

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION**

*“To improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship”*

**Special Board Meeting**

**April 15, 2024**

**IDPR Headquarters**

**5657 Warm Springs Avenue**

**Boise, ID 83716**

**Topic: Special Board Meeting April 15, 2024**

**Time: Apr 15, 2024 11:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85782059404?pwd=aFlnMVBnR1gvRWVkUHMvVDRrcXNiZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 857 8205 9404**

**Passcode: 732537**

**One tap mobile**

**+13462487799,,85782059404#,,,,\*732537# US (Houston)**

**+16694449171,,85782059404#,,,,\*732537# US**

**Dial by your location**

- **+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)**
- **+1 669 444 9171 US**
- **+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)**
- **+1 719 359 4580 US**
- **+1 253 205 0468 US**
- **+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)**
- **+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)**
- **+1 360 209 5623 US**
- **+1 386 347 5053 US**
- **+1 507 473 4847 US**
- **+1 564 217 2000 US**
- **+1 646 931 3860 US**
- **+1 689 278 1000 US**
- **+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)**
- **+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)**
- **+1 305 224 1968 US**
- **+1 309 205 3325 US**

**Meeting ID: 857 8205 9404**

**Passcode: 732537**

**Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdVAuGeyZi>**

## AGENDA

Monday, April 15, 2024

11:00 A.M. (MST) 10:00 A.M. (PTD)

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

- 11:00 A.M. (MST) - 10:00 A.M. (PTD) Call to Order - Chairman Beckley
  - Roll Call
  - Welcome and Introductions - Chairman Beckley
- Director's Update– **Information Item** – Director Buxton
- ORFAC Approval of Proposed Projects – **Action Item** – Director Buxton
- RMSPEC Schedule Update – **Information Item** – Director Buxton
- Board Comments
- Old/New Business
- Public Comment

This agenda is subject to change in accordance with the provisions of the Idaho Open Meeting Law. Items may be addressed in a different order than appears on this agenda. Individual items may be moved from one place on the agenda to another by the Board. Time frames designated on this agenda are approximate only. The Board will continue its business in the event that an agenda item is resolved in less than the allotted time.

\* 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."*

*(f) "To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement."*

- Executive Session\* - **Action Item**
  - (b) Personnel
  - (c) Interest in real property
  - (f) Litigation
- **ADJOURN**

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

**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting**  
**April 15, 2024**  
**Boise, ID 83716**

**AGENDA ITEM:** Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council (ORFAC)  
**ACTION REQUIRED:** Approval of Proposed Projects  
**PRESENTER:** Susan E. Buxton, Director

**PRESENTATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Executive Order 2023-03 was signed by Governor Little to establish an Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council, otherwise known as ORFAC. The purpose of the advisory council is to:

1. Advise the Governor and the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board on projects and policies that support expanded access to outdoor recreation opportunities in Idaho, and
2. Specifically, IDFG, IDPR, & IDL are tasked to work together to propose projects, manage under-utilized resources to enhance recreational access, and monetize outdoor recreation for long range sustainability EO 2023-3 51(a) & (b).

The executive order appropriated \$5 million from Senate Bill 1196 (FY2024) to IDPR's budget for inter-agency collaborative projects. Additionally, Senate Bill 1383 (FY2025) added \$5 million to ORFAC utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. ARPA funds are required to be obligated by December 31, 2024.

IDPR staff presented multiple projects to the Board on April 8, 2024 in a workshop format and provided the applications for review. Staff will be available to answer questions.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends the following grant projects be funded with associated conditions:

1. **East Fork Rock Creek:** *Proposed Capital Funding: \$1,000,000*  
Staff recommends approval of this grant, contingent upon the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) and IDPR entering into a legal agreement for recreational use on endowment land.
2. **Henrys Lake Park Expansion:** *Proposed Capital Funding: \$750,000*  
Staff recommends approval of this grant, contingent upon the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) and IDPR entering into a legal agreement for recreational use on endowment land.
3. **Horsethief Reservoir:** *Proposed Capital Funding: \$2,000,000*  
Staff recommends approval of this grant, contingent upon the Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDFG) and IDPR entering into a legal agreement for improvements on IDFG property.

4. **Idaho for All:** *Proposed Capital Funding: \$112,500*  
Staff recommends approval of this grant, contingent upon IDPR's evaluation and coordination with the Idaho for All group on which state parks these will be deployed to, and, IDPR's on-going operational needs.
  
5. **Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Campaign** *Proposed Capital Funding: \$200,000*  
Staff does not recommend approval of this grant. IDPR understands more than \$5 million was appropriated to the Department of Agriculture to address Invasive Species as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.
  
6. **Frank Church River of No Return Trail Restoration:** *Proposed Capital Funding: \$40,994*  
Staff does not recommend approval of this grant. The grant submitted is largely personnel costs and personnel costs are not part of the Executive Order.
  
7. **Cooperative Management Recreation Area Eastern Idaho Grazing Association Pilot** *Proposed Capital Funding: \$300,000*  
Staff recommends approval of this grant to support management of under utilized resources and manage recreational access.
  
8. **White Pine Heights Right of Way:** *Proposed Capital Funding: \$300,000*  
Staff recommends approval of this grant at this time. This grant application included an estimated purchase price for the trail right of way near Ponderosa State Park. It is IDPR's belief that IDL can make this easement or right of way request a condition of the sale of White Pine Heights which would alleviate the need to use surplus funds. Staff requests direction from the Board to work with IDL staff on securing this right of way.
  
9. **Boulder Lake Recreation Area:** *Proposed Capital Funding: \$250,000*  
*Staff recommends approval of this grant, contingent upon Valley County producing a new land use permit with IDL for this project, and, provides a market rent to keep the endowment whole, and, ensuring the lease/permit agreement meets the State's endowment requirements.*

SUMMARY TABLE

Project	Recommend Amount	Contingent Approved
East Fork Rock Creek		\$1,000,000
Henrys Lake Park Expansion		\$750,000
Horsethief Reservoir		\$2,000,000
Idaho for All		\$112,500
Aquatic Species Program	\$0	
Frank Church Trail	\$0	
Eastern Idaho Grazing Assoc	\$300,000	
White Pine Heights	\$300,000	
Boulder Lake Rec Area		\$250,000
Summary	\$600,000	\$4,112,500

If approved, the balance remaining is \$287,500