

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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

Quarterly Board Meeting

February 21, 2024

AGENDA

Joanna Hiller is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: February Quarterly Board Meeting

Time: Feb 21, 2024, 09:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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Wednesday 21, 2024

8:00 A.M. (PST); 9:00 A.M. (MST)

Periodic breaks and lunch will be taken during Wednesday's meeting at the discretion of the Chairman.

- 9:00 A.M. (MST) Call to Order - Chairman Beckley
 - Roll Call
 - Welcome and Introductions - Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton
 - Additions or Deletions to the Printed Agenda
- Consent Agenda – **Action Item**
 - Approval of Minutes – November 2023
 - Approval of Minutes – December 2023
- Directors Report – **Information** – Director Buxton
- Park & Ski Program – **Action** – David Claycomb
- Centennial Trail Presentation – **Information** - David Claycomb
- America 250 Update – **Information** – Director Buxton and Chelsea Chambers
- Ashton-Tetonia Trail Management – **Information** – Adam Zaragoza and Jess Brumfield
- Ashton Visitors Center – **Action** – Adam Zaragoza
- Eagle Island State Park, ROW Agreement with Veolia Water Idaho, Inc. – **Action** – Melanie Schuster
- Land & Water Conservation Fund Project Selection – Action - Melanie Schuster
- Development Project Updates – **Information** – Adam Zaragoza
- Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council Project Recommendations– **Action** – Skylar Jett, Chairman
- Outdoor Recreation Champion Award to Alex Adams – **Action** – Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton
- Program [Reports](#) / Staff will Stand for Questions
- Lou Fatkin's Retirement from IDPR Board – **Information** – Director Buxton
- Board Comments
- Old/New Business
- Public Comment

* 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

1:00 P.M. (PST); 2:00 P.M. (MST)

Tour Eagle Island

- **ADJOURN**

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.

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November 8-9, 2023

Best Western Inn

211 3rd St

McCall, ID

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:05 PM, 2023. NO BUSINESS NOR DELIBERATION ON ANY PENDING MATTER OCCURRED DURING THE TOUR.

Wednesday, November 8, 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 – Zoom
- Board Member Manning - Present
- Board Member Roach - Present
- Board Member Rody - Present

Also present or on Zoom 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, Bureau Chief/Sr. Project Manager

Kathy Muir, Grant Manager - Zoom

Joanna Hiller, Management Assistant

Craig Quintana, Public Information Officer

Jennifer Quinno-Miller, Human Resources Officer

Heidi Burks, Contracts Officer

Joy Vega, Deputy Attorney General

David White, North Regional Manager

Seth Hobbs, Registration & Reservation Program Manager - Zoom

Steve Martin, Financial Officer - Zoom

Chris Zajchowski, Assistant Professor/Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Ecology U of I - Zoom

Stephanie Page, Financial Specialist

Ryan Buffington, East Regional Manager

Matt Linde, P&R Manager 3

Theresa Perry, South Regional Manager

Blake Packer, Park Manager 3
Joel Halfhill, P&R Engineering Tech, Senior
Steve Turlington, Tamarack Resorts
Alyssa Alves, Administrative Assistant 1, Management Services
Rachel Gillan
Seth Hobbs, R&R Program Manager
Nita Moses, P&R Manager 3
Emne Tulloch
Johannes Giessen, P&R Manager
James Jacobsen
John Seely, P&R Manager 2

Welcome and Introductions / Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton

Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

- August 16, 2023
- October 2, 2023

Mr. Fatkin moved to approve the minutes for both August 16, 2023, and October 2, 2023. 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

Director Buxton explained that the fall of 2023 has seen a lot of activity and collaboration with other agencies and stakeholders from both the public and the private sectors. Director Buxton reported on the highlights of the activities:

Bear Lake County Board of County

Director Buxton reported that on September 11, 2023, Troy Elmore, Andrew Stokes and the Director met with Bear Lake County Commissioners in Paris, Idaho. They had a productive meeting discussing the operations of Bear Lake State Park, visitation, economic benefits, IDPR recreation programs for OHV, boating/marine deputy funds and boat, snowmobile funding sources. They also presented the IDFG award to Andy Stokes and the park staff for their diligent work on the deer feeding program from February – April 2023. The Director stated that the winter was very long, and deep snow was devastating the deer population in the area. Over 30 tons of feed was distributed each week during that period.

Idaho Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council (ORFAC)

Director Buxton reported that on July 26, 2023, Governor Brad Little signed the executive order and appointed the Council members. The EO designated \$5M from S1196 in IDPR's Recreation Fund for interagency collaborative projects and for projects to enhance recreation. The Council is advisory to the Governor and to the IDPR Board to develop additive outdoor recreation access and capacity in Idaho. The Director also stated that the Council held a meeting on September 15, 2023, at IDFG Headquarters. The results of a statewide recreation survey and the application for reviewing proposals for use of the ORFAC funding were discussed. Another ORFAC meeting was held October 19, 2023, at IDPR Headquarters. At the meeting, several stakeholders presented their interests in outdoor recreation in the state to the council. Four preliminary project proposals were presented on behalf of IDPR, IDL and IDFG. The Council took no action. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2023, at IDFG headquarters where

additional applications are expected to be presented.

Capitol for a Day (CFAD)

The Director also attended CFAD in St. Maries on August 17, 2023. Questions were posed about IDPR grant programs. The Director was also able to visit with Heyburn/McCroskey staff the next day to mourn the passing of a cherished park employee. Director Buxton said she very proud of the IDPR staff, seasonals, volunteers and friends and how they support each other. She was also able to meet with leaders of the Coeur d' Alene Tribe to discuss Heyburn and Old Mission State Parks and our work together. On September 28, 2023, said that she and Joanna Hiller attended CFAD in Carmen (North of Salmon). After the meeting we visited Land of Yankee Fork State Park and got to visit with manager Ron Jenks and his staff at the visitor center and at Challis Hot Springs. Retired Director Langhorst, former PUC Commissioner Eliot Werk, and former State Representative Nicole Lefever were enjoying Challis Hot Springs. All enjoyed the facility and were very pleased it is in public ownership. On October 25, 2023, she attended CFAD in Montpelier. The meeting discussed outdoor recreation and access to Bear Lake outside the park. The growth of large recreation rental residences and few public accesses to this large lake were discussed as it prompted the recent MOU offered by the Idaho Land Board to the Bear Lake County Commission.

Harriman/Henry's Lake

On September 27, 2023, the Director and Hiller also attended a meeting in Island Park with IDL Director Dustin Miller, Senator Burtenshaw, Representative Furniss, Representative Raymond, local officials, business owners and residents Harriman/Henry's Lake State Park Manager (Jess Brumfield) and Ranger (Annalee Darrington). Glamping and dispersed recreation on IDL lands near Henry's Lake State Park were the topic of the meeting. We also toured the area in question.

America 250 Project

The Director reported that in celebration of America's 250th birthday, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) is working in collaboration with the Idaho Heritage Trust (IHT) and Idaho Public Television (IDPTV) to produce a coffee table book entitled *Idaho Places*, which will encompass state parks, historic sites, and scenic byways. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation looks forward to working alongside other agencies and members of the A250 Planning Committee on various events and projects across the state.

Quagga Mussels

Director Buxton reported that on September 18, 2023, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture ("ISDA") confirmed the presence of quagga mussel in the Mid-Snake River below Shoshone Falls. ISDA and other State, Federal and local agencies, and other and private stakeholders undertook rapid action to determine the prudent treatment to avoid a larger threat to Idaho's waters and boating facilities. IDPR worked with ISDA to email 220,000 IDPR contacts and social media posts notifying them of the need to "Clean, Drain, & Dry" their boats and other watercraft, and water access closures along a short part of the Mid-Snake River during the evaluation and treatment period. The closures of Niagara Springs, Box Canyon and Crystal Lake, units of Thousand Springs State Spark have been lifted.

Legislative Tours

The Director reported that IDPR will participate with several other Executive Branch agencies on Legislative tours across the state to meet with legislators and discuss matters important to them in their districts. The following meetings are scheduled:

- November 13 – Coeur d' Alene
- November 14 – Lewiston
- November 20 – Idaho Falls

- November 21 – Pocatello
- November 27 – Twin Falls
- November 28 – Boise

The Director said that if any Board Member would like to attend any of these meetings to please let Joanna Hiller or the Director know.

Natural Resources

Director Buxton stated that The Natural Resource Interim Committee asked her to attend their November 6, 2023, meeting in the Lincoln Auditorium at the Capitol to discuss IDPR's participation in the Quagga Mussel treatment.

Non-Motorized

Director Buxton reported that the non-motorized coalition meeting with stakeholders is scheduled for November 6, 2023. IDPR has been participating with this diverse group, led by Dan Waugh of the Horse Council, looking for a more sustainable funding source for non-motorized recreation and trails.

First Responder

The Director reported that IDPR's proposed First Responder legislation has been put on hold due to the interests of other executive branch agencies and insurance industry concerns. The Director said that we are working to address our employees' needs with DHR, the Governor's Office and other agencies for alternative solutions.

Reservation / Registration

The Director reported that the Reservation/Registration vendor RFP should be published in the coming weeks.

NASPD

The Director reported on The National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) Annual Meeting which was held in Lake Tahoe September 12-15, 2023. Troy Elmore and Seth Hobbs attended with the Director. The Director stated that we gain invaluable information and relationships by meeting with our peers from other state park and recreation departments, federal partners, and recreation stakeholders. These meetings keep us current on trends, challenges, and technology to help our agency.

North Region Meeting

The Director attended the North Region all staff meeting in Coeur d' Alene on November 1, 2023. Director Buxton stated she always enjoys the chance to visit with employees whenever possible. Heidi Burks and Joanna Hiller and the Director were able to visit Heyburn State Park and Old Mission after we arrived. Both parks look wonderful. Old Mission's new paint, stairs and stonework are much needed and look beautiful. Meeting

Luma

Director Buxton reported on the new Luma ERP system that has been implemented by the State Controller's Office (SCO) since July 1, 2023. Buxton said that it replaces a legacy system that is no longer technologically supported. Luma and its Human Capital Management modernization have posed challenges with payroll, vendor payments, procurement, budget, employee recruitment and evaluations. The Director said that the SCO is working to address many issues. Replacing the legacy system was unquestionably needed and Luma promised to provide a new system to benefit the State government. The startup has been bumpy and IDPR staff in every corner of the State have taken available training, and retraining as it updated while working with SCO and each other to learn the new system.

Budget Preparation

The Director said that IDPR is expecting some changes to how JFAC will be working with agency budgets. They have a meeting November 8-10, 2023, to discuss the process so she expects to work closely with our LSO analyst and JFAC members on how they want to hear from IDPR for the FY2025 budget.

Other Meetings

Director reported on other meetings saying that in addition to many Quagga Mussel meetings, she has attended meetings for: regarding the relicensing of the Hells Canyon Complex by Idaho Power, Allison Gin, the new USDA – FS, Intermountain Rep Idaho State liaison, the new Director of Water Resources, Mat Weaver the new Director of the Department of Administration, Steve Bailey. Adam Zaragoza and the Director presented IDPR’s Permanent Building Fund request on October 3, 2023. On October 5, 2023, the Director presented the keynote to the Rangeland Fall Forum. Outdoor recreation is a hot topic affecting our rangelands and users on public and private lands. She periodically meets with IDPR HQ neighbors, Mark Hofflund from Shakespeare Festival and the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands. We welcome the Foundations new Executive Director, Kendra Kenyon. Director Buxton said that she is happy to answer any questions the Board may have about the Directors report or any of the other reports submitted by the staff.

Hearts of STIHL Awarded by McCroskey

Director Buxton provided background information on Hearts of STIHL. It was started in 2021 and 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.

Lake Cascade Marina Contract

Mr. Zaragoza presented information on Lake Cascade Marina proposal. IDPR requested proposals to develop marina facilities at Lake Cascade State Park. In October 2021, IDPR issued a letter of intent to Tamarack Resort II LLC for the Poison Creek Area. Staff provided the board an update in May 2022 about the ongoing negotiations and design. This agenda item is for the board to take action on the Draft Concession Contract. Since May 2022, staff has been working with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the Attorney General’s office, and Tamarack regarding terms and conditions of the development, and a 20-year concession contract. On September 14, 2023, those terms have been agreed to by the parties. The draft contract was emailed to BOR on September 18, 2023. BOR has agreed to provide a preliminary approval, with a final approval of the contract after the National Environment Protection Act (NEPA) has been completed. The federal public involvement requirement is to occur this winter, with NEPA to be complete in Spring 2024.

Highlights of the contract are:

- Up to 200 boat slips are allowed
- Tamarack will replace any loss of recreation areas resulting from the development

- Tamarack has agreed to 8% gross receipts to IDPR annually during the contract term
- The contract number will be assigned once fully executed after NEPA is completed

Due to the short window of construction season in Valley County and lead time of construction materials, Tamarack has requested an approval of this draft contract contingent upon final approval from BOR after the NEPA process has been completed. It is understood that all financial risks, materials, or other obligations will be borne by Tamarack II LLC if there are changes from BOR after the NEPA process. IDPR will assume no financial responsibility if there are changes after approval of this draft contract.

Ms. Manning motioned to authorize the Director to sign the Concession Contract with Tamarack II LLC. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none the Chairman called for a vote on the motion.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

LWCF Advisory Board Appointment

Ms. Muir presented to the board the LWCF Grant Advisory Committee Appointment. She stated that the department has 2 positions open to appoint on the Land and Water Conservation Fund Committee. The pen positions include Community 5,000 or less and Minority. Recently IDPR received an application to fill the Community 5,000 or less position. Wendy Walter is from Spirit Lake and recently retired from the Idaho Department of Lands. She has experience with Endowment Lands and Idaho's navigable waters. She is an Idaho native who loves the outdoors, especially camping, boating, fishing, and hunting. Her complete application is attached. The IDPR staff recommends that the Board appoint Wendy Walters to the LWCF Board.

