Conception – 90 st

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	3	310
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Arrows Homeschool – 30 pp
- Homeschool Co-op – 25 pp

- John Geisen Group – 20 pp
- Hayden Meadows – 90 st
- Friendship Force – 20 pp
- Pioneer School – 80 st
- Treaty Rock – 81st
- Canyon Elem. – 29 st
- Homeschool Group – 37 pp
- Homeschool Group – 25 pp
- U of I – 10 pp
- Epic Exploration Homeschool Group – 65 pp

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	4	115
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	8	397
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Fuel Reduction
- Storm clean up, total of 8 trees down – 6 trees down in the cemetery, 2 in the rest of the park.

Staff Training

- Staff attended the NR/SR Staff Meeting in Lewiston.

Park Manager’s Narrative

- ADA Door’s Motor System Reprogrammed after replacement.
- ITS Replaced internet system and alarm cord for Visitor Center.
- Conducted Ranger interviews with the North Region Manager.

TRAIL OF THE COEUR D’ALENES – WILL NISKA, MANAGER

Customer Service

- One seasonal working currently
- Keeping the trail open and clear for users.
- Visitors’ needs and expectations are being met.

Park/Program Usage

- Traffic count totals: Oct – 32,245 /Nov – 4,659 /Dec – 14,393
 - Wallace – Oct – 1,826 /Nov – 1,100 /Dec – 1,097
 - Kellogg – Oct – 27,360 /Nov – 1,597 /Dec – 11,886
 - Repairs were made in Oct & are needed again after backboard broke in the windstorm – currently counting cars as well
 - Enaville – Oct – 2,131 /Nov – 886 /Dec – 693
 - Harrison – Oct – 928 /Nov – 1,076 /Dec – 717

Program Services

- Jackass 5k Marathon – 600

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	600

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. It took approximately 5 days to clean up mess from the storm
- Manager and Assistant Manager met with Keith Jones to discuss adding trees to the new campground.

Staff Training

- Staff attended the attended the NR/SR Staff Meeting in Lewiston.

Park Manager’s Narrative

- Manager and Region Manager attended biannual RAMP meeting
- Manager attended Trail Commission Meeting and Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission meeting.
- Trail Counters installation completed.

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

- Cabins: Oct – 30% /Nov – 20% /Dec – 4%
- Full hookup sites: Oct – 85% /Nov – 46% /Dec – 6%
- Electric sites: Oct – 65% /Nov – 25% /Dec – 5%
 - Aspen Loop only – Birch Loop is closed for the season
- Basic campsites: Oct – 20% /Closed for the season
- Marina: Oct – 10% /Nov – 10% /Dec – 10%
- December was quiet on the customer front. Our Cookies with Santa went well. Ranger Tony added a kid’s activity to the mix which was well received.

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

- Annual Halloween Event
- Cookies with Santa

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming - Booklets	30	
School Programming		
Special Events	2	645
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Big wind hit near the end of the month and it took out ten trees but didn't hit any infrastructure.
- We had finished a round of hazard tree removal at the start of the month that proved good timing.

Staff Training

- Staff attended the attended the NR/SR Staff Meeting in Lewiston.

Park Manager's Narrative

- A section of the Discovery Center roof was replaced utilizing Minor Maintenance funds, after several big rainstorms came through and showed us the extent of the leaking.
- The dump station pay-per-use is in place. So far, so good.
- We have secured a partnership with Lewiston Parks and Recreation to utilize one of their 'Movie in the Park's' permits for a drive-in style showing here at Hells Gate. It will be held at the equestrian parking lot sometime in June. We are also working on an America 250 event with them to be held at Hells Gate.
- Phase II of the marina is in and looks fantastic. Sincere thanks to Development for their help with that project.

HEYBURN STATE PARK – NATHAN BLACKBURN, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Customer service centered around the leaseholders, education about day use fees, launching at Rocky Point and rules and regulations regarding the duck hunting season.
 - Staff interacted with leaseholders frequently this for lease payments, updated insurance documents, and to answer marina boat slip questions and lottery submissions.
- Many members of the public were also interested in the Tribe hosted event, Water Potatoes days and visitor center staff provided information regarding the event.

Park/Program Usage

- Most park use is from duck hunters, generally launching their boats at Rocky Point Marina.
- Periodically, visitors use the Indian Cliffs parking lot to access hiking trails or the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, but they are few and far between.
- All campgrounds were closed by November 1, including Northside and Southside equestrian campgrounds.

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

- Normal operations with no outstanding resource stewardship this month.

Staff Training

- Staff attended the NR/SR Staff Meeting in Lewiston.

Park Manager’s Narrative

- The park has a lot of work to do to clear trails and roads after a massive windstorm on December 16, 2025, that brought numerous trees down and cut power to the park for six days.
 - There was no major infrastructure damage, however there was one tree that landed on top of a lift station that needed immediate removal to maintain the integrity of the station.
 - Staff monitored rental units to build a fire or ensure propane heat was running so buildings and pipes did not freeze with the power out and colder temperatures.
- In the development projects, the gangway was installed at the Chatcolet Marina, providing access from the marina store and Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes to the boat docks and breakwater. More dock sections were put out and in the process of being tiled. Log pillars were cut and installed for support for the eaves of the store. Both the east side and north side eaves have plywood on the roof.
- At Mowry, roofing is complete and crews continue to work on electrical and plumbing throughout the duplex. HVAC is being installed and they are back-filling around the duplex.
- Work has also started on the group camp’s pavilion with the pouring of the concrete slab and setting support beams. The CXT restroom was also delivered and set near the group camp.

MCCROSKEY STATE PARK – NATHAN BLACKBURN, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Customer service focused on surveillance of the park. Members of the public continue to reach out to us about people cutting firewood and driving fast on their ATV/UTVs through the park and the damage they might be doing on the trails.
- Questions were answered at Heyburn Visitor Center regarding upcoming 2026 use and whether Skyline Drive was currently passable.
- Several individuals and groups have expressed interest in helping to clear the roads and trails after a huge windstorm. Staff have worked to coordinate these requests with an organized volunteer event and have informed members of the public who inquire about it of the proper channels to sign up to help with a cleanup effort.

