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**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting**  
**November 8-9, 2023**  
**McCall, ID 83638**

**AGENDA ITEM: Hearts of STIHL**

**ACTION REQUIRED: None Information Only**

**PRESENTER: Director, Susan Buxton**

**PRESENTATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Hearts of STIHL started in 2021. Hearts of STIHL is an expansion of STIHL’s mission to “make it easier for people to work in and with nature” and their commitment to cultivating “socially responsible environmental stewardship.” It is Inspired by America’s State Parks, the Hearts of STIHL program supports responsible forest management practices, sustainable recreation, conservation, and environmental education. Hearts of STIHL’s mission is to help those people and programs that are caring for the national treasures that are our America’s State Parks and preserve them for the enjoyment of all Americans, current and future. IDPR was the recipient of one of six \$20,000 grants. One grant per region of the U.S. is given out annually. Our grant will be used to facilitate the restoration of McCroskey State Park. Re-seed six acres of native Palouse prairie, plant 20,000 trees on 60 acres of forest that was selectively thinned after a beetle epidemic, return the area to be a Ponderosa Pine-dominant Forest, with a natural range of species variability, and the funds will be used for trail routing, signage, maintenance, and education.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Information item only. No staff recommendations.