Mr. Roach moved to approve the appointment of Wendy Walters to the LWCF Board. Mr. Fatkin seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TOC Commission @ Large Committee Appointment

Mr. White provided information and explained the Trail Commission Member and how they are appointed. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation ("State" or "IDPR") and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Lake Management Department ("Tribe" or "TLMD") (collectively the "Parties") entered into an "Agreement" to establish a long-term cooperative partnership between the State and the Tribe with respect to ownership, management, and operation of the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes Right-of-Way ("ROW") and Trail. As a part of this agreement the Parties established a six-member Trail Commission ("Commission"). In establishing the Commission, the Parties' intent is to ensure that all aspects of the development, funding, management and operation of the entire ROW and Trail are coordinated across the Parties separate and joint management areas, consistent with implementation of the Consent Decree, CITU and the Interim Trail Agreement.

Three members of the Commission are appointed by the State and shall include the State's Trail Manager, Will Niska. The State also identified David White, North Region Manager, as a member due to his historical knowledge and long-term involvement with the Trail. Three members are appointed by the Tribe and shall include the Tribe's Trail Manager. The State appoints one at-large member. The at-large member is approved by IDPR's Board and will serve a term of two (2) years. No Commission at-large

member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Morris “Mac” Cavabar, CdA, Idaho is the current at-large member and has done a great job. He has served two plus terms, so it is time to appoint a new member.

Staff advertised and accepted applications for IDPR’s at-large member. A total of three applications were received and reviewed by staff to determine who would be the best candidate to represent users associated with IDPR’s portion of the trail. Region 1 Board Member Chuck Rody, Non-Motorized Trail Coordinator Hailey Brookins, and Operations Division Administrator Troy Elmore assessed and rated the applications without the applicant’s names. OM/TOC Park Manager Will Niska and North Region Manager David White utilized the rankings to determine a final recommendation. The application information sheet and the applications are attached for the Board members for review.

Mr. Rody moved to approve the Anna Moody as IDPR’s at-large member to serve on the Trail of the Coeur d’ Alene’s Commission for the next two years. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cooke. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Gateway Parks, LLC 2024-2026 Concession Agreement, Eagle Island State Park

Mr. Elmore gave a brief overview of the 10-year concession agreement that started in February 2014 with Gateway Parks, LLC, at Eagle Island State Park. The agreement provides public recreation benefits through a winter sports venue designed for tubing, sledding, skiing, and snowboarding. The snow hill provides a unique winter experience for Park visitors.

The current concession agreement commenced on May 1, 2014, and is set to expire May 1, 2024. The contract specifies that the Concessionaire will pay rent in the amount of seven percent (7%) of the gross receipts annually. Mr. Elmore stated that in the current agreement, the Concessionaire was given the first right to accept a new concession contract.

Currently, in State of Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Concession Agreement Eagle Island State Park Ada County, Idaho 14-001-EAG-LCA-2024 at Section 9 “Renewal” it provides the Concessionaire a right of acceptance, as follows:

The STATE does not grant CONCESSIONAIRE the right to automatically renew this Agreement for an additional period. However, if the STATE, at the expiration of this Agreement, desires to lease the CONCESSION PREMISES again, and if CONCESSIONAIRE is not in default or breach as set forth in Section 17 of this Agreement, the STATE grants CONCESSIONAIRE the first right to accept a new agreement under such terms and conditions as the STATE may then prescribe and under the following conditions:

CONCESSIONAIRE shall first notify the STATE in writing of its desire to renew the agreement sixty (60) days prior to its expiration. If the STATE desires to renew this Agreement, it shall notify the CONCESSIONAIRE in writing of the terms and conditions that the STATE may then desire to prescribe. Mailing to the last known address of CONCESSIONAIRE shall then complete notification to CONCESSIONAIRE. CONCESSIONAIRE shall then have thirty (30) days from the date of that mailing to notify the STATE of its acceptance of the terms and conditions prescribed by the STATE. Acceptance shall be complete only if received by the STATE in writing and within the time prescribed.

Mr. Elmore explained the first right to accept a new agreement is subject to the provisions of this Agreement concerning termination. He stated that in 2017, the Board amended its policy on concession

leases.

The Board's current concession policy does not allow concessionaires a first right of acceptance. IDPR Board Policy #6020 "Concession Leases" at Section 4.2 Types of Concessions and Lease Fees, typically requires that an RFP process be used to select the next concessionaire:

- **Large Concessions.** Concessions expected to gross more than \$100,000 per year are deemed large concessions and require Board approval. Large concessions will be awarded on a competitive basis after publication of a request for proposal (RFP), unless otherwise directed by the Board. Large concessions will be awarded to the responder of the RFP which, in the judgment of the Board, best fulfills the criteria set forth in the RFP and provides the best combination of service to the public and return to the Department. The objective is to obtain the highest possible revenue from each concession lease, but the best responder to an RFP is not necessarily the responder which provides the highest dollar return.
- **Other Concessions.** Concession leases expected to gross \$100,000 per year or less are deemed other concessions and require Director approval. The Director may negotiate directly with interested persons for the operation of concessions likely to gross between \$10,000 and \$100,000 per year, unless the Director determines that an RFP is likely to result in better service to the public or a higher return to the Department. The concession lease fee will be based on a percentage of total annual gross revenues to be negotiated based on the nature of the business, the value of park facilities utilized by the concessionaire, and other relevant factors. In no event will the concession lease fee be less than three percent of the total annual gross revenue without Board approval.
Board policy #6020 – Concession Leases, Section 4.5 Standard Provisions, gives the Board the sole discretion whether to include a first right of acceptance term in a concession contract:
- **Renewal.** Each lease will contain a provision that the Department will not grant the lessee the automatic right to renew the term of the lease for an additional period upon its expiration. However, a concessionaire may be granted first right to accept a new lease under new terms and conditions as the Department may then prescribe. The Department will retain the option to self-operate a concession at the end of the term of any lease.

Mr. Elmore stated that during the May 3, 2023, IDPR Board meeting, Chairman Beckley requested fellow board members create a subcommittee for the purpose of drafting contract terms for the next Eagle Island State Park winter sports venue concession agreement for proposal to the Board. Mr. Roach volunteered, and together with Chairman Beckley, agency staff and Lead Deputy Attorney General Joy Vega, worked on the terms and renewal for this next concession agreement. With the subcommittee's direction and approval, a new concession agreement for Gateway Parks, LLC's winter sports venue operation has been drafted. Changes to the terms of this next contract include:

1. A 2-year duration. By limiting the contract to 2 years, IDPR will come into alignment with Board Policy #6020 "Concession Leases" while enabling the Concessionaire's operation to continue during the RFP process. (Page 4, Section 3.1).
2. No right to renewal or first acceptance. If the Board decides to continue a winter sports venue at Eagle Island State Park, a request for proposal process will be utilized that the Concessionaire can choose to participate in. (Page 4, Section 3.2). An annual rent of 11% of gross receipts up from 7%. Concessionaire's annual rent has always been 7% without increase during the current contract's 10-year duration. Other long-term concessions currently pay between 8%-15%. (Page 4, Section 4.1).
3. The required and optional concession services, listed in Section 5, are expanded with detail to expressly allow, with limitations, the operations that the Concessionaire has developed since

2014. Expectations of the Park related to Concessionaire's post-season repair and replacement of damaged Park resources have also been included. (Pages 5-15, Section 5).

4. Subject to approval by Idaho Department of Water Resources or Water District 63, use of water from the Park's Pond for snow making is expressly allowed. The required coordination of efforts between IDPR and the Concessionaire to secure temporary water use is explained in Section 5.6(c) at pages 12-13 of the proposed contract.
5. No off-season storage will be permitted outside of the existing office area. (Section 5.1(c)). Concessionaire has previously stored personal property at the Warden's House during its off-season. However, during the 2-year duration of the next contract, the Park will begin cleanup and deferred maintenance at the Warden's House.
6. No sub-concessions, sub-leases, assignments, or leasehold mortgages are permitted during the 2-year duration of the next contract. (Page 20, Section 9, *see also* §§ 5.2(j) and 5.8(g)).

Mr. Elmore had enclosed Concession Contract No. 24-001-EAG-LCA-2026 and explained that this the lease agreement that the subcommittee had reviewed and approved for submittal, discussion, and use by the Board. If accepted as proposed, or following any Board changes, the contract will be provided to Gateway Parks, LLC, for acceptance or rejection. If accepted by the Concessionaire, the only input required from Gateway Parks, LLC, will be its designated On-Site Manager (*see* Page 8, Section 5.1(i)) and the name and position of the company's authorized signatory.

Mr. Elmore provided the Concession Contract No. 24-001-EAG-LCA-2026 which is the lease agreement that the subcommittee has reviewed and approved for submittal, discussion, and use by the Board. If accepted as proposed, or following any Board changes, the contract will be provided to Gateway Parks, LLC, for acceptance or rejection. If accepted by the Concessionaire, the only input required from Gateway Parks, LLC, will be its designated On-Site Manager (*see* Page 8, Section 5.1(i)) and the name and position of the company's authorized signatory.

Mr. Elmore and the IDPR staff recommend that the Board approve the proposed concession lease agreement 24-001-EAG-LCA-2026 as presented.

Mr. Roach moved to approve the proposed concession lease agreement 24-001-EAG-LCA-2026 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fatkin. The Chairman called for a roll call on the motion.

- Chairman Beckley - Yes
- Board Member Fatkin - Yes
- Board Member Cooke - Yes
- Board Member Manning - Yes
- Board Member Roach - Yes
- Board Member Rody - Yes

Motion carried.

Ashton Visitors Center Purchase Agreement

Mrs. Burks introduced herself and gave a brief overview of what her job responsibilities are for IDPR. Mrs. Burks provided a brief review of the Ashton Visitors Center as well as a copy of the May 2023 board minutes that showed the IDPR Board authorizing the Director to sign the Lease Agreement with Option to Purchase the Ashton Visitors Center. The lease agreement was signed and IDPR began operations on July 1, 2023. Mrs. Burks stated that the IDPR has developed a good relationship with the City of Ashton, Ashton Chamber of Commerce, and the local community with the proposed year-round operation of the Visitors Center. The IDPR staff has completed its due diligence, including an environmental phase 1 report,

property appraisal, and preliminary title report. Prior to major capital expenses to operate the facility year-round by IDPR, staff is proposing to offer the city the following purchase price:

- Appraisal \$430,000
- Less Due diligence costs: \$7,000 (Appraisal and Environmental)
- Less Capital investment for basic heating upgrades:
 - Roofing and Insulation: \$77,000
 - Heating Systems: \$10,500
- Less Six months of rent: \$3,000 (assuming thru December 2023)
- *Purchase Price: \$332,500.00*

Mrs. Burks said that the IDPR staff is prepared to offer a purchase price of \$332,500.00 at the Ashton City Council meeting December 13th, 2023. The City staff have informed IDPR that they intend to use the funds from the sale to improve the City parks.

Mrs. Burks and the IDPR staff recommend that the Board authorize the staff to exercise the option to purchase the Ashton Visitors Center for a purchase price of \$332,500.00.

Mr. Fatkin moved to authorize the staff to exercise the option to purchase the Ashton Visitors Center for the purchase price of \$332, 500.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. The Chairman called for a roll call on the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Development Leading Idaho Projects Update

Melanie Schuster provided information regarding the work on the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) and the Leading Idaho Surplus funding projects. Between the two funding programs, approximately \$140 million has been appropriated to IDPR to address the agency’s maintenance backlog and capital expansion needs which will take 5 to 10 years to process. Schuster provided the ARPA project lists and Capital Improvement plan for the board to review, in addition she provided a detailed list of the current active projects.

2024 Board Meeting Dates & Locations

The Board was presented Board Meeting Dates and locations from Joanna Hiller. The dates are subject to possible changes by the Director.

February 21 & 22, 2024	Boise, ID	Eagle Island Construction Tour
*May 13, 2024	CDA, ID	Heyburn
August 7 & 8, 2024	Island Park, ID	Harriman/Henrys/Ashton Tetonia Trail
November 6 & 7, 2024	Burley, ID	Castle Rocks/City of Rocks/Walcott/Massacre

Mr. Cooke moved to set coming IDPR Board Meeting dates and locations for February 21 & 22, 2024 in Boise, May 12 & 13, 2024 in Island Park, August 7 & 8, 2024 in Island Park, and November 6 & 7, 2024 in Burley the dates are subject to amend or changed. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roady. The Chairman called for a roll call on the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Program Reports

Communications

Quintana provided information in the report regarding working with ISDA to get the word out about the quagga mussel issue in the mid-Snake River, Eagle Island State Park construction project for the 50-space campground and related improvements, social media engagement, interpretation and environmental education, sponsors, and partners.

Development

Melanie Schuster provided a general update on projects by phase and by funding source. Eagle Island RV Campground, and Ponderosa Blackberry Water & Electric upgrades.

Fiscal

Steve Martin provided information on the preliminary first quarter financial reports for fiscal year (FY) 2024.

Human Resources

Jennifer Quinno-Miller provided information on job fairs, ranger roundup, LUMA, Volunteer Services Coordinator recruitment, seasonal layoffs, new hires, and current openings.

Management Services

Adam Zaragoza provided information on major tasks; Herrick Reservoir, ITD board meeting regarding Farragut/Brig Road intersection, Eagle Island Campground preconstruction meeting, City of Eagle walk through house the city was giving away for potential staff housing, met with IT to discuss broadband for state parks, met with tribe repos regarding joint projects, met with Tamarack regarding the marina contract, met with administration regarding FY2025 budget, Friends of Harriman annual meeting, attended IDL's monthly meeting, and prepared the Director for the Permanent Building Fund presentation.

Natural Resources

Keith Jones provided information regarding aquatic herbicide treatment. Jones visited PacifiCorp Oneida Narrows recreation area with Bear Lake Park staff, worked with Southern Idaho Timper Protection Association, IDL, and Ponderosa State Park and conducted a prescribe burn on 75 acres in the park (weather did not permit so they will try again in the fall), collaborated with IDL to facilitate the future

success of the State forestry, worked with Eagle Island to address invasive pond weeds in the lake, set up two new direct timber sales for Heyburn State Park, visited proposed shelter site at sublime point in McCroskey.