Park/Program Usage

- Traffic count: Traffic counter is broken, and staff are working on getting a new one.
- Park usage continues to be minimal as we head into winter. Water is shut off to Redtail Campground and with snow expected in the forecast, park usage will decline further.
- Snow and ice combined with downed trees has made park visitation next to nothing.

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

- Normal operations with no outstanding resource stewardship this month.

Manager’s Narrative

- Traffic counters are non-functioning and need to be addressed. Park is hard to pass though now due to ice and fallen trees
- Members of the public voiced concerns about the ATV usage.
 - They are worried about the speed in which these users travel throughout the park, potentially being a danger to other guests and the damage they might be doing to the trail network.

PRIEST LAKE STATE PARK – LONNIE JOHNSON, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- All water at Indian Creek was turned off and all docks at Indian Creek and Lionhead were pulled in this month.
- Power remains on at campsites at Indian Creek for campers.
- Store is open 5 days a week, except for holidays
- North Region AA2 came and toured Priest Lake State Park in October. She will be able to better answer visitors’ questions with first-hand knowledge of the park and its operations after her tour.

Park/Program Usage

- Usage of cabins and campsites at Indian creek was slow throughout October and November. There was a slight uptick of visitors during Elk season
- I can only compare December to a ghost town. Very few visitors, only a few cabin stays and zero on camping.

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

- A contractor was brought in to work on the cleanup of the hazard tree removal at Lionhead campground.
 - Stumps were ground down, and limbs and debris were mulched up. The area looks much better and is safer for the public.
 - With only one dumping of snow and that was gone in a few days, hazard trees continue to be removed from Indian Creek, including a few that have fallen in the fall storms.

Staff Training

- Jenny, Kyle, and Christine attended the NR/SR Staff Meeting in Lewiston on Nov 6-7
- Misha attended a 2-day online course, “Getting Things Done”.

Park Manager’s Narrative

- Five new propane tanks installed at Indian Creek.
 - Contract ended with AmeriGas; we switched to City Service now.
- Seal coating of asphalt and painting of stripes and parking spots took place at Indian Creek this month.
- Work is continuing with new kiosk and paving at Lionhead Campground and with the new shower building at the Lionhead Group Camp.
- November and December brought a lot of rain for the month, with only the last few days having a little snow.
 - It has allowed us to work on things like hazard tree clean up and electrical issues we have had with the dump truck (before we must constantly plow).
- New pay RV dump station equipment installed at Indian Creek on October 17th.
- Staff have been holding interviews for seasonals and volunteers, to date, all the volunteers for Indian Creek and Lionhead have been hired.

ROUND LAKE STATE PARK – MARY MCGRAW, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

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

Park/Program Usage

- Park use was steady with day users, Dog walkers, & fisherman. There were a few campers throughout the quarter.

- In December we offered Mystery boxes for sale as a Christmas shopping experience, this was very popular. We had 15 mystery boxes, and they sold out in 3 hours on the first day of the sale. We offered a 10% discount on all resale items for the rest of the Christmas shoppers.

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

- There was a wedding at the amphitheater they also reserved the shelter for the reception.
- Sandpoint High school class did a water quality test in Cocolalla Creek, the university of Idaho water steward instructor conducted the program.
- The park ranger presented a program to a home school group.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	1	20
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education	1	40
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events	2	80
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Contractors have been working with the engineers to get DEQ approvals to continue the work in the campground.
- We have worked with development and TML to get the contract in place to build the backcountry cabins on IDL property, we have identified the location of the cabins and will start clearing the area in January.

Staff Training

- The Ranger and Office Asst. attended the online training for project wet and project learning tree, two sessions were conducted about 7 hours each.
- Manager and AA1 attended the attended the NR/SR Staff Meeting in Lewiston.

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.
- Blue green algae continued to affect the lake, we are monitoring it and recording the test results with NOAA.
- Manager met with Will, the new communication person, and Carly with Nelson Treehouses to start planning for a grand opening for the treehouses this spring.
- Park staff were invited to do the morning radio show on the Sandpoint local radio.
- Nelson Treehouse Company completed the construction of the treehouses.
- The contractors started working to get the Treehouse utilities connected, water, sewer and electric
- The lower treehouse varnishing of the interior walls has been completed, the upper unit is about 2/3 complete.
- Manger has purchased supplies for the treehouse including cookware and dinnerware.

- 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.
- IDL has contacted the Manger to start working on updates to the Stewardship trail signs and has started logging the area on the south side of the lake, Unit 3 of the timber sale.
- The manager is working with IDL regarding possibly pausing the right-of-way permit, which allows Round Lake to manage the trails on IDL property, during the logging operation.
- Picnic tables were dismantled and planned at the region shop to get ready to refinish them this winter.
- 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.
- 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 harmful algae bloom was active in the lake this past quarter.
- The shower house, dump station, Ponderosa Point and B & C loops were winterized for the season.
- Sanistar installed the new dump station payment tower.
- Lauren presented a skulls/skins program to a group of home school students.
- Construction on A-loop and the ADA pathway around the shower house and the new Day Use Sites was completed.
- Staff attended the Christmas in the Pines event in Winchester and sold over \$300 of park merchandise.
- The new pumps for the lift station were ordered. There was an additional issue with the outtake connection. The issue was addressed and repaired
- Visitation has been slow with lack of measurable snow but picked up near the end of the month with OHV/Snowmobile/Boat registrations.
- Appaloosa Loop was re-opened with the completion of construction. Some sites remain close to allow settling/reseeding in construction areas.
- Bitterroot Loop was closed for the season.

