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AGENDA Thursday, July 6, 2023 10:00 A.M. (MST)

9:00 A.M (PTD)

Thursday, July 6, 2023

Periodic breaks will be taken during the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman

- 10:00 A.M. (MST) 9:00 A.M. (PTD) Call to Order Chairman Beckley
 - o Roll Call
 - Welcome and Introductions Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton
- Consent Agenda Action Item
 - Approval of Minutes
 - May 4, 2023 Minutes
 - June 12, 2023 Minutes
- Legislative Ideas Director Buxton Action Item
- ADJOURN

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Quarterly Board Meeting May 3-4, 2023 Living Waters Ranch 3599 Garden Creek Rd Challis, ID 83226

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MINUTES

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

CHALLIS HOT SPRINGS REDEDICATION, LUNCH AND TOUR OF BAYHORSE AND LAND OF THE YANKEE FORK VISITOR CENTER

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 PM MAY 3, 2023, AFTER THE TOUR. NO BUSINESS NOR DELIBERATION ON ANY PENDING MATTER OCCURRED DURING THE CEREMONY OR TOUR.

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Call to Order - Chairman Beckley called the meeting to order and requested a roll call.

- Chairman Beckley Present
- Board Member Cooke Present
- Board Member Fatkin Present
- Board Member Manning Absent
- Board Member Roach Present
- o Board Member Roady Present

Also present during all or portions of the meeting either in person or on the phone were the following individuals:

Susan Buxton, Director Troy Elmore, Operations Division Administrator Adam Zaragoza, Management Services Administrator Melanie Schuster, Interim Bureau Chief/Sr. Project Manager Kathy Muir, Grant Manager Tami Iasonides, Management Assistant Craig Quintana, Public Information Officer Debbie Hoopes, Human Resources Officer Joy Vega, Deputy Attorney General Erik Ryan, Design Professional Keith Jones, Natural Resources Manager Theresa Perry, South Region Bureau Chief Seth Hobbs, Registration & Reservation Program Manager Steve Martin, Financial Officer John Seely, Park Manager Wallace Keck, Region Bureau Chief Shelly Smith Alyssa Alves, Administrative Assistant Chris Zajchowski, Assistant Professor/Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Ecology U of I Kellie Joyce, Grants/Contracts Officer Sandra Mitchell Kent Bateman Krissy Veseth, Division of Financial Management Lisa Herriot, Division of Financial Management Paxti Larrocea-Phillips, Idaho Cattle Association

Welcome and Introductions / Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton

Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked staff and the Hammond Family for all the hard work that went into the Challis Hot Springs Rededication and also thanked Living Waters Ranch for their accommodations and hospitality.

Additions or Deletions to the Printed Agenda

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or deletions to the printed agenda. Director Buxton suggested that for the sake of time, we move the program reports to a June meeting in order to allow Managers to go over them with the Board and answer any questions they may have. The Director reminded the Board that the reports are already in the Board book they received and available online.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes February 8, 2023, March 13, 2023, and April 6, 2023

Mr. Fatkin moved to approve the minutes as written with the addition of the location of the new Park Manager (Harriman) in the April 6, 2023 minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report & Legislative Update

Director Buxton reported on the following topics:

• 2023 Legislative Session

IDPR had several legislative matters this session. Our Legislative bills were passed after a successful session. Many thanks to the Governor's office, Legislators, stakeholder friends, the Board and IDPR Staff. Bear Lake and surplus funds bill signings with the Governor took place in April.

- Travel and Field Visits
 - Director Buxton attended RMSPEC with staff in Newport, OR, April 17-21, 2023.
 - Took Division of Human Resources staff to tour Bruneau Dunes State Park, Thousand Springs State Park and Ritter Island on April 14, 2023.
- Leases
 - Currently working with the Idaho Department of Lands on leases and will provide more detailed information in the June meeting. Working on how to monetize recreation on Endowment Lands, especially these located in close proximity to Idaho State Parks where the public is already accessing & recreating.

Grant Approvals - Kathy Muir

Ms. Muir provided an overview of the Grant program and requested approval on the following grant applications:

• Recreation Vehicle Fund

Mr. Roach moved to approve the priority ranking list which will be used to fund projects in the ranked order for any project scoring above 50. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. Motion carried unanimously.