Operations

Troy Elmore provided information on monthly manager meetings, weekly manager calls, participated in IDPR staff meetings, attended the IDPR quarterly board meeting in Lewiston. Mr. Elmore continued to work on Lake Cascade Marina proposal, logistics and the operation of the proposed marina at the Poison Creek unit of the park. Elmore worked with IDPR Attorney General's Office, Tamarack Resort, and the IDPR Management Services to develop a contract to submit to the Bureau of Reclamation for their review, toured Lake Cascade with Bureau of Reclamation staff to identify potential park housing sites/solutions. Mr. Elmore discussed that the IDPR Development Bureau is working on a proposed site plan to share with BOR. Elmore participated in interviews for Lake Walcott Manager position and participated in sage grouse discussion at the state capitol. Elmore also attended the Bear Lake County Commissioners meeting with the Director, NASPD Conference in Lake Tahoe, ORFAC meeting at HQ, a critical infrastructure meeting with Idaho Office of Emergency Management, invasive species quagga mussel media event in Twin Falls, and Idaho Energy & Mineral Resources Hells Canyon information meeting.

Rec Bureau

Dave Claycomb provided a list of activities on the Boating program that have been completed with routine tasks of answering questions from the public and county marine deputies, grant administration, preparation for various training courses, attending county waterways committee meetings, and ordering of equipment and supplies. IDPR held the 2023 Marine Tactical Advantage training with our marine law enforcement partners in September. The Minidoka County Sheriff's Office hosted the training. 10 students representing 6 different counties successfully completed the training. IDPR also presented Minidoka County Deputy Robert Higen with the 2023 Marine Educator of the Year Award. Deputy Higen taught the most Boat Idaho courses of any of our county partners in 2022 and 2023. The program supervisor attended the NASBLA 2023 Annual Conference and was recognized for successfully completing the NASBLA leadership academy. Chief Deputy Mike Gladhart from Clearwater County also attended and was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution to boater safety in Idaho throughout his 30-year career in marine law enforcement. Program staff submitted the 2024 application for the Recreational Boating Safety Grant administered by the U.S Coast Guard. The estimated 2024 allocation to Idaho is \$1.3 million. The program's regional education staff held many boat safety outreaches and taught Boat Idaho and Paddle Sports courses throughout the state. Some of the events included Cascade Safety Day, Water Wise Paddle Safety at Malad Gorge, Cassia County Fair, and the Ritter Island Festival. Program staff installed seven life jacket loaner stations around the state including 2 on the Port Neuf River, 3 on the Salmon River, 1 at Lake Walcott, and 1 at Lake Lowell. Program staff participated in the kick-off meeting for the South Boise Watershed Collaborative and will continue to attend meetings of their Recreation subcommittee to represent boaters in the area.

Reservation Registration

Seth Hobbs reported that all sales are on par with the previous year's sales. He stated that the Governor signed the S1017 and that IDPR will work with our stakeholders and vendors to add the option of selling two-year boat registrations. Mr. Hobbs said the three percent card service fee was implemented on October 11, 2023, for all card transactions. This fee is being passed on to the customers and only used to cover the amount billed to IDPR for these fees. In FY23, the card service fee billed to the department was \$284,688.29. Customers are still able to pay with cash, check, or money order for their purchases without the three percent passalong fee. Hobbs said that IDPR has been working with the Department of Purchasing on finalizing the RFP for the Recreational Management System contract which is currently held

by Aspira. It is anticipated that the RFP will be out for bid in November and finalized in December/January. The current contract is set to expire on December 31, 2024. During the August board meeting, the board requested information on the utility increases to the department for justifying the rate increases. Below are the historical utility charges since the last overall camping increase in 2020. The parks utility charges in total have increased by over \$159,000 in the last three years and are continuing to rise. The overall park operating expenses have increased by over \$756,000. Hobbs also provided a report on the Annual Aspira Account Review.

East Region

Ryan Buffington provided information on staffing updates which include the following:

- Filling the Lake Walcott manager position with Trenton Durfee. Trenton has been with the department for 14 years and moved into the position from the City of Rocks/Castle Rocks where he was the maintenance foreman.
- Filling the CIRO/CRSP maintenance foreman vacancy with Michelle Jones. Michelle has been at CIRO/CRSP for years as their maintenance lead.
- The following full-time positions have been filled:
 - 2 rangers at Harriman
 - 1 ranger at Bear Lake
- There are full-time vacancies at:
 - 1 ranger position Bear Lake
 - 2 ranger positions City of Rocks/Castle Rocks
 - 1 admin assistant at Harriman

Buffington held interviews for the East Region maintenance foreman position, but we were not able to settle on an acceptable salary rate with the selected candidate and have gone to a second round of interviews. For operations Buffington visited all the parks in the East Region multiple times and familiarized himself with their operations and individual needs. Throughout the quarter, they saw visitation across the region slow at most of our parks as summer wrapped up, schools came back into session, and the public anticipated cooler temperatures. LUMA caused several hurdles throughout the quarter, but most notably the inability to track budgets. Park managers are getting increasingly frustrated and concerned that they cannot track their budgets to prepare for upcoming expenses. Buffington attended a tour of the Formation Springs site and met with representatives of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the BLM on moving forward with the transformation of the site to a state park. We developed an initial site plan and an assessment of the work that would need to take place. The representatives from both the TNC and the BLM were happy with the direction. Massacre Rocks was decided for the location of the new maintenance crew headquarters and selected three potential sites at the park for the facility. We agreed that using the same plans as the forthcoming shop building at the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's would be the best way to proceed. The shop space would satisfy the crew's needs and provide additional housing options for the region. We submitted purchase requisitions for some of the East Region crew's equipment/vehicles but are waiting until the foreman position is filled to move forward with selecting and submitting the full list of seeding equipment. East Region has resumed monthly update calls for all managers. Increasing coordination between East Region parks is something that everyone is excited to see. I attended the Friends of Harriman State Park board meeting and the Wine in the Woods event. It was a great opportunity to meet with this organization to discuss plans and upcoming projects in the Harriman area. We completed the plans and organization for an in-person park manager's meeting at CIRO/CRSP in November. The region managers and I met with the development bureau and worked through the steps for rolling out the supplementary minor maintenance program. This program will funnel \$2,000,000 of state surplus funds directly to the parks for minor maintenance projects below \$25,000. The East Region office worked closely with parks and the development bureau to develop supplementary minor maintenance project lists for each park unit. We hold regular team meetings with park managers

to implement the most effective distribution of these funds throughout the region. In the East Region, the Quagga Mussel discovery has so far only impacted Lake Walcott State Park. We agreed with the National Wildlife Refuge and BOR managers that closing the lake to boating one month early was a precautionary action that was worth the recreational impact.

North Region

David White provided information regarding the Coordination 2024 RMSPEC Planning Team Meeting and NR Manager Monthly Video/Teleconference Call. Participated in the CdA Regional Chamber of Commerce Natural Resources Committee Meeting; OPS Parks Region Manager meeting in Boise, Heyburn Marina Operations Meeting and Marina Replacement scoping meeting; Statewide Minor Maintenance funding discussion, and Land folio demo for lease management. Mr. White reported that they reviewed OM/TOC potential residences. They conducted walkthroughs of residences at FAR with Park Manager to identify any maintenance that needs to be done, assisted with Hells Gate Park Ranger and Old Mission/TOC Admin Asst 1 interviews. Discussed seasonal housing with Development and Region Managers. Hosted and attended the Idaho Heritage Trust Directors Meeting at the IDPR NR Service Center.

South Region

Theresa Perry provided information on the new LUMA system required staff to complete a variety of training modules this quarter to understand time-entry, invoice and p-card management, and new employee onboarding. Staff assisting one other with training and troubleshooting provided the most benefit in learning this new software and the numerous challenges it presented. As a result of the changes with LUMA, park staff were not able to view their seasonal and worked closely with the Development Bureau staff and park staff regarding details of the Eagle Island campground, the future of the Eagle Island water slide, the Three Island history center audio visual system, employee housing priorities, and the Kokanee Cove redevelopment. Continued efforts on the Lake Cascade Marina proposal included the specific development features proposed and review of contract agreement terms. Filling permanent vacancies is an ongoing process as new staff join the agency, and others transfer to different positions within the agency or leave. The following vacancies were filled this quarter: administrative assistants for Eagle Island, Lucky Peak, and Lake Cascade, two ranger positions at Three Island and one at Eagle Island, and the vacancy for the assistant manager position at Ponderosa was filled. Supported Park Managers with a wide variety of operational needs and challenges, especially related to peak visitation demands within the parks. The details related to group use permits, special use permits, and concession agreements continued. Continued to have almost weekly operations conference calls with the other region managers and the operations chief. Monthly manager's conference calls continued, and an in-person manager meeting was held in August. These efforts provide an opportunity to share operational trends and solutions to challenges, review policy, and meet with other agency staff. Participated in the IDPR board meeting held in August in Lewiston via zoom. Provided support to park rangers in the planning and development of the south and east region Ranger Roundup. This training opportunity will be hosted at Ponderosa State Park in October and targets the ranger staff within the south and east regions. The goal of the 2023 training is related to communication, maintenance skills, natural resource management, and networking opportunities for ranger staff. Participated in two disaster planning meetings with community partners, Valley Co. Sheriff Office, U of I Extension, Horizons, USFS – Cascade Ranger District, and staff from Lake Cascade State Park. Additional dialogue and community actions plans are planned for early winter.

Old/New Business

Board Elections

Mr. Fatkin announced he was leaving the Board this year, and this would be his last quarterly meeting.

Ms. Manning motioned that Brian Beckley serve as Chairman and Mike Roach for Vice Chairman for the coming year and. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roady The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none the Chairman called for a vote on the motion.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Challis/Hot Springs Operation Update

Ryan Buffington reported on Challis Hots Springs and how its not on the reservation system for the first year. Staff are helping with the burden of opening the pools every morning. It's going very well; the campground needs some work as well as the shower houses.

Public Comment

The Chairman asked for public comment.

Executive Session

Mr. Roady moved that the Board convene in executive session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206 (b) and (c), to move into Executive Session to evaluate a public office and to discuss the acquisition of real property not owned by a public agency; to discuss pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. 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, and the Board commenced the executive session at 1:59 PM.

Action Items from Executive Session

The Board resolved out of Executive Session at 3:05 P.M.

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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:10 P.M.

Chairman Brian Beckley
Idaho Park and Recreation Board

Susan E. Buxton, Director
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

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**Special Board Meeting
December 6, 2023
IDPR Headquarters
5657 Warm Springs Avenue
Boise, ID 83716**

Joanna Hiller is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Special Board Meeting

Time: Dec 6, 2023, 1:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

1:00 P.M. (MST) 12:00 P.M. (PTD)

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

- Chairman Beckley – Not Present
- Board Member Cooke - Zoom
- Board Member Fatkin – Zoom
- Board Member Manning - Zoom
- Board Member Roach - Present
- Board Member Rody - Zoom

Also present or on Zoom 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
Craig Quintana, Public Information Officer
Joanna Hiller, Management Assistant
Joy Vega, Deputy Attorney General
David White, North Regional Manager
Sheldon Kelly – Idaho State Police
Abby Delmas, Broxmas & Associates

Welcome and Introductions - Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton

Chairman Roach and Director Buxton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Idaho State Police & IDPR Three Island State Park

Adam Zaragoza reported that on June 28, 2021, Director Buxton, and Colonel Kedrick Wills from the Idaho State Police (ISP) proposed to the IDPR Board a partnership housing project that would benefit both agencies. Primarily, the housing project is for ISP troopers to be stationed within Three Island State Park. Since June 2021, ISP has been working with the Department of Public Works (DPW) on designing a prefabricated house. ISP/DPW have completed the design and are ready to begin construction, weather permitting. This item requires Board action on an MOU with Idaho State Police. A summary of the MOU is outlined that ISP is financially responsible for all development costs, after completion, ownership of the

building will be transferred from ISP to IDPR, IDPR will provide regular maintenance to the building since the asset will be owned by IDPR, IDPR and ISP will enter into a lease agreement for ISP personnel, ISP will bear any and all conversion costs for utilizing Land and Water Conservation Fund, (LWCF) property. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize Director Buxton to sign the agreement between IDPR and ISP.

Board Comments

Board Member Huges talked about the Idaho Trails Association workshops.

Amy Manny was excused and left the meeting prior to the Executive Session.

Executive Session

At 1:05 PM Mr. Roach moved that the Board convene in executive session * 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."

- Executive Session* - **Action Item**
 - (b) Personnel
 - (c) Interest in real property

Action Items from Executive Session

Mr. Roady moved to motion to authorize a letter of intent to be signed by the Director to continue to acquire the Bear Creek property and continue with due diligence. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fatkin. 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 adjourned at 1:49 P.M.



Winter 2024 Director's Report
February 21, 2024
Susan Buxton, Director

Fall Quarterly Board Meeting

The Fall 2023 Board Meeting provided us with beautiful weather to tour Lake Cascade SP and the proposed marina site, the yurts, and the new employee housing facility at Tamarack Resort. I was also able to tour the new accessible fishing ramp, dock and day use area at the Crown Point campground and the refinished shelter at Big Sage. Many thanks to Lake Cascade SP staff and Region Manager Theresa Perry for the well-planned tour and their beautiful work in the Park.



November Board Meeting
Cascade Lake State Park

Idaho Heritage Trust Board

On November 10, 2023, I was able to meet with the Idaho Heritage Trust Board and discuss the 2024 calendar we produce with them and the Idaho Historical Society to distribute to Legislators, the Governor's office, Constitutional Officers, and other patrons of the three entities. IDPR has a long association with the Idaho Heritage Trust and their grant program which has donated to many of our restoration projects across the State. Last fall, they awarded IDPR and Melanie Schuster, our Development Bureau Chief, \$5000 for her restoration design and work at Old Mission SP. We are very grateful for the Trust's partnership over the years. They were formed during the Idaho Bicentennial and hold the patent on the Idaho license plate red, white and blue design, receiving fifty cents per plate to fund historic preservation in Idaho. Many barns you see across the state and theatres, as an example, have benefitted from the funding and restoration resources of the Trust.