Park/Program Usage

- Traffic count: Oct – 2,549 /Nov – 2,203 /Dec – 1,229
- Appaloosa loop: Closed
- Bitterroot loop: Closed
- Camas loop: Closed
- Tamarack: Oct – 18.5% /Nov – 46.7% /Dec – 16%
- Lodgepole: Oct – 7.4% /Nov – 16.7% /Dec – 0%
- Ponderosa: Oct – 18.5% /Nov – 20% /Dec – 0%
- Snowberry: Oct – 33.3% /Nov – 10% /Dec – 4%

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		

Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	1	25
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site	1	500

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Staff have been spraying and removing invasive species.
- IDL continues to burn the slash piles associated with the thinning/fuel reduction along Lakeshore trail and along the old Blacktail trail (SW corner of property)
- We had several large wind events during the last half of the month. One tree hit the deck at Ponderosa Yurt. There was damage which we are in the process of repairing. Some branches also hit the top of the yurt causing tears in the fabric, which have been repaired. One picnic table was destroyed. Other property damage was minimal. Staff have been working through downed trees. This will likely last into spring, as there are many downed trees along trails that will require cleanup.
- We are working closely with the Nez Perce Air Quality staff on additional signage to reduce the burning of trash within our firepits.

Staff Training

- Update of new CPR protocols (Lauren Emmert – Trainer)
- Staff attended the NR/SR Staff Meeting in Lewiston
- Staff all attended a virtual Leave No Trace training (12/11/2025)

Park Manager’s Narrative

- The staff utilized some unused comp and vacation leave to travel to visit family over the holidays.

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

- Sold two direct timber sales to be cut in February at Farragut State Park. This project will reestablish the safety corridor along hwy 54 through the park, while also removing trees for the Hwy 54 crossing project and new central entrance footprint into the park.
- Working with Harriman Park management and the grazing contractor for the Sheridan unit to improve the grazing lease on the unit, to include enhancing forage and habitat on the site.
- In the process of setting up a timber sale at McCroskey to address extensive blowdown in the Park from a recent wind event.
- Coordinated with IDL to secure funding for a prescribed burn, pre commercial thinning and hazard fuel mitigation work on past Ponderosa Pine restoration thinning project areas. This will be approximately \$60k from the IDL shared stewardship program to help with these projects.
- Marked and set up a direct timber sale at the Hawleys campground and the plummer point unit of Heyburn state park to remove extensive blowdown and hazard trees that resulted from a windstorm in January.
- Update for the Ponderosa pine restoration project in Ponderosa State Park: Residual slash piles from last winter's thinning were burned this fall by Park staff. This project addressed the overstocked and grand fir dominated stand to the north of the water tower. This project treated approximately 65 acres with the same prescription as the adjacent MeadowMarsh II sale in the park, removing most of the shade tolerant Grand fir, and restoring the stand to its historic, pre fire suppressed stand composition of Ponderosa Pine, Larch, and Douglas fir.

- Working with IDL to set up a timber sale at Heyburn State Park to address an overstocked and overmature stand that is exhibiting extensive root rot. This will be a 125-acre project to improve stand resilience and durability, removing root rot susceptible species and freeing up resources favoring the Larch, Ponderosa Pine and Western white pine on the site.
- Administered the minor maintenance project to finish clean-up of logging debris and stumps in the Lionhead unit at Priest Lake state Park. This project removed 90% of the decadent and rotting overstory in the campground and around the shop that posed an alarming risk to visitors and staff.
- We replaced 12 trees along the main entrance of Eagle Island state park that were removed for infrastructure work.
- 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.
- In cooperation with IDL, IDFG, and Winchester Lake state park staff, we are continuing to conduct hazard fuel treatments along the trail system and pre commercial thinning in previously treated stands in the park to facilitate prescribed fire projects in the future. Pile burning was conducted through one unit this winter.
- Burned slash piles from a forest resilience project at Farragut. In addition to addressing density concerns, this project helped to facilitate the new forestry contest stations and open a new day use opportunity for Farragut State Park. The project removed approximately 500,000 board feet of overstocked mostly shade tolerant trees, creating a more open stand that will support seral species in a less competitive environment, promoting vigor and resilience of the remaining trees.
- Work with Park management to identify and prioritize natural resource infrastructure needs in each park, to be included in developments CIP process. This will be in alignment with the development process and will help maximize collaboration, identify, and allocate potential alternative funding sources for projects, and maximize 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.

OPERATIONS DIVISION QUARTERLY REPORT OCT-NOV-DEC 2025

OPERATIONS DIVISION – TROY ELMORE, ADMINISTRATOR

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

Goals:

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

Administrator's Report

- Participated in Twin Peaks Manager interviews. Hired Lake Cascade State Park Manager, Zach Grogan.



Zoom in, there's bighorn sheep

- Met with Lemhi County Commissioners in Salmon. Discussed plans for Twin Peaks Ranch State Park and the connectivity with Salmon via existing USFS OHV routes. They expressed strong support for the park and our operations plan. Introduced Ryan Buffington and Zach Grogan as well.
- Met with ITD at Twin Peaks Ranch State Park to discuss improvements for ingress and egress for vehicles pulling trailers off Highway 93. ITD agreed to work with us on a solution to the approach to the bridge over the Salmon River coming from both north and south.

- Participated in East Region Meeting held at Twin Peaks Ranch State Park. It was well attended by staff and we recognized employees for outstanding achievements during the year at dinner.

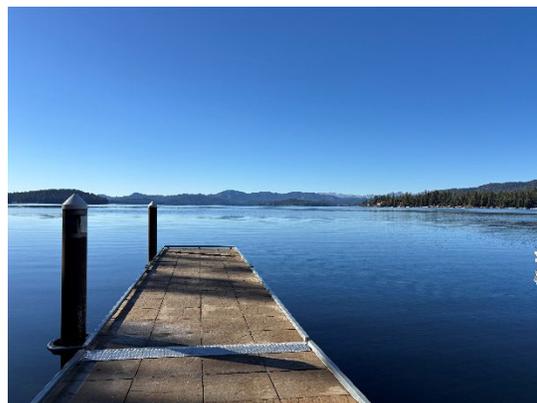


People collaborating at the East Region meeting

- Travelled to northern Idaho with Susan to attend the America 250 US Navy Event at Farragut and the evening presentation in Sandpoint. Attended the historic highway marker kickoff ceremony at Farragut with the Idaho Historical Society and the Idaho Chamber of Commerce. We also visited Round Lake State Park, got to see the progress on the tree houses, and visited Priest Lake State Park.