• Waterways Improvement Fund

Mr. Fatkin moved to approve the Waterways Improvement Fund grant application as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roady. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

• Cutthroat Plate Fund

Mr. Roady moved to not approve the project on the list as we will fund in RTP. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

• Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund

Mr. Roach moved to approve the Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund priority-ranking list, which will be used to fund projects in the ranked order. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fatkin. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

• Recreational Trails Program

Mr. Cooke moved to approve the Recreation Trails Program priority-ranking list, which will be used to fund projects in the ranked order. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roady. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

• Mountain Bike Plate Fund

Mr. Fatkin moved to approve the Mountain Bike Plate Fund grant application as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roady. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

• Recreational Road & Bridge Fund

Mr. Cooke moved to approve the Recreational Road & Bridge Fund grant application as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

• Land & Water Conservation Fund

Mr. Cooke moved to approve the Land & Water Conservation Fund priority-ranking list with the committee recommendation to pass over the City of Pocatello's Centennial Park proposal. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fatkin. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FY 2025 Draft Budget - Steve Martin – Information Only

Mr. Martin provided information on the FY 2025 budget. Chairman Beckley suggested that the budget overview and discussion be tabled for now and asked Mr. Martin to provide fund-specific details of the budget in the June meeting. In June there will be a discussion to prepare for August budget approval. Mr. Martin offered to meet with Board members on an individual basis in order to provide them with all the information they need in order to make the best decision for IDPR.

<u>CIP Priority Discussion - Adam Zaragoza, Melanie Schuster – Information Only</u>

Mr. Zaragoza provided a brief background on CIP prioritization and stated that it is an all-agency effort. Ms. Schuster provided a list of priorities and the logic behind the list. Ms. Schuster met with all Park Managers to discuss their deferred maintenance needs and requested their first priorities and must haves. Projects have been packaged in order to make it easier for contractors to manage. Ms. Schuster also provided an update on the recent bid for Eagle Island State Park's campground. The contractors are anxious to start on the project as soon as possible.

Ashton-Tetonia Trail Visitor Center - Adam Zaragoza – Action Item

Mr. Zaragoza provided background on the Ashton-Tetonia Trail Visitor Center, Lease Agreement and asked the Board to authorize the Director to sign a Lease Agreement with the option to purchase. Mr. Zaragoza made it known that the lease agreement does not obligate us to purchase, only allowing that option for a future Board decision.

Mr. Roach moved to authorize the Director to sign the Lease Agreement with Option to Purchase for the Ashton Visitor Center, and to authorize staff to continue due diligence on the possible purchase of the real property, including incurring certain related costs. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roady. The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion.

- Chairman Beckley Yes
- Board Member Cooke Yes
- Board Member Fatkin Yes
- Board Member Roach Yes
- Board Member Roady Yes

Motion carried.

Quitclaim Deed from Idaho State Building Authority/Billingsly Creek - Adam Zaragoza – Action Item Mr. Zaragoza provided background information on the Quitclaim Deed regarding the Billingsley Creek Unit of Thousand Springs State Park and recommended that the Board accept the property upon receipt of a signed quitclaim deed.

Mr. Roach moved to accept the property upon a signed quitclaim deed acceptable to IDPR. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roady. The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion.

- Chairman Beckley Yes
- Board Member Cooke Yes
- Board Member Fatkin Yes
- Board Member Roach Yes
- Board Member Roady Yes

Motion carried.

Policy 8030 and 7080 Revisions - Adam Zaragoza – Action Item

Mr. Zaragoza provided information on the revisions to Policies 8030 (Park Naming Conventions) and 7080 (Sponsorship Approvals) and requested approval of the revisions.

Mr. Cooke moved to approve the revisions to policy 8030 and 7080 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fatkin. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Park/Challis Hot Springs Naming - Director Buxton - Action Item

Director Buxton recommended that the Board name Challis Hot Springs as a unit of Land of the Yankee Fork State Park.

Mr. Fatkin moved to name Challis Hot Springs as a unit of Land of the Yankee Fork State Park. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Alcohol Ban-McCall - Troy Elmore

Mr. Elmore provided background information on the interim park rule prohibiting alcohol during the July 4th holiday. IDPR will continue the interim rule for 2023, 2024 or 2025 – if determined an appropriate action by the Ponderosa Park Manager to protect the public safety, use and enjoyment of the lands administered within the Park. Each year the interim rule is applied, it will be posted for public view at least thirty days before the Fourth of July holiday.

Tamarack Alcohol TCE - Troy Elmore

Mr. Elmore provided information on the waterfront concession agreement with Tamarack Resort regarding alcohol sales.