Legislative Tour Fall 2023

The Legislative Tour was kicked off on November 13, 2023, in Coeur d'Alene at our North Region office which we share with IDFG. Six agencies (IDFG, IDPR, IDL, DEQ, Tax Commission, and PERSI) each had an hour to meet with Legislators and County Commissioners in the area to discuss local and statewide issues. IDPR also had our local region office, park and recreation staff attend to meet with the elected officials. They all enjoyed meeting each other and had a better understanding of what IDPR does for their constituents and the programs that may be available for more collaboration. The meetings were held in Coeur d'Alene (11/13/23), Lewiston (11/14/23), Idaho Falls (11/20/23), Pocatello (11/21/23), Jerome (11/27/23) and Nampa (11/28/23). Thank you to Hugh Cooke, Amy Manning, Mike Roach and Brian Beckley for being able to attend meetings in your districts, it is important for elected officials to know our board members as much as possible. Lou Fatkin has met with legislators in his District as has Chuck Roady so please know how appreciative I am of your collective willingness to reach out to them. We reached over 50 elected officials during those trips, which went a long way to establish greater relationships across the state. The participants noted that they appreciated having the agencies in one place and liked the ability to meet with each and have lunch together to network. We plan to do this again next fall.

East Region Managers Meeting – City of Rocks/Castle Rocks State Park

On November 15-15, 2023, I attended the South Region Manager meeting at City of Rocks/Castle Rocks SP. Ryan Buffington and Joyce Story, of the East Region Office, did a wonderful job planning the meeting in Almo and the Park Staff hosted a fantastic tour of the park. We toured the new Graham Canyon and Sheridan acquisitions which are already seeing visitation from park patrons. The meeting elicited lots of good discussion, innovation, and team building.



Castle Rocks State Park – Sheridan

Troy Elmore and I met with Wade Vagias, the Idaho NPS Superintendent, to discuss updating the Park planning and operating agreements to better integrate the new properties. I want to thank Wallace Keck for his many years leading the team at City of Rocks and his outstanding dedication to IDPR serving as the East Region Manager. He retired in December 2023, and we wish him all the best and know he will be just as busy!

South Region Meeting

The South Region staff meeting was coordinated by the South Region Manager, Theresa Perry and Joanna Hiller. We had an excellent turnout in Boise and discussions of many pressing topics. It is always a good time to catch up with the region's the Parks and Recreation staff and get them together to exchange their experiences dealing with challenges and successes.

Quagga Mussels

I attended several meetings addressing analysis of the Quagga Mussels since the last Board meeting. The Governor requested significant relief funds in his proposed budget which is going through the Legislature now. I expect to see some clean, drain, dry stations to be established at some Idaho boat launches, and possibly some within State Parks.

Miscellaneous Meetings

We have had several meetings with the Non-Motorized Trail User Stakeholders group who is trying to help IDPR establish a sustainable funding source to address the need to maintain non-motorized trails in Idaho like our motorized trails program. I expect more work on this effort in the next year.

I met with Karen Kelleher, State Director of BLM and her senior staff to identify some projects across the state that the two agencies can work on together. As an example, we discussed Formation Springs, the Owyhee Front, and the Bayhorse Townsite bridge to add outdoor recreation capacity and address mutual stewardship.

We met with Leanne Marten, the USFS Regional Forester from Region 1 and Mary Farnsworth, the USFS Regional Forester from Region 4. Hailey Brookins, our Non-Motorized Program Manager gave a report on the progress of work on the 900 mile (from Nevada to Canada) Centennial Trail which is in both regions. We also discussed our trails programs and how we could better work together to plan the trail maintenance and utilization of USFS work stations to help get our crews closer to the trails they are working on.

Troy Elmore and I met with the US Corps of Engineers (USCOE) at Hellsgate State Park on February 1, 2024. We discussed the Lewiston-Clarkston Regional Alliance to get stakeholders together to collaborate on common issues which would include the cities, USCOE, IDPR, LCSC, the counties and other government and community entities. We were also able to discuss the significant affects of USCOE's delayed decisions for normal and emergency park maintenance and the need for better communication from USCOE at Hellsgate State Park, Dworshak State Park & Lucky Peak State Park. The meeting was helpful for them to understand the delays cost IDPR in lost revenue and increased construction costs which is counter to the goals of the leases entered into between the parties. We have a meeting set for this Thursday with LTC KingSlack to further address these issues.

Similar discussions with the Bureau of Reclamation have occurred to address housing and deferred maintenance of Lake Cascade State Park and Walcott State Park. Today, JFAC recommended our budget and in it line-item approval for the water line installation at Walcott State Park and bank erosion work at Lake Cascade. The Bureau of Reclamation provides funds for these projects, which is very helpful to IDPR.

I have met with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe leaders regarding our co-management of Heyburn State

Park and Old Mission State Park. We have meetings to address the Onieda-Canyon project proposed by PacifiCorp and its impact to the existing Bear Lake settlement agreement to which IDPR is a party. These projects will be addressed more in the next several months.



Lake Cascade State Park
Crown Point Accessible Docks



Making Wreaths at Lucky Peak State Park with
Chelsee & Bri

Fee Rules

The IDAPA administrative fee rules approved by the Board last August have raised some questions at the Legislature. Historically, IDPR reviews its camping, motor vehicle, day use, program and recreational fees and creates a fee table. The Board can set fees within the cap table. As this is an election year, many legislators are uncomfortable raising fees, even in cap tables like IDPR's. Some of our new fees have been agreed to by the two germane committees. Chairman Beckley attended a hearing before the Senate Recourses Committee, and his presence was well received as we were addressing how IDPR and the Board review fees. We will undertake some fee review and planning with the Board and interested Legislators over the next several months.

ORFAC

ORFAC met on December 22, 2023, and selected several projects to recommend the Governor's review and send to the IDPR Board.

The Governor has been reviewing the projects submitted by ORFAC and should have a letter to the IPDR Board setting forth any of his comments, concerns and recommendations. I expect the IDPR Board will need to review the Governor's letter and set up a special meeting to make a final decision.

Presentations

I gave a presentation to the Boise Rotary Club on January 4, 2024, regarding IDPR and Outdoor Recreation in Idaho. It is always good to get out and meet with those who can give us input and support IDPR's Parks and programs.

State Parks Leadership School

January 6-11, 2024, I attended the State Parks Leadership School held at the National Training Center in Oglebay, West Virginia. We have three IDPR employees attending, Abigail Rossman (Harriman State Park), Blake Packer (Cascade State Park), and Ryan Buffington (South Region Manager). I taught classes on 21st Century Employees, Leading and Facilitating Workplace Dynamics, and team-taught Recreation Conflicts. It is a great experience for me and our talented staff because development opportunities are a plus for our agency.



State Park Leadership School
The Director, Abby, Blake & Ryan

Many thanks to Dr. Cynthia Pemberton and her welding students from Lewis Clark State College (LC) for the benches they have installed at Hellsgate State Park. LC also operates the paddle board concession at the Park.

Our next matter before the Legislature is to finish a couple fee rules and have our budget approved by the House of Representative and the Senate before it is presented to Governor Little for signature.

As always, I thoroughly enjoy my work for the Board and IDPR and am happy to elaborate on these and any other items the Board may want to hear about.

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

AGENDA ITEM
Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting
February 21-22, 2024
IDPR HQ
Boise, ID 83716

AGENDA ITEM: PARK N' SKI (WINTER RECREATIONAL PARKING PERMIT) AREA UPDATE

ACTION REQUIRED: BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

PRESENTER: Troy Elmore

PRESENTATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

There are fourteen *Winter Recreational Parking Areas* as identified in Statute and IDAPA operating across Idaho. They are more commonly known as "Park N' Ski" areas and provide opportunities for non-motorized winter recreationists. Primary customers include cross-country skiers, backcountry skiers and snowboarders, snowshoers, fat tire bikers, and hikers. They are cooperatively managed by a varying combination of IDPR's Non-Motorized Trails Program, Nordic Clubs, and Forest Service Ranger Districts across the state.

The fee for an annual pass is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and the fee for a three-day pass is seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50). Passholders designate which area will receive their pass fee at the time of purchase. Revenue from the sale of passes funds parking lot plowing, trail grooming, map publications, and other trail improvements including signage, restroom facilities, and warming huts.

Park N' Ski areas are designated in Board Policy #6080. Several Park N' Ski areas have been operating without designation in board policy, and one Park N' Ski area currently designated in board policy is no longer operational.

Current list of designated winter recreational parking areas:

1. Fish Creek Meadows
2. Brimstone/Buffalo River
3. Bear Gulch/Mesa Falls
4. Fall River Ridge
5. Mink Creek
6. Banner Ridge
7. Gold Fork
8. Whoop-Um-Up
9. Fourth of July Summit
10. Palouse Divide
11. Elk River

Proposed list of designated winter recreational parking areas:

1. Fish Creek Meadows
2. Brimstone/Buffalo River


3. Bear Gulch/Mesa Falls
4. Fall River Ridge
5. Mink Creek
6. Beaver Creek Summit
7. Banner Ridge
8. Gold Fork
9. Whoop Um Up
10. Fourth of July Pass
11. Palouse Divide
12. Hanna Flats
13. Chipmunk Rapids
14. Priest Lake Golf Course


STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

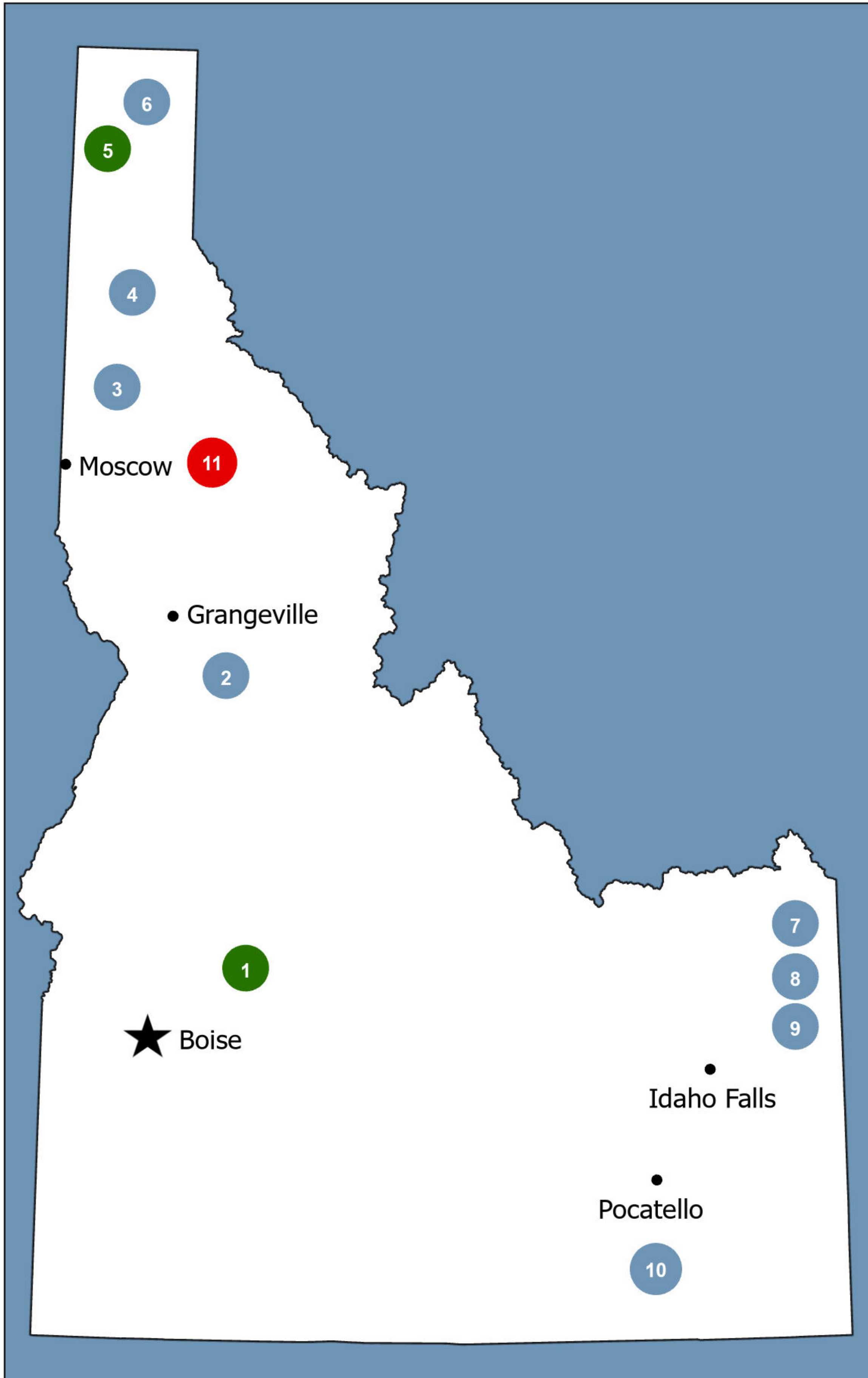
Staff recommends adding Beaver Creek, Hanna Flats, Chipmunk Rapids, and Priest Lake Golf Course to the designated Park N' Ski area list and removing Elk River from the designated Park N' Ski area list.











This action would bring current operations in compliance with Board Policy.

Park N' Ski Location Map

 Requesting area removal
(currently not operating)

 Requesting area addition
(currently operating)



-  **Idaho City Area**
Banner Ridge, Gold Fork, and Whoop-Um-Up
Requesting addition of Beaver Creek Summit
18-24 mi. northeast of Idaho City on Hwy. 12
-  **Fish Creek Meadows**
9 mi. south of Grangeville on Forest Service Rd. 221
-  **Palouse Divide**
23 mi. east of Potlatch on Hwy. 6
-  **4th of July Pass**
18 mi. east of Coeur d'Alene on Int. 90
-  **North Idaho Area**
Requesting addition of Hanna Flats, Priest Lake Golf Course, and Chipmunk Rapids
West side of Priest Lake
-  **Priest Lake State Park**
East side of Priest Lake including Indian Creek
-  **Brimstone/Buffalo River**
1/4 mi. north of Island Park Ranger Station on Hwy. 20
-  **Bear Gulch/Mesa Falls**
7 mi. northeast of Ashton on Mesa Falls Forest Hwy. 47
-  **Fall River Ridge**
10 mi. east of Ashton on the Cave Falls Rd.
-  **Mink Creek**
15 mi. south of Pocatello on Bannock Hwy.
-  **Elk River**
Just south of Elk River Idaho
No longer operational

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 BOARD POLICY INFO ONLY, NO ACTION REQUIRED

AGENDA ITEM
Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting
February 21-22, 2024
IDPR HQ
Boise, ID 83716

AGENDA ITEM: IDAHO CENTENNIAL TRAIL

ACTION REQUIRED: INFORMATION ONLY, NO ACTION REQUIRED

PRESENTER: DAVE CLAYCOMB

PRESENTATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Idaho Centennial Trail (ICT) starts near Murphy Hot Springs, on Idaho's border with Nevada. It traverses nearly 1000 miles to its northern terminus at Upper Priest Falls, almost to Idaho's border with Canada. Trail users experience several wilderness areas, a handful of Wild and Scenic Rivers, and many pieces of Idaho history.