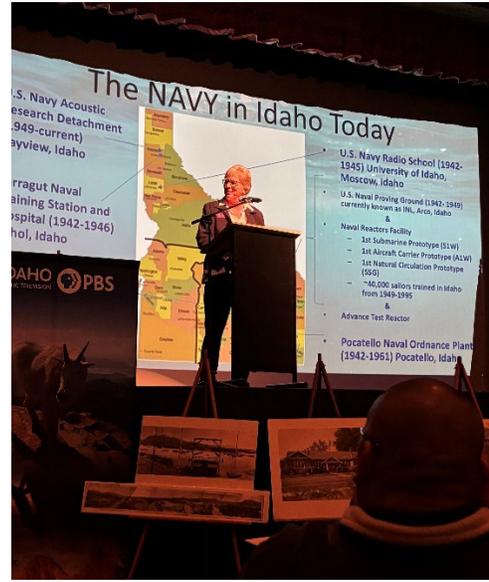
Treehouses look awesome at Round Lake



Beautiful view from Lionhead at Priest Lake



Director Buxton and ISHS Director Janet Gallimore at the Farragut historical highway marker



Director Buxton presenting at the America250 Navy Event in Sandpoint

- Conducted interviews for training Public Information Officer position. The panel agreed to move Will Armbruster forward who was ultimately hired by Director Buxton.
- Travelled to Lewiston for combined North and South Region meeting. Spoke to staff about the achievements we've made in the last five years with funding and current staffing levels. Awards given for years of service and other annual achievements.
- Met with Idaho Shakespeare Festival and Riverstone International school to discuss their planned expansion and how it could impact our headquarters office.
- Met with Senator Cindy Carlson to discuss our Recreation Bureau programs and discuss trail work we are conducting near Riggins. Senator Carlson was interested since the trail is adjacent to her property.
- Attended my first University of Idaho Policy Analysis Group meeting in Boise at the U of I annex. I was recently invited to serve on a panel representing our agency. The group consists of other natural resource agency representatives, both state and federal, and some private non-profit organizations. The group was created by the Idaho Legislature in 1989 as a way for the U of I to respond quickly to requests for information and analysis about current natural resource issues.
- Conducted Lake Cascade State Park Manager interviews to backfill Zach Grogan's vacancy. Hired Dalton Crane, previously the assistant manager at Lake Cascade.
- Conducted Eagle Island State Park Manager interviews to fill Johannes Giessen's vacancy. Hired Andrew Salzano, previously the assistant manager at Eagle Island.
- Attended monthly Army Corps of Engineers project update meetings.
- Met with Girl Scouts of Silver Sage to discuss the current contract IDPR has for the camp at Pilgrim Cove in Ponderosa State Park. We are analyzing the concession fees being charged for that facility in anticipation of renewing the contract.
- Participate in monthly region park manager meetings.
- Regular meetings with Recreation Bureau Chief and staff.

RECREATION RESOURCES BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

Boating Program

For the **October-December 2025** 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 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 **October-December 2025** quarterly reporting period, these were among the activities of the Non-Motorized Trail Program:

- Worked with the Development Bureau to plan and implement construction of the new Petersen Yurt – open to the public as of December 2025



- Hosted volunteer wood splitting day at Petersen Yurt
- Maintained the Idaho City Backcountry Yurts and surrounding trail system, including removing hundreds of trees after the December windstorms



- Replaced missing or damaged trail blazes on Idaho City Yurt trail system
- Partnered with a class at Boise State University to design interpretive signage for the Idaho City Yurts
- Developed and printed new brochures for the Idaho City Yurts and statewide Park N' Ski Program

- Participated in Highway 21, Boise Forest Coalition, and Greater Boise Recreationalists Collaborative meetings
- Managed and audited the non-motorized trails layer of the Idaho Trails Map to ensure we are providing the most 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
- Worked to have a more active presence on social media to share Idaho’s beautiful trails, volunteer opportunities, and updates about the Idaho City Yurts

Motorized Trails Program

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

OHV Education Program:

- Attended NOHVCC convention Bend, OR and the Idaho Snow Show in Nampa
- Attended various Snowmobile Club meetings and the Magic Valley Snowmobile Grass Drags, this event had over 175 entries and 500 visitors
- Enhancement progress for the OHV Law Enforcement Repository
- 18 Snowmobile Avalanche Awareness safety classes held
- 292 Avalanche Awareness students trained
- 1 Avalanche Awareness Safety Events Held
- 125 Avalanche Awareness Safety Event Participants
- 8,000 Snowmobiling in Idaho booklets distributed
- Updated OHV Law Enforcement Quick Reference Guide
- 15,164 Idaho Snowmobile Program Facebook post views (up 47%)
- 138 Idaho Snowmobile Program Facebook interactions (up 55%)
- 1,794 Idaho UTV/ATV/Motorbike Program Facebook post views (down 95%)
- 28 Idaho UTV/ATV/Motorbike Program Facebook interactions (down 99%)

Trail Ranger Program

- Mid-October was the ending point for all regional seasonal Trail Rangers. We did have one injury in the South Region resulting in the loss of a full crew for most of the season with some hitches filled in with SR Trail Specialist.