Mr. Roach moved to approve the sale of liquor, beer, or other alcoholic beverages, subject to the special terms and conditions listed below and included in Attachment C of the Concession Agreement with Tamarack Resort. These sales would be limited from the concessionaire's food truck based within the Poison Creek Unit of Lake Cascade State Park. Special contract provisions will be:

(a) Concessionaire must have a valid alcohol beverage license issued by the Idaho State Police that allows the handling and sale of alcohol on the premises, as dictated by the license. Concessionaire and its employees must comply with all state and local laws, rules, and ordinances regarding the handling and sale of alcohol.

(b) The sale of beverages containing more than fourteen percent (14%) alcohol is prohibited.

(c) The sale of any beverage in a glass container is prohibited.

(d) Other than discreet signage on the premises, Concessionaire shall not advertise the sale of alcoholic beverage without the prior written approval of IDPR.

(e) IDPR reserves the right to impose reasonable Park regulations on the sale or consumption of alcohol not in conflict with the rules administered by the Alcohol Beverage Control Division of Idaho State Police.

(f) The sale of alcoholic beverages may be terminated at any time by IDPR if it determines that such sale creates management problems or negatively impacts the park visitor experience.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Fatkin. The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion.

- Chairman Beckley Yes
- Board Member Cooke Yes
- Board Member Fatkin Yes
- Board Member Roach Yes
- o Board Member Roady Yes

Motion carried.

Program Reports

Chairman Beckley noted that program report presentations will be heard in a June 2023 Special Board meeting.

Old/New Business

New Business

- Chairman Beckley requested volunteers to make up a subcommittee for the Eagle Island Concession Agreement renewal. Mr. Roach volunteered. Mr. Roach and Chairman Beckley will work together on the renewal and report back to the Board.
- Director Buxton is working with other agencies on access and capacity for outdoor recreation and hopes to have some information to present to the Board in June.
- Mr. Roady was informed by Commissioners that there had been a complaint by landowners regarding the Idaho Centennial Trail and their inability to locate the trail. Mr. Roady requested a map and information so that he can get back with the Commissioners to help address the complaints.

Public Comment

• Patxi Larrocea-Phillips from the Idaho Cattle Association thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the meeting and offered to provide candidates for the multi-agency working group authorized by S1196, the IDPR's supplemental funding bill. Director Buxton thanked the association for the work in support of the bill and the department's operating budget.

Executive Session

Mr. Roady moved that the Board convene in executive session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b), (c), and (f) to, respectively, evaluate a public officer, to discuss the acquisition of real property not

owned by a public agency, and to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications or legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion.

- o Chairman Beckley Yes
- Board Member Cooke Yes
- Board Member Fatkin Yes
- Board Member Roach Yes
- Board Member Roady Yes

Motion carried, and the Board commenced the executive session at 11:29 AM.

The Board resolved out of Executive Session at 1:10 PM. No decisions were made.

Action Items from Executive Session

Mr. Roach moved to authorize Director Buxton, Joy Vega, and Adam Zaragoza to enforce the terms of the construction contract for Billingsley Creek campground. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roady. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion.

- Chairman Beckley Yes
- Board Member Cooke Yes
- Board Member Fatkin Yes
- Board Member Roach Yes
- Board Member Roady Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 PM.

Chairman Brian Beckley Idaho Park and Recreation Board Susan E. Buxton, Director Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

"To improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship" June Board Meeting June 12, 2023 IDPR Headquarters 5657 Warm Springs Ave Boise, ID 83714

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MINUTES

Monday, June 12, 2023 IDPR Headquarters

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 am, June 12, 2023.

Monday, June 12, 2023

Call to Order - Chairman Beckley called the meeting to order and requested a roll call.

- o Chairman Beckley Present
- o Board Member Cooke Present
- o Board Member Fatkin Present
- o Board Member Manning Absent
- o Board Member Roach Present
- Board Member Roady Present

Also present during all or portions of the meeting either in person or on the phone were the following individuals:

Susan Buxton, Director Troy Elmore, Operations Division Administrator Adam Zaragoza, Management Services Administrator Melanie Schuster, Interim Bureau Chief/Sr. Project Manager Kathy Muir, Grant Manager Joanna Hiller, Management Assistant Jennifer Quinno-Miller, Human Resources Officer Seth Hobbs, Registration & Reservation Program Manager Steve Martin, Financial Officer Janet Jessup, LSO Alyssa Alves, Administrative Assistant

Welcome and Introductions / Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton

Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new staff Jennifer Quinno-Miller and Joanna Hiller.

Budget - Steve Martin – Information Only

Mr. Martin provided specific details regarding the FY2025 budget that Chairman Beckley requested from the Budget meeting. Martin dove into the funds, explaining that the budget proposal is a very slight decrease from FY2024 appropriation which excludes the effects from the \$95 million extraordinary appropriation. Additional ongoing personnel and operating total approximately \$2 million. Mr. Martin explained the current cash balance projections support the proposal while preserving appropriate balances in the dedicated funds.