After extensive collaboration and several opportunities for public input, the route was officially established by IDPR's board in June of 1990.

Since its inception, few hikers have successfully completed the trail. Trail conditions are challenging due to downed trees, heavy brush, deep creek crossings, and missing tread. Despite its condition, public interest in the ICT is increasing.

In 2021, IDPR successfully lobbied for and received \$250,000 for maintenance on the ICT. So far, crews have completed over 150 miles of trail maintenance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

This item is for information only.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation

and

Idaho Trails Council

and

USDA Forest Service Region 1's Idaho Panhandle, Clearwater and Nezperce Forests

and

USDA Forest Service Region 4's Boise, Challis, Sawtooth and Payette Forests

and

Idaho Bureau of Land Management

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING made and entered into by and between the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, State of Idaho, hereinafter referred to as the Department; Idaho Trails Council, hereinafter referred to as Council; USDA Forest Service Region 1's Idaho Panhandle, Clearwater and Nezperce Forests and USDA Forest Service Region 4's Boise, Challis, Sawtooth and Payette Forests, hereinafter referred to as the Forest Service; and Idaho Bureau of Land Management, hereinafter referred to as BLM; for the purpose of providing the public a long distance trail from Idaho's northern border to its southern boundary. The trail marks the 100th birthday of the State of Idaho and will be called the Idaho State Centennial Trail.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, the parties hereto agree as follows:

A. The Council shall:

1. Serve in a leadership role in promoting and coordinating volunteer efforts and incentives with BLM, Forest Service and State agencies for trail maintenance, rehabilitation, and signing.
2. Solicit funds to help purchase signs and volunteer incentives.
3. Consult with the BLM and Forest Service to develop uniform trail signing and placement standards.
4. Assist in distribution of signs to the BLM, Forest Service and State agencies as the need arises.
5. Assist the Department in negotiating land use agreements with private landowners.

B. The Department shall:

1. Provide overall coordination of the trail.
2. Make decisions on trail redesignation only after public comment and recommendation from the BLM, Forest Service, and other land managing agencies.
3. Encourage the development of a comprehensive guide book for the trail, written and published by a private organization or individual.
4. Prepare a black and white interim brochure that includes a basic map. Develop a color brochure/map when the budget allows.
5. Analyze together with trail managing agencies, the need for a management plan for the trail.
6. Develop a draft land use agreement for areas where the trail crosses state/private land. Work with the Council to acquire state/private landowner permission.

- C. The Forest Service and BLM, on lands which they respectively administer, shall:
1. Sign, maintain, and rehabilitate the trail consistent with available budgets and with the direction in Land and Resource plans.
 2. Coordinate with the Council to obtain and supervise the services of volunteers to assist in signing and maintaining the trail.
 3. Work with the Council to develop uniform trail signing and placement standards.
 4. Assist in installing trail signs provided by the Council.
 5. Place temporary trail signs at all trailheads and at each road crossing as soon as possible.
 6. Provide for general public information relative to the trail.
 7. Respond to requests from trail users by distributing to them copies of maps provided by the Department.
 8. Solicit input from trail users and, if necessary, recommend trail redesignation to the Department.

It is mutually agreed that:

1. Any proposed signing and/or trail improvement project must be approved by the agency administering the land prior to initiation.
2. Nothing herein shall be construed as binding the Department, Forest Service, and BLM for expenditures of monies not appropriated.
3. No contributions herein provided shall entitle the parties to any share or interest in the said facilities other than the right to use the same under the regulations of the Department, Forest Service, and BLM.
4. The parties will meet annually to discuss this agreement. The agreement may be revised as necessary by mutual consent of all parties by the issuance of a written amendment, signed and dated by all parties.

5. The rights and obligations of any party to this agreement may be renegotiated or terminated upon the giving of thirty (30) days written notice to the parties. Unless terminated by written notice, this agreement will remain in force indefinitely.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the last date written below.

Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation

By *Spencer Russell*
Title *Director*
Date *July 2, 1992*

Challis Forest

By *Charles C. Wilder*
Title *FOREST SUPERVISOR*
Date *May 2, 1991*

Idaho Trails Council

By *Ray M. Williams*
Title *President Idaho Trails Council*
Date *6 August 1991*

Payette Forest

By *Veto La Salle*
Title *Forest Supervisor*
Date *May 2, 1991*

Bureau of Land Management

By *Peter J. Van Zender*
Title *Idaho Associate State Director*
Date *July 26, 1991*

Clearwater Forest

By *Wm Green*
Title *Forest Supervisor*
Date *May 2, 1991*

Idaho Panhandle Forests

By *William E. Marden*
Title *Forest Supervisor*
Date *May 2, 1991*

Boise Forest

By *Roberta A. Moltzen*
Title *Acting Forest Supervisor*
Date *May 2, 1991*

Nezperce Forest

By *Daniel E. Pomeroy*
Title *Acting Forest Supervisor*
Date *May 24, 1991*

Sawtooth Forest

By *Colin M. Stiles*
Title *Forest Supervisor*
Date *May 21, 1991*

IDAHO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

May 31, June 1, 1990

Lewiston, Idaho

The Idaho Parks and Recreation Board and staff and the Washington State Parks Commission and staff met in Lewiston at the Hells Gate State Park visitors center at 6:00 p.m. on May 31 for an exchange of ideas and information on the status of each of the state park systems.

Chairman Glenn Shewmaker called the regular quarterly board meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on June 1 in a conference room at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston. Board Members present at the meeting were:

Glenn Shewmaker, Chairman, Kimberly
Ren Thomson, Vice-Chairman, Malad
Robert Thomas, Member, Coeur d'Alene
Tom Neal, Member, Moscow
Sheila Robertson, Member, Boise
Monte Later, Member, St. Anthony

Also in attendance during all or a portion of the meeting were the following:

Yvonne S. Ferrell, Director
Ruth V. Kassens, Administrative Assistant
Rinda Just, Deputy Attorney General
Merl Mews, Development Bureau Chief
Jim Poulsen, Recreation Resources Bureau Chief
Jeff Hoedt, Boating Supervisor
Bill Dokken, Operations Bureau Chief
Steve Anderson, Fiscal Officer
Rick Cummins, North Region Supervisor
Dave Okerlund, Park Planner
Chuck Wells, Trails Supervisor
Lew Munson, ORMV Coordinator
Ron Vigil, Hells Gate State Park

Jeff Youtz, Legislative Fiscal Office, Boise
Ed Bloedel, U. S. Forest Service, Twin Falls
John Bieker, Moscow
Morton R. Brigham, Lewiston
Forrest S. Pry, KEA, Coeur d'Alene
Michelle Bingle, KLEW-TV, Lewiston
Bill Loftus, Lewiston Tribune
Cindi Mader, Office of Congressman Larry Craig, Lewiston
Kristy Stedman, Office of Senator Jim McClure, Lewiston
Eldred Thomas, RV Advisory Committee Member, Lewiston
Mary Wells, Boise
Gene Bruce, Backcountry Horsemen (Panhandle)
Charles Miller, Idaho Panhandle Backcountry Horsemen

- AGENDA:** Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of the January 17, 1990, Board Meeting and the April 27 and 28, 1990, Special Board Meeting
- INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**
- NEW BUSINESS:** Financial Statement of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
- Idaho State Centennial Trail
- Emergency Promulgation of Amendments to Public Information Rules
- Amendments to Fees and Charges in State Parks
- Approval of Off-Road Motor Vehicle (ORMV) Projects
- Approval of Waterways Improvement Fund Projects
- Approval of Recreation Vehicle (RV) Projects
- STAFF REPORTS:** Review of JFAC Action on the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Budget - Jeff Youtz
- Mary Minerva McCroskey Memorial State Park General Development Plan (GDP) Status Report
- Acquisition and Development Status Report
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
- BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**
- EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Under authority of *Idaho Code* § 67-2345, an executive session may be held for the purpose of discussing personnel, litigation, or private land acquisition matters.
- NEXT BOARD MEETING**
- DATES, LOCATIONS:** Challis, August 2, 3, 1990.
Boise, November 9, 1990.
- ADJOURNMENT:** 1:00 p.m., June 1, 1990

Chairman Shewmaker called for any additions or deletions to the printed agenda.

Director Ferrell requested the addition of a cost overrun request by a project sponsor under the Boating program.

Hearing no other additions or deletions, Chairman Shewmaker declared the agenda approved.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS:

Chairman Shewmaker called for action on the minutes of the January 17, 1990, and April 27 and 28, 1990, special board meeting.

Mr. Thomson moved that the board approve the minutes of the January 17, 1990, and April 27 and 28, 1990, special board meeting. Mr. Later seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Shewmaker introduced the guests that were in the audience at that time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr. Anderson presented the following written financial status report for the IDPR through March 31, 1990:

Operating revenues were generally up through March this year with the exception of those derived from winter programs. Both the snowmobile (1261) and cross-country ski (1246) accounts were down substantially. Gas tax revenue was up slightly, indicated by gains in the Waterways (1250) and ORMV (1260) accounts. However, the Capital Improvement account (1247) was down due to a reduction of reimbursable projects from Public Works & the National Guard. The Harriman Account (9321) was up due to increased use and good earnings on invested funds.

Federal accounts were mixed with gains in the P&R Federal Account (1355) due to the Recreation Initiative, City of Rocks and billings on L&WCF projects. The Federal Pass-through Account (1390) and the Federal Surcharge Account (1391) were both down substantially due to a reduction in available grant funds and ongoing projects. The Boating Safety Account (1370) was showing a good increase over last year.

The expenditure rate was generally ahead of last year at this time. Administration had only \$50,700 remaining in operating expense compared to \$90,600 last year. Administration will have to conserve on travel, supplies and other general operating expenses for the remainder of the year in order to stay within budget.

Park Operations operating expense has approximately the same percentage of spending balance as they had last year at this time, however they have \$193,600 balance remaining compared to \$166,600 last year. Most individual parks appear to be in a good position to complete the year and Park Operations over all appears to be in good shape. A few parks will require additional operating funds to complete the fiscal year, however these can be transferred from the regions and park administration.

Development only had \$1,752.84 remaining in operating expense with a full traveling schedule for the spring. A transfer of allotment from another program will be required to allow them to complete their agenda for the year. The Recreation Programs had \$65,500 remaining operating expense balance compared to \$74,500 last year. The trails programs have overspent their allotted operating expense at this time and will require a transfer from the

trustee and benefit allotment to complete the year. The RV program is currently low in operating expense balance but a transfer from allotted seasonal salaries is planned to provide the needed spending authority.

With the indicated adjustments, I do not anticipate any major problems completing the current fiscal year within available budget.

The financial statements presented to the board are attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Chairman Shewmaker asked what the source is for the P&R Federal Fund 1355. Mr. Anderson responded that account 1355 is the flow-through federal account. City of Rocks is run through that fund as well as the in-house L&WCF projects. Although LWCF projects have been down this year, there has been a revenue increase in that fund due to funds for the City of Rocks.

Mr. Neal noted the trails program appears to have been overspent and asked if that has to do with the Centennial Trail? Mr. Anderson said at this time, that's true. The Centennial Trail costs have been paid, but reimbursement has not yet been received on the management agreement. Staff has been working with the Forest Service as far as allocating the funds for the centennial trail. Director Ferrell said it's strictly a reimbursement program; there's no agency or state funds involved.

Director Ferrell pointed out that the development bureau, at the end of March, was very low in operating monies, and some money will need to be transferred to that program. That is the result of the accelerated capital development program this past year that has caused staff to be on the road and to use operating and travel expenses at a higher rate than normal.

Mr. Later asked if the marina expenses/income are held within that fund? Mr. Anderson said the revenues are going into the 1115 rotary fund which is used as an enterprise account. The funds are used to operate the marinas and to do any additional capital development that is necessary.

Mr. Thomas moved that the board approve the financial statements as presented. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

IDAHO STATE CENTENNIAL TRAIL

Written information presented to the board by staff is attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Chairman Shewmaker called for the Director to provide comments and staff's recommendation to the board on the proposed route for the centennial trail. Director Ferrell provided the following comments:

The authority of the parks board to designate state trails is vested in *Idaho Code* § 67-4223, so all work and designations to date or in the future are under that section of the *Idaho Code*.

The idea of the state centennial trail started in 1986 with two gentlemen, Syd Tate and Roger Williams, who traversed a north-south, border-to-border route. They went to the Lasting Legacy Committee with the idea that this would be a good centennial project to present to the people of the state of Idaho.

In late 1987, the Lasting Legacy Committee endorsed that concept and charged the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation with facilitating that procedure.

The planning for the Idaho State Centennial Trail has been a cooperative project involving many trail groups. The Idaho Trails Council has been the pivotal organization over the entire planning process. The University of Idaho has also been involved, as has the United States Forest Service including all of the different forests that would be impacted by the trail, along with the Bureau of Land Management. The National Park Service, operating out of the Seattle office, has staff assigned to that project who have attended the different planning meetings. Part of the direction given to our agency was that the trail should be, to the extent possible, on public lands, trying to avoid private land whenever possible. This is the reason for the heavy involvement of the federal agencies as the Forest Service and BLM make up about 70% of the public land in this state. The charge also said do not create new trails. Link together existing trails so as to not create new impacts, and utilize the extensive trail system that currently exists in the state of Idaho.

Two committees were formed to assist the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation with the planning process. One was a citizens advisory committee made up of all trail user interests represented by the Idaho Trails Council. The other was an agency steering committee that had representatives from all of the state and federal agencies that would be impacted.