Trails Specialist Reports by Region:

East

- Attending planning meetings with SCNF Leadership on large scale fishery and trail projects. Field work begins in 2026.
- Attending a meeting with property owners and SNRA on building new access trail and a bridge across West Pass Creek. SNRA will complete NEPA end or February 2026, owners will buy the bridge, IDPR will handle trail re-route and bridge construction. This is part two of building a trail through the West Pass Creek Ranch that IDPR has already completed. Implementation of new trail and bridge planned before August 15th, 2026.
- Attend field trips with BLM management as well as SCNF to establish plans for completing a route from Twin Peaks Ranch to federal public ground access.
- Attend planning meeting with admin from IDPR managing Twin Peaks Ranch. Planned location of new parking lot and new trail out of the parking lot though ranch to BLM Access. Most of this winter has been spent on this endeavor. We had the first volunteer weekend building fence around the new parking lot when it was complete. Location for a new vault toilet has been mapped, and a loading/unloading ramp was built.
- 10 Trail Ranger shifts completed, shift total statistics:

MILES CLEARED	NUMBER DOWNFALL	TREAD WORK (FT)	WATER BARS	BRUSH WORK (FT)	ATV (MI)	MB (MI)
1127	2541	0	77	87,981	257.30	870.10

South

- Assisted organizing volunteer efforts with Treasure Valley Trail Machine Association to re-establish portions of the William Poge Trail on the Boise National Forest. Efforts consisted of heavy trail tread work and is approximately 90% complete with plans to finish spring of 26.
- Worked with single trail ranger on re-establishing trails on the Payette National Forest, McCall RD specifically the Broken Leg trail that has been closed for many years administratively with efforts to have added back to a system motorized trail. This will make a looping opportunity when decision is implemented to restore back to motorized use.
- Started working with SR grooming programs and attending county grooming program meetings.
- Trail Ranger Shifts: Competed 3, 8 Day shifts this season (one injured TR early season left crew partner assisting other programs).

MILES CLEARED	NUMBER DOWNFALL	TREAD WORK (FT)	WATER BARS	BRUSH WORK (FT)	ATV (MI)	MB (MI)
70.6	1370	90	52	4130		70.6

North

- Have been assisting new collaborative trails working group on the Nez Pierce Clearwater NF with taking ownership of a replacement Trail Cat IDPR will dispose

of to Clearwater Co. This equipment will be used by the Trails group in conjunction with the county to perform maintenance on Nez-Clearwater NF.

- Attending County grooming program board meetings in the North Region.
- Working with North Region Forest Service on projects slated for summer of 2026, assisting grant applications and scheduling IDPR trail crews.
- Working with north Idaho clubs and Idaho Dept of Lands on proposal for OHV trail development on IDL managed parcels.
- 10 Trail Ranger shifts completed, Shift total statistics:

MILES CLEARED	NUMBER DOWNFALL	TREAD WORK (FT)	WATER BARS	BRUSH WORK (FT)	ATV (MI)	MB (MI)
583.40	3397	1138	21	21,119	40.4	543.20

ATV Trail Ranger Crew (Statewide)

- ATV Trail Ranger Crew was left with a vacancy early season and could not complete all scheduled shifts statewide. The vacancy was filled in late September, and some progress was made completed 5 work shifts around the state.

ATV MILES CLEARED	NUMBER DOWNFALL	BRUSH WORK (FT)
64.7	391	29,510

Land Access Program

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

- Fourteen (14) meetings and field trips were attended with Forest Restoration Collaboratives, State and Federal agencies, and recreation stakeholders, including participation in the NOHVCC Conference in Bend, OR.

Policy Status Tracking, Project Analysis, and Official Comments

- For the reporting period, staff submitted formal written comments on behalf of the agency for one (1) policymaking matter, regarding a County Ordinance affecting OSV recreation (parking). No NEPA project planning processes affecting recreational access on Federal lands were open for comment during the period. Accordingly, no comments were communicated through the two “State Family” intermediaries (coordinating agencies are the Governor’s Office of Species Conservation/OSC and Office of Energy & Mineral Resources/OEMR).

- Typical of the routine and ongoing policy analysis process, a small number of minor NEPA projects, mostly Categorical Exclusions for timber harvest, were analyzed but determined not to require comment due to lack of application to recreation access.
- For the current reporting quarter, there were no new USFS or BLM Projects with recreation scope. Guidance to minimize Planning not related to timber harvest continues to curtail any NEPA planning with Travel Management components (i.e. trails, and public use of roads, timber extraction roads being the exception). Focus of USFS and BLM has been to execute existing sale-ready timber plans at increased scale and pace, then to pursue timber-only (no recreation) planning, with planning for current and future recreational needs on hold in most cases.
- 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:
 - BLM "Public Lands Rule" (Conservation as an equal Use) being considered for withdrawal may instead be amended by removing conservation leases as a tool to implement *removal of use including recreational access*.
 - We continue to seek to understand the impact of withdrawal of NEPA guidance at USDA Forest Service. The prospect of participation in formation of NEPA projects and opportunity to comment have been narrowed as have Forest Restoration Collaboratives' relevance in forming and supporting NEPA projects.
 - While the national (2001) version of USFS Roadless Rule has been withdrawn by that agency, the specialized 2008 *Idaho Roadless Rule* affecting Idaho's ability to influence management of 9.3M acres of Forest lands has been retained in effect. Current understanding is that the Executive supports IRR remaining in effect and for the Roadless Commission to continue its role in approving steps in processing NEPA Projects coinciding with Idaho Roadless Areas.
 - Monitoring is ongoing for any impact of the anticipated withdrawal of the USFS 2005 Travel Management Rule (any NEPA planning containing TM aspects continue to be on-hold without a clear policy directive from the Washington office).

Other Activities

- Assisted with Twin Peaks Ranch applications for Right of Way over BLM to establish public OHV connectivity between the new park and the extensive USFS public road and trail network.

- Participated in NPCNF Supervisor's Office staff meeting to investigate the potential to improve OHV access and improve partnered trail management activities on the three remaining Ranger Districts in the State without formal Travel Management Plans, considering the anticipated formal withdrawal of the USFS 2005 Travel Management Rule. See Mapping section for more information on analysis of current access condition.

RESERVATION & REGISTRATION (R&R) PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT
Oct – Nov – Dec '25

RESERVATION & REGISTRATION PROGRAM – SETH HOBBS

Mission

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

Registration and Permit Sales

Due to the lack of heavy snowfall in many regions in Idaho, the snowmobile sales are currently down about 30%. All other registration and permit sales are on par with previous years.