State Agency Collaborative Project Update - Director Buxton

Director Buxton gave a report update on the 95 million, 5 million for collaboration for other agencies. Board's approval for funds, use criteria for grant committees.

Director Update - Director Buxton

Director Buxton said we are lucky that we don't have issues with the budget and thanked Steve and his crew. Director Buxton gave JFAC dates of October 9-12 at Harriman. Director Buxton also gave update regarding City Club-Boise Public Radio

Public Comment - None

Executive Session

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

(b) "To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent or public-school student."

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

No decisions were made, and the Board commenced the executive session at 11:14 AM.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:18 AM.

Chairman Brian Beckley Idaho Park and Recreation Board Recreation Susan E. Buxton, Director Idaho Department of Parks and



Susan E. Buxton Director

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Idaho Park and Recreation Board

Brian Beckley, Chair - District 3 | Chuck Roady - District 1 | Hugh Cooke - District 2 | Mike Roach - District 4 | Amy Manning - District 5 | Louis Fatkin - District 6

UPDATED MEMO

To: IDPR Board Members

From: Susan Buxton, Director

Date: June 30, 2023

Subject: Proposed Legislative Ideas - Action Item

This memo is in preparation for the July 6, 2023, special board meeting to discuss legislative ideas with the IDPR Board. Legislative ideas are due no later than August 11, 2023, if ideas are approved by DFM and the Governor's office. At this time the only action item proposed is for the Board to approve moving forward with the First Responder Legislation.

1. First Responder Designation – Action Item– This Legislative idea has been approved by the governor's office for 2024. This legislation will designate park rangers and park managers as first responders in Idaho Statute 72-451, making them eligible to receive workers. compensation for Post Traumatic Stress Injuries (PTSI) occurred while performing their job duties. Park Rangers and Park Managers provide education and information services for park visitors; maintains park facilities and grounds areas; ensures compliance with park rules and regulations; promotes public safety; patrols the park to protect and preserve park resources from vandalism and abuse; and performs other related work. Idaho State Parks are secluded in nature and can have over a thousand patrons at each park every day. Park Rangers and Park Managers are the first responders to every incident that occurs in Idaho State Parks. While conducting their duties of public safety and compliance with park rules, they encounter theft, vandalism, drunk and disorderly patrons, domestic violence situations, suicides, and casualty recoveries. Like other first responders in Idaho, Park Rangers and Park Managers are subjected to these incidents that can cause Post Traumatic Stress Injuries. This legislation is intended to correct the omitted Park Rangers and Park Managers from the first responders list.

Enc: Draft Legislation

1 TITLE 72 2 WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND RELATED LAWS - INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION 3 CHAPTER 4 4 BENEFITS 5 6 SECTION 1. That Section 72-451, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 7 amended to read as follows: 8 9 10 72-451. PSYCHOLOGICAL ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES. [EFFECTIVE UNTIL JULY 1, 2023] (1) Psychological injuries, disorders or conditions shall not be 11 compensated under this title, unless the following conditions are met: 12 13 Such injuries of any kind or nature emanating from the workplace (a) 14 shall be compensated only if caused by accident and physical injury as defined in section 72-102(17)(a) through (17)(c), Idaho Code, or only 15 16 if accompanying an occupational disease with resultant physical injury, 17 except that a psychological mishap or event may constitute an accident 18 where: 19 (i) It results in resultant physical injury as long as the psychological mishap or event meets the other criteria of this 20 21 section; 22 (ii) It is readily recognized and identifiable as having occurred 23 in the workplace; and 24 (iii) It must be the product of a sudden and extraordinary 25 event; No compensation shall be paid for such injuries arising from 26 (b) 27 conditions generally inherent in every working situation or from a personnel-related action including, but not limited to, disciplinary 28 29 action, changes in duty, job evaluation or employment termination; 30 Such accident and injury must be the predominant cause as compared (C) to all other causes combined of any consequence for which benefits are 31 32 claimed under this section; 33 Where psychological causes or injuries are recognized by this (d) 34 section, such causes or injuries must exist in a real and objective sense; permanent impairment or permanent 35 disability for (e) Any psychological injury recognizable under the Idaho worker's compensation 36 37 law must be based on a condition sufficient to constitute a diagnosis using the terminology and criteria of the American psychiatric 38 39 association's diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, third edition revised, or any successor manual promulgated by the American 40 41 psychiatric association, and must be made by a psychologist or psychiatrist 42 duly licensed to practice in the jurisdiction in which treatment is 43 rendered; and 44 (f) Clear and convincing evidence that the psychological injuries arose 45 out of and in the course of the employment from an accident or occupational 46 disease as contemplated in this section is required. 47 Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as (2) 48 allowing compensation for psychological injuries from psychological causes without accompanying physical injury. 49 50 The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall apply to (3) 51 accidents and injuries occurring on or after July 1, 1994, and to causes of 52 action for benefits accruing on or after July 1, 1994, notwithstanding that 53 the original worker's compensation claim may have occurred prior to July 1, 54 1994.