The citizens advisory committee had an important role in determining the direction in that they were charged with recommending goals and objectives for the trail; recommending the trail routes; establishing assistance groups to help federal managers and land owners that might be impacted; to promote development and management of the trail through adoption programs or different trail organizations committing to take care of certain parts of the trail; and serving as a liaison between the parks department and trail users throughout the entire state as well as the federal land managers and the private land owners. They would be responsible for developing and recommending a trail marking system. The department held a contest for the trail marking program to designate a logo for the trail about a year and one-half ago and received approximately 300 different suggestions, many of them from school children throughout the state. There was a selection committee who selected the trail logo marker. It's important to note that the centennial trail logo marker is not the same centennial logo that is commonly associated with the centennial. The citizens advisory committee was also responsible for providing expert advice on trail establishment and use from the user standpoint. The people on the committee represented all trail users in the state of Idaho.

The agency steering committee also had a very important role in advising the agency in that they were responsible for developing goals and objectives of the trail, developing trail management and maintenance direction, preparing cooperative agreements and management plans with the citizen advisory committee and trail user groups, and developing trail routes and alternatives. Again, federal agencies were heavily represented as every U. S. Forest and BLM area that the trail conceivably could go through had a representative on that committee.

In May of 1988 a goal-setting workshop was conducted after the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the Idaho Trails Council meeting in McCall. Participants at that goal-setting meeting included equestrians, mountain bikers, hikers, backpackers, trail bikers, skiers, and representatives from several Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management offices.

Generally, workshop participants envisioned a trail that focused on Idaho's diversity. They wanted to provide a trail where one could see the agricultural industry that is so important to this state, to view the mining that goes on in some of the back country, and to see and touch upon as many of the historical, recreational, and scenic sites and areas as possible.

They developed a set of goals, which has previously been presented to the board.

In December of 1988, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation sent out 400 scoping documents around the state to solicit input and comments on several alternatives that the different committees had recognized as being possible routes for the trail. Although 400 documents went out, only about 30 were returned. A preferred alternative by both the citizens advisory committee and the technical advisory committee was developed.

The committee used a process called "Choosing By Advantages" (CBA) which is a process to evaluate all the alternatives available and then weigh the values against the goals and objectives to come up with a route that appears to meet the majority of the goals and objectives.

In April of 1989 a cross section of the joint committees met in Boise to do a trial run on one of the segments that were chosen under the CBA process to see whether the CBA process was really working, and if it would produce the kind of trail that they envisioned for the citizens of Idaho.

The full joint committees met in Sun Valley in May of 1989 to complete that process. A reconsideration stage was entered into in which the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation went back out to the public with the recommended alternative, and asked them for comments. It was at this point that it became very clear that some of the citizens were not comfortable with the fact that the preferred trail did not go

through the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness and the Bitterroot-Selway Wilderness. They felt that was a very important pristine part of our state, although all of the other goals were met in the other alternative, that the wilderness experience was very central to the entire earlier concept of that trail. At that point it became apparent that the readings between the Lasting Legacy Committee, who charged this agency and the different advisory committees that were working on this, had not been made clear.

The citizens committees and the technical committees went back to work again after the Lasting Legacy request to reexamine and consider a wilderness route. They came up with the wilderness route that has been outlined on the maps that the board has been provided over the past several months. The Lasting Legacy Committee, at their meeting in January, adopted segment one from British Columbia down to Hoodoo Pass which was the same route that was selected by the advisory committee; they officially selected the route through the two wilderness areas; and the third segment, south of wilderness down to the Nevada line. They did not officially address a western route although they felt that if the parks board adopted one, it would be an acceptable solution to them. They were very clear that they wanted the route through wilderness and the segment one and three that are on the south and north end of wilderness to be called the Idaho State Centennial Trail, which is the name they had embraced from the beginning. The board has been provided a letter from Mr. Trueblood of the Lasting Legacy Committee with a copy of the actual motion that supports the recommendation being presented to the parks board.

This has been a very difficult project caused by trying to meet the needs of all of the citizens of the state, to protect the resource, and still have handled the information and the needs fairly and objectively. There doesn't appear to be an absolute compromise available in terms of what is the best possible decision.

The board has staff's recommendation that the board approve the state designation of the Idaho State Centennial Trail and the Centennial Trail west and east. In order to identify those routes outside of wilderness for the public, they have been termed Centennial Trail east and west. This terminology was suggested by Mr. Trueblood of the Lasting Legacy Commission as an acceptable way to identify them for trail users.

Director Ferrell concluded by saying she recommends that the board adopt the Idaho State Centennial Trail and Centennial Trail west and the small portion that is labeled east. The maps outlining the routes are before the board, along with a map that shows the 34 proposed wilderness areas that make up a combination of the Kastner bill, the Andrus-McClure bill, and other proposed wildernesses in the state. The map also shows the actual wildernesses. The proposed routes do travel through some of these proposed wilderness areas. It is important to note that the proposed route does not change any existing trail use that is currently authorized under existing land management plans. It does not introduce new uses; it does not change existing

uses. Changes in land use are established through public input and the NEPA process, and designated either by the Forest Service or the BLM.

Director Ferrell said she is pleased that Mr. Ed Bloedel from the Sawtooth Forest is here today because he has been in on the entire process from its inception. If there is an expert on the trail, Mr. Bloedel probably comes as close to representing that as anybody. Director Ferrell added that she came into the situation late in the process and missed a lot of the early deliberations.

There being no questions of Director Ferrell, Chairman Shewmaker called on Mr. Bieker to address the board.

Mr. Bieker thanked the board for allowing him to come and talk on the centennial trail. Mr. Bieker noted that he is president of the Idaho Trails Council. He emphasized that he is not here talking for the council now, but is here on his own. The board has the letter from the Trails Council already. Mr. Bieker said he's here to urge the board to approve the Idaho Centennial Trail.

Mr. Bieker related a story about a friend of his who was wheelchair bound. This gentleman, whom he's known for about 40 years has had multiple sclerosis (MS) for the last 24 years. It is a terrible disease that affects different people differently. For the last 12 years this gentleman was confined to the wheelchair, and the last 5 years he gradually lost control of all but use of one arm and one hand, but with a very keen mind. He was able to operate a motorized wheelchair, and he got good at it. He traveled all over the city in his motorized wheelchair. He was an avid outdoorsman while he was able to be that way. When Mr. Bieker visited him in a nursing home in Clarkston, he always wanted to know how the Centennial Trail was coming along. He said he wanted to be able to take his wheelchair and go ride on the Centennial Trail. He also said he wanted to ride on some of the wilderness trails. Well, federal law says, this you can't do. He told Mr. Bieker that was discrimination, and he's absolutely right. It is. Mr. Bieker said he wanted his friend to come and speak to the board today, but he can't. He died three weeks ago. He'll never be able to take that wheelchair ride on the Centennial Trail, but for the sake of all the other wheelchair-bound people, Mr. Bieker urged the board to approve this trail with the least amount of restriction possible. Allow these people to get out and see some of Idaho's country as it is now. At the last meeting of the Four-County Natural Resources Committee meeting in Coeur d'Alene, there was one dissenting vote out of all the votes that were cast for the Centennial Trail. The one gentleman said he wanted it to be a walking and hiking trail only. Mr. Bieker urged the board to remember the people in the wheelchairs. Nobody has talked to them yet. Thank you.

Chairman Shewmaker called on Forrest Pry to address the board.

Mr. Pry said he's wearing two hats today. The first hat is for myself--horseman, backpacker, hiker. Mr. Chairman and members of the board, there isn't enough public knowledge about the proposed

multipurpose trail. You must get more information out to the public. You must have a well-detailed map along with this information. I have yet to see such a map, only vague dotted lines. I urge you, do not cast this centennial trail in stone until more public knowledge is available. I, as well as many others, have opposed building multipurpose roads through existing wilderness as well as proposed wilderness areas. Motorized vehicles do not mix with day hikers, backpackers, bicyclists, and horsemen. Not wanting to be lopsided in my opinion, I went to horsemen's clubs, private riders, and talked to hikers and outfitters. They all oppose the concept of multipurpose usage of high country except by nonmotorized use.

A case in point, Canfield Mountain in the Coeur d'Alene National Forest had a very good trail over this mountain built by horsemen, used by day hikers and backpackers, also. Along came motorbikes, which not only became a nuisance to the people on foot and on horseback, but they did incredible damage to the trail as well as to the mountainside. Now we have the water running down the eroded trail with such washouts that neither hikers nor horsemen can use them. Gentlemen, this is a very small area compared to the proposed trail. Just think of the damage here, multiplied because of the location and size of the trail. A case in point, Jerry Johnson Hot Springs off of highway 12 with easy access to the public, has been taken over by nudist groups who don't care about ecology, about the environment, nor do they care where they take a crap. They are defiling this public area, therefore denying the use to others who simply want to enjoy the beauty and soothing waters of the spring. There's another example that usually happens when motorized vehicles are allowed to get too close to special areas. Unfortunately people take unfair advantage. Let us keep our precious backcountry for the ones who truly appreciate beauty, serenity, closeness to nature. There are too many roads cutting into pristine areas already. It's imperative to preserve some of our most valuable heritage for the people who appreciate it. If we continue to open up more areas to motorized vehicles, we surely will destroy, within one generation, what mother nature has created in a millennium. We have to be stewards of the land and to ensure that following generations will have an opportunity to see what the backcountry looks like. Members of the board, for all the mentioned reasons and many others that would be too tedious for you to read, I cannot accept the idea of the Centennial Trail becoming a motorized trail. Can you in good conscience approve a move that will cause irreparable losses to our precious heritage. Thank you for this opportunity, and I am Forrest Pry.

Mr. Pry said the second half of his presentation results from his belonging to the Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA) in Coeur d'Alene. I agreed to convey to you a letter from them, and I hope that you'll bear with me a little bit longer. At the KEA meeting March 17, 1990, members voted to call your attention again to a letter of February, 1990, endorsing the idea of a divided trail. They again wish to be on record as favoring a separate trail, when necessary, for motorized vehicles outside the wilderness. We are still concerned about the effect of the centennial trail designation involving wilderness areas and areas proposed for wilderness by the Coalition

for Public Lands. The map for the trail which we have seen appears to route the motorized trail through the Gospel Hump Wilderness, and also appears to route motorized recreation through proposed wilderness areas including the Selmo-Priest, Long-Canyon, Selkirk, Scotchman Peak, Mallard-Larkins, Moose Mountain, Hawk Mountain, Lewis and Clark, South Fork, Salmon River, Hansom Lakes, Smokey Mountain, and Lime Creek. They would not want the designations of a centennial trail to jeopardize present or future wilderness designation in these areas. Submitted by Carol Stacey, Vice-President, KEA.

Mr. Pry asked for extra copies of the director's report and a good map.

Mr. Thomas said that he is from north Idaho and they don't know too much about it up north. But it isn't because the department hasn't provided the information. The fault lies in the news media that receives the information refuses to print it. They get news items of importance to the people of the state of Idaho out of the Boise Office and you never see them in the paper, but they get them. So it isn't the fault of this department.

Mr. Pry said he appreciates that information, because that was the one thing that he ran into when talking to so many people. They said we do not have any information, and that is what the body of my letter says.

Mr. Thomas said he attended a meeting of the Backcountry Horsemen in Coeur d'Alene a couple of weeks ago and noticed on their table that they had the maps with the latest proposal that the board is discussing today. Along with this map, there's a key showing the trail from north to south that keys into every section on a detailed forest map showing the detailed route mile-by-mile. The Backcountry Horsemen have this map showing the proposed trail that the board is discussing today.

Mr. Pry said he would still like to have a copy of that map, because there are other people besides these groups that are very keenly interested in the trail.

Mr. Thomas said at the Centennial Trail public meeting in Boise, state president Arlan Smith of the Backcountry Horsemen, addressed the board. Mr. Thomas said his main concern was a single trail that was supposed to accommodate multi-use. Mr. Thomas said he asked Mr. Smith if the horses are becoming accustomed to the motorcycles, and he seemed to think yes. Then the motorcycle people testified, and they are on a program of educating their people to stop their motorcycles and turn them off, go and talk to the horse people and find out the best way that the horse people recommend to pass on the trail. So, in the spirit of having a Centennial Trail from north to south, these two groups of people of adverse uses on the trail are trying to work together to make this come about.

Mr. Pry said I concur with what you have said, but the mixing of the species really don't mix. Like the gentleman before me testified about the man that had MS, my heart goes out to him and I think there's parts of that trail where you could take these wheelchairs. There's a lot to look at, and I hope my oar is not in the water too late to ride the rapids. Thank you very much.

Chairman Shewmaker introduced Morton Brigham.

Mr. Brigham said he wanted to address the board as an individual. For a long time I've been interested in conservation problems throughout the state. I was one of the instigators of the Gospel Hump wilderness in the first place and served on the negotiating committee where we negotiated that with the timber people and the people from Grangeville. We reached one of the few successful negotiations that was ever carried out with respect to the conflict over wilderness and nonwilderness use. I also participated back in the 60's and even prior to that in coordination of the Selway-Bitterroot wilderness so I've had quite a few years experience at this. Now the environmental laws were passed by Congress a few years ago for a purpose. The reason they were passed in the beginning was that we had too many diverse groups with different plans to do different things with different parts of the country, and their efforts weren't coordinated. For example, one agency working to perpetuate certain conditions whereas another agency may be working to destroy it. The Environmental Policy Act was passed to put a stop to that so there could be a more coordinated approach. Now, at the same time people continually seem to try to by-pass this environmental process. We have laws that are pretty definite in that respect. It applies to a lot of things besides wilderness and where there are major uses to be initiated that may affect certain parts of the country, sooner or later you're going to have to go through the environmental process whether you like it or not.

One point that comes to mind is, I'm familiar with this Gospel Hump wilderness because of my background in it, and also I've been on the ground. This western motorized trail crosses the Salmon River Canyon down there by the mouth of Wind River and goes across the river on the Wind River bridge, then it heads up somewhere or another, and I haven't been able to find that out, to the north. One route would be by the old Bullion mine which route would be off the wilderness. Another route goes up Wind River about three miles to the old McMeaghan ranch and then would have to go to the west on a trail that climbs up a bluff there. This country is extremely steep; people have fallen off those bluffs down there when they were afoot. I remember a mountain climber fell off to his death a few years ago, right there at the mouth of Wind River, just up the trail a little ways. I can't see for the life of me how you could ever, at any reasonable expense, ever produce a trail that's supposed to be suitable for motorized trails in that part of the country. The soils are erosive and in April, for example, you could cross the Wind River bridge and go part way up the hill. Who's going to stop a motorcycle from using it then? They won't be able to get clear through on top because there's too much snow, but then they're riding up the trail and once they get up there they'll be using them for hill climbs, hill climb practice and all sorts of purposes.