Group Events

IDPR can now make group reservations for Kokanee Cove at Ponderosa State Park, Peterson Group Camp at Farragut State Park, and Twin Peaks Ranch State Park. Individual rentals at these facilities are still being worked on.

New Inventory

R&R is working with development and the parks to bring online a number of new camping opportunities to our customers.

Round Lake Tree House Camping – May 2026
TOC Bike-in Campground – Memorial Weekend 2026
Farragut Peterson Group Campground – Memorial Weekend 2026
Mowry Group Campground – June 2026
Heyburn Chatcolet Marina – Memorial Weekend 2026
Heyburn Rocky Point Lodge – Memorial Weekend 2026
Heyburn McCabe Cabin – October 2026
Hells Gate Docks C&D – April 2026
Winchester Lake Day Use areas – June 2026
Ponderosa Kokanee Cove – May 2026
Lucky Peak Yurt – December 2025
Bear Lake Sage Springs Campground – March 2026
Harriman Ranch Office – February 2026
Scovel Center Winter Use – Thanksgiving 2025
Henrys Lake CG Damsel Loop – November 2026
Twin Peaks Ranch – July 1, 2026

Promotional Codes

Work has been complete on incorporating promotional codes into our reservation system. Working with our communications team, R&R will begin offering promo codes on underutilized sites throughout the state to lower camping costs and increase occupancy.

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.

Group Camp Lottery

During the month of December 2025, IDPR held a lottery for three group camp sites for the 2026 season. These sites were Lionhead Group camp at Priest Lake State Park and Group Camp 100 and 101 at Bear Lakes State Park. This was done to give customers a fair chance of obtaining a reservation during our peak season at our most popular group camps.

**SOUTH REGION QUARTERLY REPORT
OCT – NOV – DEC 2025**

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

GOALS:

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

SOUTH REGION SERVICE CENTER – JOHANNES GIESSEN, SOUTH REGION BUREAU CHIEF

- A joint South and North Region meeting was held in November in Lewiston. This allowed two regions to be brought together for the first time in years, strengthening employee morale.
- Johannes Giessen was promoted from Eagle Island State Park Manager to South Region Manager at the end of October, filling a four-month vacancy.
- In December, Andrew Salzano was promoted to park manager at Eagle Island and Dalton Crane was promoted to park manager at Cascade. This was a result of the abovementioned promotion and the relocation of Zach Grogan to Twin Peaks Ranch.
- The last quarter of 2025 also marked the inaugural use of the SaniStar waste disposal system in our parks with RV dump stations. The launch happened with some complaints, yet relatively smoothly. However, it needs to be noted that this is after our peak camping season.
- Ranger Roundup occurred at Three Island in October. Here, rangers were given the opportunity to learn new skills from each other. This is a ranger organizer and led initiative.
- Most South Region Parks' camping season came to an end this quarter, shifting to reduced camping and winter operations.
- Warmer temperatures have hampered some of our regular winter operations. Ski trail grooming was unable to occur at Ponderosa State Park throughout December. Ice fishing opportunities were not existent at Cascade, which tends to drive visitation during this time of the year. The snow tubing concession at Eagle Island was also off to a slow start due to their inability to make snow during warmer temperatures.

BRUNEAU DUNES – BRYCE BEALBA, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Issues persist with same-day reservations, including inability to book, use of reserved sites, and delayed payment.
- Most picnic shelters in the Broken Wheel campground were stained along with the dog park and day use fences.
- Staff focused on maintenance and repair issues deferred from summer.
- The park received 19 disc golf baskets from Eagle Island and are designing a course.
- The volunteer host site power issue was repaired this month.
- Park staff is working through the permit process for a large science-based school camp to be held next summer in conjunction with Gingrich farms and several local schools.

Park/Program Usage

- Car counter numbers were 2,793 in October, 7,344 in November which may be attributed to a car counter malfunction as this number is unusually high, and 998 in December.
- The visitor center had 1243 visitors in October, 884 in November, and 227 in December.

- The park had 227 sandboard rentals in October, 180 in November, and 26 in December.
- Sandboarding and the observatory remain the two biggest draws this quarter.
- Winter Observatory program reservations are popular.
- Visitation was higher than expected due to warmer than average temperatures.

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

- Observatory staff attended Space Point at the Boise Jump Center where they were invited to give telescope programs by the event coordinator.
- The BSU internship program has been a success, and numerous schools have sent volunteers.
- The park transitioned from summer to winter observatory programs in October and have dedicated public nights with 1 day a week set aside for school STEM programs.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	17	1,031
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site	1	

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- New access has been created around the Small Lake and park staff have made significant improvements to the boat ramp area.
- The river pump that fills both lakes is failing and funding to rebuild is being secured.
- 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 removed dead and hazard trees from the campgrounds.
- Southern District Health is requiring the proposed observatory septic system be engineered.
- Staff have been manually pulling weeds at Eagle Cove and Equestrian campgrounds.
- A new irrigation system has been added to the visitor center island to plant shade trees for the parking lot.

Staff Training

- First aid training for all employees was completed in October with Ranger Myrick completing his instructor training.
- 3 staff members attended the region meeting in Lewiston in November.
- Rangers Normand and Tremmel completed their Herbicide Applicator License certification with Ranger Normand also completing his Aquatic Herbicide certification.

Manager's Narrative

- Public interest and support for a music-in-the park series at the observatory amphitheater continued to grow.

- 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 and does not satisfy the need.

EAGLE ISLAND – ANDREW SALZANO, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The State Street entrance was closed at various times throughout this quarter.
- Visitors had snow tubing reservations in November; however, Gateway Parks did not open their concession until the first week of December.
- Campground reservations slowed in November and December but the campground seemed to have positive public perception.
- Visitors have been using the new pond for fishing and even paddleboarding.
- Rangers approached many photographers with paying clients to obtain proper film permitting as well as balloonists to update expired balloon permits and to obtain special use permits.
- Visitors enjoyed the new parking lot in the field south of the main lot after it was widened and repaved as well as the road to the horse trailer lot and trailhead being reopened. There were still visitors who parked outside of designated areas despite signage.