55 Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, post-traumatic (4)

56 stress injury suffered by a first responder is a compensable injury or 57 occupational disease when the following conditions are met:

(a) The first responder is examined and subsequently diagnosed with post traumatic stress injury by a psychologist, a psychiatrist duly licensed
to practice in the jurisdiction where treatment is rendered, or a
counselor trained in post-traumatic stress injury; and

62 (b) Clear and convincing evidence indicates that the post-traumatic 63 stress injury was caused by an event or events arising out of and in 64 the course of the first responder's employment.

65 (5) No compensation shall be paid for such injuries described in 66 subsection (2) of this section arising from a personnel-related action 67 including, but not limited to, disciplinary action, changes in duty, job 68 evaluation, or employment termination.

69 As used in subsection (4) of this section: (6) "Post-traumatic stress injury" means a disorder that meets the 70 (a) 71 diagnostic criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder or post- traumatic 72 stress injury specified by the American psychiatric association's 73 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, fifth edition 74 revised, or any successor manual promulgated by the American psychiatric 75 association.

76 (b) "First responder" means:

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- (i) A peace officer as defined in section <u>19-5101</u>(d), Idaho Code, when employed by a city, county, or the Idaho state police;
- 79(ii)A firefighter as defined in section 59-1302(16), Idaho Code;80(iii)A volunteer emergency responder as defined in section 72-
 - 81 <u>102</u>(31), Idaho Code;
 - (iv) An emergency medical service provider, or EMS provider, certified by the department of health and welfare pursuant to sections 56-1011 through 56-1018B, Idaho Code, and an ambulance- based clinician as defined in the rules governing emergency medical services as adopted by the department of health and welfare; and
 - (v) An emergency communications officer as defined in section $\underline{19-5101}(f)$, Idaho Code-; and
 - (vi) <u>A park ranger or park manager as defined in section 67-4222(c)(i), Idaho Code, and section 67-4222(c)(ii), Idaho Code, respectively.</u>

92 (7) Subsections (4) through (6) of this section are effective for first 93 responders with dates of injury or manifestations of occupational disease on 94 or after July 1, 2019.

95TITLE 6796STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE97AFFAIRS CHAPTER 4298STATE PARKS99SECTION 2. That Section 67-4222, Idaho Code, be, and the same100is hereby amended to read as follows:101

102 67-4222. POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD - APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR -103 EMPLOYEES - MERIT SYSTEM - SALARIES. (a) The park and recreation 104 board shall administer, conduct and supervise the department of parks 105 and recreation and shall have the powers and privileges of a 106 corporation, including the right to sue and be sued in its own name.

107 (b) The board shall appoint a director to serve at its 108 discretion. When appointed, the director shall be an ex officio member 109 of the board and its secretary and administrative officer. He shall be bonded as required by the board and shall perform such duties as are in this act presented and as are delegated by the board. The director shall be selected upon the basis of executive ability, experience and training in park and recreational matters.

114 (C) The board shall authorize the employment of whatever staff 115 it deems necessary for sound and economical administration of the 116 department. The board shall adopt a merit system for all employees 117 of the department. The director shall hire said persons who shall hold 118 their respective positions subject to the rules of the merit system of 119 the department. If a merit system is adopted for state employees, then 120 the employees of the department shall be subject to the rules of such 121 state merit system. The salaries and compensation of all persons 122 employed by the department shall be fixed by the board and as otherwise 123 provided by law.

(i) "Park Ranger" means a person who provides education and information services for park visitors; maintains park facilities and grounds areas; ensures compliance with park rules and regulations; promotes public safety; responds to emergencies; patrols the park to protect and preserve park visitors and resources from damage, vandalism, and abuse; and performs other related work.

130 (ii) "Park Manager" means the person, or the person's 131 designee, responsible for administering and supervising particular lands, 132 facilities, visitors, and employees that are under the jurisdiction of the 133 department.