We know around Lewiston here for example that all you have to do is allow motorized use across a corner of a field for example and then they racetrack on the whole field. People get out there with motorized vehicles and go around and around and around in a circle like a crazy bedbug. They tear the whole field up if you let them into one corner. So there has to be somebody enforcing it, and a lot of regulations. Even if they had a surfaced trail in that part of the country that went up the hill through the problem areas where the soil

is erosive, they won't stay on the trail and they won't stay on the surface after they get up there. They'll just use that as access to get up there and cut the whole country up. It will take a lot of enforcement, so I can't see how you could go into that kind of process without a full environmental disclosure of the whole details before you start to get any funds for the thing. I don't think there's enough first-hand information available on any such a project of that size that you have the information even to draw up an environmental statement yet. That's a major project.

Another thing is, I think it's a frivolous use of money. We have people all over the state who don't have enough to eat, little children that don't have money to go to the doctor, women that are pregnant who don't have any money for suitable doctor's attention, we have people that are hungry, people without houses, hundreds of bridges all over the state that need to be replaced. I would say if we're going to spend money on a north/south route, let's spend it on highway 95 where we need it so we can use it with a truck. The way it is now, it's a dangerous process to even ride across areas like Lawyer's Canyon.

I can't see that frivolous use of money at a time when we have all these other issues staring us in the face. Actually the world as a whole. The entire planet is subject to threats that pale by the imagination. For example, the greenhouse effect. What effect would it have for example if say 500 to 1000 nuclear bombs would be blown over some of our cities. We have the ozone hole that allows harmful radiation to come to the planet here that causes a lot more skin cancer. We have vast pollution areas, areas like we have up around the mines around Coeur d'Alene. We have huge areas of mining waste that's never been cleaned up all over the country. Why can't we use what funds we have for some purpose like that rather than some place for some guy to ride up and down the mountain in a hurry on his motorcycle. Some of the promoters seem to think there's no place for them to go if you don't get this centennial trail. Actually there's been thousands and thousands of miles of trails and roads available ever since I can remember, and that's been too many years, where you can go out and camp and stay there a week and never see anybody. They don't have to have a new trail in order to find a place to get out in the boondocks. I think if you try to proceed the way you're trying to with this western motorized trail, if you try to proceed the way you're headed, you're just headed for a lawsuit. I don't think you're going to go anywhere. There's enough people interested they won't stand by and do nothing while such a thing is built. Thank you.

Director Ferrell pointed out that this is not a newly constructed trail. It's existing trails with existing uses, and that's caused some of the confusion. It's a symbolic designation that links existing trails and existing uses. One of the charges that Lasting Legacy gave was to use existing trails; use what is on the ground today.

Mr. Brigham said that may be their policy, I don't know about that, but when somebody starts up that trail that goes up the Lower Wind River and then starts to head off up the ridge to the west, he had better have a darned sharp shod horse, and it had better be in the middle of the summer.

Director Ferrell said that she has ridden parts of the trail in the north part of the state on horseback. It was open to multiple use, but the only thing that could get through there was a hiker or horse. It was very difficult riding.

Mr. Brigham interjected that any way you go across that Salmon River canyon, you're going to have to have a new trail. There's no way to do it on existing trails without a lot of damage.

Director Ferrell said the agency is not supporting the creation of new trails.

Mr. Brigham interjected then you're going to stop right at the bridge. There's a dead end of your trail right there, because you're not going anywhere after you get across the bridge unless it's rebuilt.

Chairman Shewmaker called on Mr. Bloedel to comment on the proposed Idaho State Centennial Trail route.

Mr. Bloedel said he didn't come here to testify for the Forest Service because the Forest Service has already testified in favor of these routes that the board has before them. The position of the Forest Service is still the same.

As was pointed out earlier in the Forest Service testimony, the route designation is still largely symbolic, which Director Ferrell just mentioned. When it crosses the national forest lands, these trails are already in place; the types of use are already there as designated by the national forest travel plans. One of the misunderstandings that seems to keep arising here is not understanding that all these trails are in place and are being used. Both of the routes have sections that are open to motorized use and sections that are not open to motorized use outside of wilderness. Forget wilderness for a moment. There are a lot of sections that are closed to motorized trail use by national forest plans on both of these routes because of resource damage or conflict between users, or other reasons that the Forest Service uses in the analysis of the national forest process. All the trails are in place. There may be some small sections up in the Panhandle near the Canadian border not in place, but otherwise the trails are already in place or the route is along roads. In a lot of cases it's along roads because there wasn't enough single trail routes to try to fit together. It was planned through that selection committee that the route could go through parts of wilderness. Both of the routes, the western and the route in the central section of the state go through wilderness. The Lasting Legacy Committee and others felt the western route, or the preferred route, did not go through enough wilderness, it just touched the edges. For example the Gospel Hump that Mr. Brigham brought up goes in and out of the Gospel Hump and where it goes into wilderness, it and probably a lot of the section that is outside the wilderness right in that area, is closed to motorized vehicle use and that's the way it would remain. If the state designates this as a centennial route, it would remain that way. Or, it could be adjusted--not in the wilderness--but outside of wilderness by forest travel plans. So remember that if you establish a trail, that the use can be adjusted through these forest travel plans, or if Congress should establish wilderness, and that's happened in the past. There's a lot of times Congress has come in and said we want this to be wilderness where trails were used by

motorized vehicles and in a lot of cases, even jeeps. All over the country there are examples of that, and that's Congress' prerogative. That's the people of the United States' prerogative, through Congress, to establish wilderness if they wish. The Forests then manage it as wilderness.

There was no trail actually designated as an alternate motorized route. A lot of that has come out because of the way it came out in the media, or the way certain people are making that statement to make that the issue. There was no plan to say this is the alternate motorized route. The western route goes in and out of wilderness. When the committee went through this process, they were looking at different alternatives, knowing that parts of that route would be closed to motorized use, There would be other roads and trails off of the centennial trail that motorized use could occur on and then come back on the centennial trail. The motorized users that were on the committee at least are fully aware of that.

Again, the Forest Service testified earlier. The Forest Service is cooperating with the designation through the state process. The NEPA process has been mentioned several times in testimony in other places; the Forest Service is following that. Part of that is the public involvement that is going on now in a great fashion because a lot of people are getting involved.

But if the board designates a trail, then it's still up to the Forest Service as land managers to manage that and say what is going to be the use, working with the public. We'll manage those under the NEPA process. We will follow the national environmental process in implementing or managing this trail.

Again, the board already has the Forest Service' written testimony in support of the route that has been outlined by Director Ferrell which is delineated on the maps before you today. The Forest Service believes that the centennial route will have little affect (and the amount of use is a matter of opinion) and doesn't feel the designation will change the use a great deal one way or the other.

Both routes go through proposed wildernesses--both routes--not just the western route, but both routes.

Mrs. Robertson asked Mr. Bloedel, if the board designates that trail route, would that swing the balance towards making those travel plans favor motorized vehicles? Mr. Bloedel said he didn't think so, because you're designating a trail that is open to both motorized and nonmotorized use based on the forest travel planning process. However, I said earlier, that can be adjusted.

Mrs. Robertson asked about areas that are more or less defacto nonmotorized trails because they are so steep, such as Mr. Brigham suggested. For instance, in areas that are already okay in the Forest Service plan for multiple use but they just can't be used because they are too steep, does the Forest Service have plans to redo those trails to upgrade them so that motorized vehicles can use them which would actually make that area more available to motorized use? Mr. Bloedel said he couldn't think of any motorized plans for any specific forests, but yes, if there are places where that can be done. When the Forest Service plans to rebuild a trail so that it is suitable for whatever use, it goes through the NEPA the same as any other project. If, within the travel planning process, they make that decision that this would be suitable for motorized use, if there was some change in the trail, there could be some plans to go ahead and improve some trails along

those lines. They don't have any specific plans for the Idaho State Centennial Trail like that. They will look at each section of the centennial trail, if the board designates it, on a case-by-case basis, based on the forest plan direction, what the public has told us through the forest planning process and federal plan direction tied to that, and whether or not that should be changed or adjusted.

Mr. Bloedel said there may be some trail projects that are upgraded. These trails are already there and in existence, and plans have been made to do things on these trails. So, there may be some projects now along this particular route where the trail is going to be changed and upgraded. The Forests are working on their trail program and management program regardless of this designation process.

Mrs. Robertson said some people have pointed out specific projects where they felt that that has been done, and she was trying to clarify that. It gets back to the fear that they have that those improvements will indeed prejudice travel plans and jeopardize proposed wilderness areas in terms of those ever being considered for wilderness through the NEPA process. Mr. Bloedel said that's an opinion. People can say that's the way it will go. He feels it can go either way. They are upgrading some trails in the Smokeys, but are not upgrading those trails with the purpose of improving them for motorized use. Those trails that are being upgraded are unsafe for horse travel, causing erosion, and other problems. In the Smokey Mountains, we have certain trails that are being upgraded. This is on the Sawtooth, which is one of the controversial areas that the conservation groups have proposed for wilderness that the forest plan doesn't propose for wilderness. The conservation people then can say that we're upgrading that just for motorized use. Well, that's their opinion, but we are rebuilding some of those trails because of resource damage and other safety conflicts, and problems for horses.

Mrs. Robertson said in the Red Mountain wilderness area that the Forest Service proposed for wilderness, wasn't approximately half of that struck from consideration because of the ORV trails in that area? Mr. Bloedel said he didn't know the Red Mountain area, so can't answer that. It was hard to get someone here that would have details on each of those areas. He said he could only answer for the specifics on the Smokey areas.

Mr. Later asked if it is correct that a person could not follow that designated trail with a motorbike without leaving it at certain places and then coming back on? Mr. Bloedel said that's correct. Mr. Later added, unless designations were changed or unless trails were rebuilt or something. Mr. Bloedel said they would have to be relocated, too, because the western route goes through wilderness. We have no authority to allow motorized in the wilderness, and have no intention of that. Mr. Later said couldn't that same thing be said of the eastern route? That if a person headed out on a motorbike, could he follow part of it and then have to get out onto. . . . Mr. Bloedel said the same thing could be said for an eastern route. Mr. Later said then, what is the purpose of designating a western route? Mr. Bloedel said the western route was the chosen preferred alternative of those joint committees that worked through this using all the criteria. Some of the criteria was to provide a diversity of recreation opportunities, to protect high quality natural cultural recreation. It was an attempt to tie in those other things. It was the highest scoring selected route in the process. Mr. Later said then the name that the media or somebody has put on that western route by calling it a motorized route is a misnomer. Mr. Bloedel said that's true. It is a misnomer.

Chairman Shewmaker thanked Mr. Bloedel for his comments.

Chairman Shewmaker said in his view this was a compromise, the best thing that the board can do, realizing that it's not going to be fully accepted by any group, but it was the best that could be done in meeting the objectives that were set. He commended all those parties involved for coming up with what they did. It was not an easy job. Staff's recommended action is to approve the centennial trail as presented.

Mr. Thomas said about five days ago he received a very thick package of information on the centennial trail that Director Ferrell sent to the board to review. He said he has been spending most of his waking hours wrestling with this trail problem. The Forest Service, primarily, is in charge of all of these lands. In the written statements and testimony, it is clear that on this particular route they are only putting a name to it--nothing more. The route more or less follows existing roads and existing trails which have been used for motorized, backpacking, and so forth. This does not digress from that. It's merely putting a name to a route. A lot of people put in a lot of time on the project. He said he was particularly impressed with a story in the Grangeville newspaper. Two hundred people went up on the Lochsa, a part of the proposed centennial trail, and put in a weekend building trails and bridges for the successful designation of this particular north-south trail. That's impressive. By adopting this recommendation, the board is satisfying the things that the Lasting Legacy Committee wants and providing future generations a lasting legacy that they will appreciate down the road.

Mr. Thomas said, I therefore move that the board adopt the recommendation as submitted by the staff and our director. The recommendation is as follows: That the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board approve state designation of the Idaho State Centennial trail and centennial trail west and east as shown on the attached map. This action taken in accordance with Idaho Code 67-4223. I move for the adoption of the recommendation. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion on the motion.

Mrs. Robertson urged against adoption of this proposal, partially because she thought one of the foremost natural resource sponsored controversies right now in Idaho is wilderness. It has been for a long time, and it will be into the future. Mr. Bloedel has pointed out that in the past that when wilderness areas were designated, that motorized trails were discontinued. But she thought that if some of the proposed wildernesses were to be considered for wilderness designation now, it would be very difficult to say that the Idaho State Centennial Trail, motorized portions, would have to be discontinued because of the label the board is putting on it. She felt that because of that, in a sense the board is inserting themselves as a state agency and as a state process in something that should be a congressional prerogative. The board could quite possibly jeopardize the ability of these areas to be designated wilderness at some time. She said she is not against a western alternate but is against that alternate going through areas that are currently proposed wilderness.

Chairman Shewmaker said he certainly didn't think it would be the intent of the motion that the board do anything that would be construed as causing an area in the future not to be included in wilderness. Any action such as future wilderness

designation can only be handled by the administrative agency with the authority such as the Forest Service or BLM and by congressional action.

Chairman Shewmaker called for any more discussion.

Mr. Thomas called for the question.

Chairman Shewmaker said all those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Messrs. Shewmaker, Thomson, Neal, and Thomas voted aye. Mrs. Robertson and Mr. Later voted nay. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY PROMULGATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION RULES

Ms. Just presented the following written report:

The 1990 legislature passed, and the governor signed, a comprehensive public records bill, House Bill 860. The legislation takes effect on July 1, 1990. The existing rules pertaining to access to public records of the department were promulgated in the spring of 1988, and do not comport with some portions of the new legislation.

Staff is proposing amendments to the existing rules to bring them into compliance with the legislation. A copy of the rules in legislative format is attached to aid you in discerning the changes which are proposed. The attached form is not a part of the rules, but is provided for your reference, as the rules do make reference to the form. Because there is inadequate time to promulgate these rules using normal notice and comment procedures, staff is requesting that the board approve the amended rules as emergency rules to become effective July 1, 1990, and further direct staff to begin the formal promulgation process.