Park/Program Usage

- Park visitation for October was up 17% compared to October of 2024, down 40% compared to November of 2024, and down 24% compared to December of 2024. October’s data may be skewed by construction traffic and the warm weather restricting the snow hill operation reflects the decrease in November and December.
- Traffic count was 10,634 in October, 6,463 in November, and 8,533 in December.
- Visitation this quarter consisted largely of photographers with their clients, runners training for indoor track season, horseback riders, disc golfers, and dog walkers.
- Gateway hosted the Bauscher Real Estate company and an event for football players in town for the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. Both events brought out food trucks and games.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	4	245
Special Use Permit	3	20
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Ranger DeHoff and Ranger Bailey held two interpretive events for school kids.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education	2	70
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The Ada County Noxious Weed Control sprayed in the park in October.
- Trees were cut down for the widening of the entrance road and repaving of the parking lot and windstorms caused more to fall over. New trees will be planted.
- The hay concessionaire harvested the fields in October.
- Crews are still finishing the new RV sites behind the ranger housing. Idaho Power upgraded the electric panel on the road near the house in order to service those sites.
- Knife River continued to work on the campground landscaping all month.
- Beavers chewed up a prominent pond-side tree in the recreation area and preventative measures have been taken.
- The two new RV sites by the ranger housing were finished.
- New graffiti was observed on the back of the historic dormitory and slaughterhouse.

Staff Training

- Rangers attended annual Raner Roundup in October at Three Island Crossing; they were trained on welding, sawmill cutting, Rainbird sprinkler repair, first aid, CPR, and AED protocols.
- One park ranger took the free Leave No Trace training.

Manager's Narrative

- Manager Giessen stepped into the South Region Bureau Chief position in October and Assistant Manager Salzano was hired to be the park manager.
- The logistics surrounding the parking lot construction project provided the largest challenge to regular park operations, but park staff has been doing their diligence in reporting and communicating issues with the development team.
- There have been several campers that needed to be reminded of the 15-day limit per stay.
- Park staff have closed the south loop of the campground for the winter in November. Park staff worked with reservations team to ensure no bookings can be made until spring of 2026.
- Park staff have bi-weekly meetings with the Gateway staff to keep communication up and their evening crew has called law enforcement when witnessing disturbances in the campground.

LAKE CASCADE – DALTON CRANE, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Park visitation during this quarter decreased with each following month as the start of winter produced minimal snowfall.
- In October, there was still a cyanobacterial bloom in the lake leading to staff putting out warning signs and information in the visitor center. The bloom was cleared in November, and visitation to the park seemed to have minimum impact.
- Ongoing work and construction for the Poison Creek Marina has continued through this quarter as weather allows it with a completion date aiming for May 2026.
- Campgrounds were winterized in October with specific areas open to winter camping.
- Sugarloaf docks have been removed for the season.

Park/Program Usage

- With only a few campgrounds left open, campground usage was reduced. However, each campground left open continued to have some usage throughout the winter season.
- In October, a group use permit was given out for a family dinner that held about 60 people.
- In October, there was a special use permit issued for the annual Rambler Run, a high school cross-country event that brought in about 150 people.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	60
Special Use Permit	1	150
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event.

- Assistant Manager Katchmar is currently working with IDFG’s program, Trout in the Classroom (TIC).

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	1	150

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Park staff continued trimming trees in campgrounds as they closed to reduce the workload in the spring prior to their re-opening.
- Manager Crane went through trees in the park with Natural Resource Manager Jones to identify hazardous dying trees in Ridgeview and Crown Point.
- Natural Resource Manager Jones ordered Ponderosa, Larch, and Aspen trees for Cascade to plant in the spring.

Staff Training

- Two rangers attended the South Region Ranger Roundup.
- Assistant Manager Katchmar attended a First Aid/CPR Instructor course, qualifying her to teach the park other employees First Aid/CPR.

Manager’s Narrative

- There were a variety of meetings participated in this quarter including the Waterways Meetings, Tamarack Marina Meetings, County Waterways, North/ South Region Meeting, and a meeting with IDFG about winter access.
- The park staff is looking forward to the development of new employee housing that will commence in 2026.
- Despite the beginning of the winter season having limited visitation due to the lack of snowfall, it provided ample time to work on hazard trees and vehicle maintenance throughout the park.
- Interviews were conducted for the Assistant Manager position following Manager Dalton Crane’s Promotion. Jacqueline Katchmar was promoted from ranger to assistant manager. Her first day will be 1/4/2026.
- With Katchmar’s promotion, the park will have a new park ranger job opening, with the hopes of hiring someone in February 2026.

LUCKY PEAK – SURAT NICOL, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Restroom facilities shut down and porta potties installed for the winter.

- Sandy Point operating hours reduced due to shorter days.
- Ranger Barney repainted the bathrooms.

Park/Program Usage

- Attendance dropping at Sandy Point and Discovery due to school.
- The park saw an increase in birdwatchers in all units.
- Continued warm weather has increased day use activities.
- Sandy Point hosted two environmental field classes through the Boise Watershed Project and two cyclocross events.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	2	160
Special Use Permit	4	700
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Administrative Assistant Radar and Assistant Manager Sabin held fall wreath building workshops at Spring Shores using natural materials gathered on park property.
- Assistant Manager Sabin conducted an interpretation program on bats at Riverstone International School.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	5	58
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education	2	50
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site	1	15

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Staff continued to repurpose natural material around the park.

Staff Training

- Two rangers attended Ranger Roundup at Three Island Crossing.
- Park staff attended North/South Region Meeting.
- Administrative Assistant Radar completed Getting Things Done Workshop.

Manager's Narrative

- Manager Nicol attended Basin School District Community Leaders Brunch, Race to Robie Creek committee meetings, and a career fair in Idaho City.
- Discovery hosted a memorial service for Representative Sue Chew. A memorial tree, plaque and bench were dedicated and approximately 40 people attended. T
- Staff have been busy organizing the shop and concession building to get ready for the upcoming season, preparing moorage contacts, and contacting concession suppliers.

PONDEROSA – MATT LINDE, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The park’s entrance station was not staffed from October through December.
- The visitor center remained open with shortened hours through the majority of October and November, but only 15 days during December.
- One seasonal office staff left in Mid-October, but the park still has 2 seasonal staff working part-time in addition to the full-time administrative assistant.

Park/Program Usage

- Roots Preschool made up for most of the park’s usage in this quarter. Other notable usage was a wedding in October, fishermen at the boat ramp, and local groups enjoying the park.
- Due to the lack of snow and large amounts of rain, there was little usage by the Nordic community.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	60
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit	1	251
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Like the general park usage, Roots Preschool made up for most the interpretive programming hosted within the park.
- Other programs included a TVCC class that Ranger Grant contributed a short interpretive talk to and the North Pole trek event.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	2	41
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	6	20
School Programming	136	1403
Special Events	2	305
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Natural Resource Manager Jones got permission to do some tree thinning in the Water Tower 2 Unit with IDL monies. The status of this project includes working on the necessary contract this winter and having it in place for the 2026 season.

Staff Training

- Two rangers attended First aid/CPR class.

Manager’s Narrative

- The Kokanee Cove project is still under development as the park is doing the necessary work to get an opening date established.
- December was a very mild and wet month with very little snowfall (about three inches in total).
- Snow equipment is running good and park staff will be writing a grant for track setters for the groomer.

THOUSAND SPRINGS – DAVID LANDRUM, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The park had steady visitation in all park units with Box Canyon visitation continuing to climb.
- The Rock House, Yellow House, and Pink House on Ritter Island remain hot spots for visitation until the colder weather in December.
- The visitor center averaged 62 visitors a day in October, 38 visitors in November, and 18 visitors in December.
- The visitor center was open 5 days a week in October and moved to 3 days a week from November to December.

Park/Program Usage

- Day use in the park’s units was steady throughout the quarter, with park visitors continuing to participate in a variety of recreational activities (e.g. hiking, biking, and horseback riding).
- Visitation at the Billingsley Creek Visitor Center was slightly slower than the previous two years in October and December. However, there was a slight uptick of 125 more visitors in November compared to November 2024.
- The Billingsley Creek campground was open for the 1st full summer and was nearly booked every weekend from Memorial Day through October. The number of campers present decreased in November and December due to cold weather.
- Castleford High School held a multi-school cross country run at Ritter Island with great attendance.

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- The park had 18 Jr. Ranger programs.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	18	62
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The Visitor Center at Billingsley Creek has been open for over 3 years with temporary interpretive exhibits. The park is working with the NPS and NFusion for the schematic design for the visitor center. Work was temporarily delayed in October due to the federal government shutdown, but progress has begun again.

Staff Training

- Park staff attended the Ranger Roundup held at Three Island Crossing in October.
- Park staff attended the regional meeting in Lewiston in November.

- Park staff participated in weekly meetings.

Manager’s Narrative

- During October, the Billingsley Creek Visitor Center was affected by the federal government shutdown due to shortage of staffing help from the partnership with the NPS.
- Park staff participated in a community event by entering a float in the Hagerman Christmas parade.

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 303 days in all of 2025.
- The Oregon Trail History & Education Center served 1,366 visitors during this quarter totaling 12,205 for the entire calendar year.

Park/Program Usage

- Visitors to the history center came from all over the country and beyond, with international visitors from New Zealand, Canada, Japan, Germany, and Italy.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	4	244
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Ranger Redd and Intern Alfredson hosted an astronomy program on October 17th-18th.
- The park hosted the South Region Ranger Roundup in the Crossing Conference room.
- Heyburn Elementary visited the Oregon Trail History & Education Center.
- A group use permit was issued for the Gem State Disc Golf Tournament on November 8th.
- A ranger attended STEM Literacy Night at the Mountain Home Library and presented on bats.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	2	112
Special Events	3	68
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- None

Staff Training

- The Ranger Roundup included 1st aid CPR/First Aide certifications for two rangers.
- Two rangers completed their online training for HIS Instructor Development Course IDC.

- Ranger Redd attended a webinar for credit towards his pesticide license renewal.
- In November, park staff attended the North/South Region meeting in Lewiston, ID.

Manager's Narrative

- Ranger Roundup was held at the park this year on October 15 – 16. There were 18 park rangers in attendance for the 2-day event.
- Park staff winterized the irrigation system in October, winterized the park facilities, and closed the gate to the trailside loop in the beginning of November.
- KTVB interviewed Ranger Fossen for a story about the Oregon Trail in October.
- The new South Region Manager, Johannes Giessen, visited the park for the first time. He took a tour to inspect firsthand park requests.

SOUTH REGION MAINTENANCE CREW – CHRISTOPHER RE, FOREMAN

Ponderosa State Park

- Transported heavy equipment to the park for projects.
- Pulled 30 tree stumps and graded the new parking area by Kokanee Cove.
- Placed new culvert for entrance into the parking lot, the entrance was completed in November.

Lake Cascade State Park

- Began removing docks at Sugar Loaf but postponed the project until proper equipment can be used.
- Removed both north and south docks from the Van Wyck and Blue Heron boat launches.

Eagle Island State Park

- Worked on the area around the barn, burn piles, and hay bales.
- Moved larger piles of rocks from equestrian area to new area.
- Added gravel to the transition of new asphalt to gravel road from the warden's house to the slaughterhouse.
- Added dirt, graded, and put crown on the trail.
- Started the maintenance project of clearing out the organics in the channel on the park property.
- Cleared the irrigation channel in that area.

South Region Crew

- Completed minor maintenance on heavy equipment.
- The south region utility craftsman position remained vacant after multiple hiring processes.