Staff recommends that the board approve the proposed amendments to IDAPA 26.10.4 as emergency rules to become effective July 1, 1990, and direct staff to begin concurrent promulgation of the rules through the ordinary notice and comment process.

The rules in legislative bill format are attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record. The form for requesting public records is attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Ms. Just added that the legislature resolved a long-term dispute that has gone on between the media and various state agencies about what kind of records were available to the public. In the past, the law read that anything that was in a department's files was open to the public unless there was a specific statutory exemption that closed a public record. The problem was that a multiplicity of agencies had a multiplicity of statutes that were scattered from one end of the Idaho Code to the other. Even with all of those exemptions, some state agencies were having problems conducting business because certain items that they dealt with weren't public records and were causing them problems and they were trying to get more exemptions. The media felt that everybody was trying to conduct state business behind closed doors and they finally came up with a comprehensive bill to deal with public records. It sunsets all of the existing provisions and institutes a system whereby all records are public except for 36

specified exemptions that are all going to appear in one place in the Idaho Code. It also sets up some provisions for timeliness of responding to public records requests, and specifies when and how much can be charged for providing this information. Some of those procedural things that were in that legislative action were not consistent with the public records provisions that the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation had in its rules that it implemented in 1988. So the proposed rule changes don't go into the substance of the legislative enactment, but they are designed to deal with and make the department's procedures consistent with the procedural requirements of the new bill, the majority of which goes into effect July 1. The sunseting of the existing exemptions doesn't go into effect until 1993, but the working part of the public records bill does become effective in July. Therefore, staff is asking the board to allow promulgation of the rule changes as emergency rules to become effective on July 1. At the same time, staff will take those through the full public hearing process. There was no way to do that and have them finalized and in effect on July 1 to comply with the statutes.

The department's existing rules call for one public records officer in the entire state and that worked fine because most of the records people asked for were in the central office. But the new law only allows three days to respond to a public records request and there are public records kept in each of our parks that are not available in the central office. It would be unworkable for those public information requests to go from a park to Boise and back and be able to do that under the time limit. We propose to have someone designated in the central office, the two region offices and every park office who will be in charge of the public records requests. The proposed rules include compliance within three days.

The new bill allows for photocopying charges but not for staff time in preparing, compiling and photocopying. The old rules allowed the department to charge \$10 per hour if it took a lot of staff time to compile a response to the request. The proposed rules specify 10 cents a copy for photocopying. The new bill allows charges for producing automated records off the computer, and limits the charge to actual costs to provide the information. The proposed rules specify the form of the computerized data. The individual requesting the public records will get the information the way the department has it, and it will be up to them to convert it to something usable to them.

Ms. Just said she will provide all staff and the board a copy of a manual that will explain what items are not for public consumption and what are and how to respond in order to comply with the statute. The statute included fines of \$1000 for public officials who in bad faith don't comply with the terms of the statute. That's going to be applicable to each public records person whether in the park, region office, or if the request is made to a board member. Director Ferrell pointed out that that \$1000 fine is a personal fiscal liability. It is not something that would be picked up by the state.

Mr. Neal moved that the board approve the proposed amendments to the administrative rules. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS TO FEES AND CHARGES IN STATE PARKS

Mr. Dokken presented the following written report for board consideration. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is recommending an increase in fees, to be effective January 1, 1991, as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Campsite Fees		
Primitive - vault toilets no water	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
Basic - vault toilets central water	6.00	7.00
Developed - flush toilets central water	7.00	8.00
Electrical hookups at site	2.00	3.00
Group Use Fees (per person)	1.00	1.25
Farragut State Park Minimum charges per night		
Thimbleberry	50.00	70.00
Waldron Loop 1	70.00	100.00
Waldron Loop 2	120.00	150.00
Buttonhook Area A	40.00	50.00
Buttonhook Area B	60.00	80.00
Annual State Park Passport (motorized vehicle entrance fee)	20.00	25.00
Discount rate if purchased prior to February 1	10.00	15.00

The present fees have been in effect since January, 1988. In making the recommendation to increase fees, several factors were considered: inflation since 1988, input from individual park managers, rates charged by private operators, rates charged in neighboring states, and increased operational fiscal needs.

The electrical hookup fee increase is a result of a study conducted at Hells Gate State Park. A meter was installed on one campsite, which showed a range of between \$2.25 to \$3.50 per site per day. While certainly not a scientifically exact study, it confirmed that an increase in fees for electrical hookups is needed.

There is a need to increase revenue to finance additional operating expenses to cover inflationary costs and a need to increase fees to hire additional seasonal personnel to provide services demanded by increased visitation. There is a need to increase fees to keep pace with other state park agencies in the West, and to remain generally competitive with private campgrounds in order not to negatively impact their business.

Setting of fees and charges is certainly not an exact science. Efforts to establish a rate that will not cause undue competition with private enterprise have met with mixed success. Rates charged by private enterprise

vary greatly. Consequently, the proposed fees, while considering private enterprise, are based on a variety of considerations.

The use of fees and charges within the state park system serves several purposes.

It provides a means for the user to pay a larger share of the cost of services--services are priced at a level that is fair to both users and nonusers. If a particular service provides benefits only to one user, such as reservations, an attempt is made to make that service pay for itself. Other services, such as protection of the resources located in a state park, are provided for the public good and the cost of providing these services should be borne by everyone. Campgrounds are provided for the public good, but should not be totally financed by the taxpayer or user. By providing these types of facilities, benefits accrue to surrounding communities, to the total state's economy, as well as to the user.

Fees and charges provide an alternate source of revenue for the Department. The pressure continues to increase services while the availability of tax dollars to provide those services decreases. This has necessitated a stronger emphasis on revenue enhancement.

Fees and charges are used as a management tool. They can be used to limit or encourage use in certain areas and at different times of the year; they can be used to determine demand; and the charging of fees can encourage private enterprise to enter the market if a profit can be made.

Staff has taken into account all of the above considerations in recommending an increase in fees. The financial benefits may not be seen the first year. In past years, when rates have been raised, the net effect has been a reduction of visitors the first year with a slight increase in revenue. In ensuing years, there has been a gradual increase in visitation.

Staff recommends the Board approve, in concept, the proposed fees for 1991. Further, that the Board direct staff to start the promulgation process so that the final fees and charges can be approved by the Board in their fall meeting.

Mr. Thomson asked if the group use fees pertain to Harriman? Mr. Dokken said Harriman and Dworshak have separate fee structures. The fees proposed here pertain to the other group use areas in state parks.

Mr. Thomas asked how many months and what time of the year did the experiment on electrical hookups cover? Mr. Dokken said the meter was read daily during August, September, and October. It's not a scientific study, but it reaffirmed staff's feelings that sufficient revenue wasn't being received to pay the electrical costs. Director Ferrell said it will have been three years since fees increases have been considered for our general camping.

Mr. Dokken added that whenever the department increases fees, there is a corresponding decrease in visitation, but a leveling of the fees. Staff does not anticipate much additional revenue next fiscal year as a result of this increase in fees. Calendar year 1992 is the time when the benefits of the fee increases will start to come in.

Mr. Later moved that the board approve the fees in concept as presented, and that staff be directed to begin the rule promulgation process. Mr. Neal seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

OFF-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLE (ORMV) PROJECTS

Mr. Chuck Wells presented the following written report:

The list of projects shown have been reviewed and recommended by the Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund Advisory Committee during their May 3 meeting in Boise. This list was reduced from a larger list of proposed projects.

Staff recommends approval of all of the listed projects to be funded as far as available funds will allow.

ORMV FUND

Approved ORMV Fund Budget for FY '91 (Trustee & Benefit and Capital Outlay)	\$733,500.00
Previously Approved Project Commitments :	\$90,228.00
Boise District BLM-Owyhee Front	\$37,000
Ketchum Ranger District-S.N.F.	\$31,428
Twin Falls Ranger District-S.N.F.	
Third Fork Trail System	\$21,800
Replacement of three (3) Groomers	255,000.00
Proposed FY 90 ORMV Projects	323,817.00
Projects under \$10,000 & Miscellaneous expenses	64,455.00

ORMV FUND Proposed Projects for FY 91

<u>PRIORITY & SCORE</u>	<u>APPLICANT/PROJECT</u>	<u>RUNNING AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 95.59	BLM - Egin Lake Access	\$33,850	\$33,850
2 85.68	Boise BLM - Boise Front OHV Trails	\$13,500	\$47,350
3 82.64	Nez Perce National Forest - Bullion Creek Trail (withdrawn)	\$50,000	\$97,350
4 82.59	Lowman RD/BNF - Rocky Wagon ATV Trail System (3 years at \$20,750 per year)	\$20,750	\$118,100
5 82.55	Payette Co RD - Clay Peak OHV Park	\$15,250	\$133,350

6	79.09	Ada Co Sheriff - Sheriff Patrol/Boise Front	\$20,000	\$153,350
7	77.45	Lowman RD/BNF - Deadwood Trail Projects (5 years at \$32,309 per year)	\$32,309	\$185,659
8	75.64	Boise RD/BNF - Corbus, Hot Creek & Grouse Creek (3 years at \$32,703 per year)	\$32,703	\$183,362
9	74.86	Wallace RD/IPNF - Graham Creek Trail	\$12,000	\$230,362
10	69.56	Pocatello RD/CNF - Belle Marsh Trail Projects (2 yrs: 1st yr. - \$36,454, 2nd yr. - \$13,254)	\$36,454	\$266,817
11	61.99	Montpelier RD/CNF - Horseshoe Basin Warming Hut	\$25,000	\$291,817
12	55.85	Valley Co Sheriff - Purchase, Snowmobile	\$10,000	\$301,817
13	52.90	Mtn. Home RD/BNF - Trinity Warming Hut	\$12,000	\$313,817
14	43.42	Salmon Ridge Runners Snmbl Club - Purchase, Groomer Trailer	\$10,000	\$323,817

The entire package of individual projects that are recommended to the board for approval today are attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Mr. Wells remarked that the new ORMV Advisory Committee scored and recommended the projects. The committee was established as a result of legislation that was enacted two years ago. The committee has three representatives from north Idaho, three from southwest Idaho and three from southeastern Idaho, and there is a snowmobile member, a trailbike/ATV member, and a nonmotorized member from each of those areas. The committee met in May and provided excellent input and evaluated the projects very carefully. Some of the projects are on-going projects phased over several years. As a result, approximately \$90,000 is obligated before other projects can be considered. Also, several years ago a process of approving and replacing groomers was set up. Staff tries to select three or four groomers a year for replacement. In addition, there are some miscellaneous projects under \$10,000 that have been approved by the Director; Staff will deal with those throughout the year.

Mr. Wells pointed out that **Project #3 on the list, Bullion Creek Trail on the Nez Perce National Forest**, should not be considered for approval at this time. Staff received a letter last week from the Nez Perce National Forest asking that the project be pulled. They want to back off on that project temporarily and get some other things done in there. It will change the totals.

Mr. Wells pointed out that the Boise Front had four project applications for ORMV funds:

- One was under \$10,000 from the public information/education committee from the Boise Front Coalition which was approved by Director Ferrell.
- Another project on the Boise Front was for \$13,500 for BLM to renovate trails, waterbars, etc.
- The other Boise Front project request was for Ada County Sheriff's patrol for \$20,000.
- The fourth project for the Boise Front was sponsored by the Boise Front coalition for \$39,200, which is not on this list. The committee voted seven against and two in favor of the project. It puts the department in a dilemma, because staff has been working with the Boise Front Coalition for several years to solve the problems on the Boise Front. Staff feels this is a good project in some ways, but would prefer not to alter the recommendations of this committee. This is the first time they have met.

Mr. Wells said he met with the Boise Front Coalition and they asked staff to present the fourth project to the board. That project involves working with the Ada County Soil Conservation Service on private land for fencing. Some of the committee members objected to the private land situation, but ORMV funds can be spent on private land. The three representatives from north Idaho pointed out the other three projects already approved for funding on the Boise Front.

Director Ferrell said that if the board approves this 4th project on the Boise Front, it basically is the final phase of the rehabilitation project that the Boise Front Coalition, other agencies, and this department have been working on for several years and it would take care of some of the last major problems that exist. The Boise Front project, under auspices of the Coalition, has received a great deal of notoriety. It will be receiving the "Take Pride in America Award" for the work that's been done on the Front. Director Ferrell added that she and Mr. Wells both feel that the board should commit these additional funds to finish up the project. It's been a monumental task, but the Boise Front Coalition has done miraculous work in a matter of 2-1/2 years. During the last board meeting this agency gave a community service award to the Boise Front Coalition for being able to work together as a cohesive group to solve those problems. None of staff wants to "go around" the recommendations of the committee, but this is one project that needs to go forward to finish the project. The fact that Bullion Creek has been pulled out also provides more than enough money to take care of that \$39,200 project on the Boise Front.

Mrs. Robertson said she is familiar with this problem, and certainly understands staff's hesitation to short-circuit this new committee, and she has some reservations about that. On the other hand, staff may, through longevity, work through some of the attitudes that northern Idaho feels like southern Idaho is getting all the money when they realize and have a history of projects you're working on and realize that some of the major problems are in the southern area that staff is addressing. Staff needs to look at it from that perspective. Mrs. Robertson encouraged the board to endorse this Boise Front project. It is worthwhile, a project that the board has a history of working towards.

Mr. Later said there would be some justification in the board approving this project in that this committee is new, and the Boise Front project is one that the board had made a significant commitment to as a staged project quite some time ago before this committee existed. The board should not walk away from any project leaving it almost completed whether that project is in southwest, east, or north Idaho.

Mr. Thomas said he was opposed to changing the committee's recommendation when it was first mentioned, but this discussion has given him a different perspective of the full program. He has changed his mind on that under the circumstances. Being a new committee, they may not see the overall operation of parks and recreation--the amount of money Kootenai County gets in boating funds as opposed to other counties, etc.

Mr. Wells said he would like to see a separate motion so staff can justify it as a continuation of a project that the board has an on-going commitment that shouldn't be stopped at this time. Future projects can be left to the committee.

Mr. Thomas moved that the board approve the Boise Front project in the amount of \$39,200 to complete the final phase of the on-going rehabilitation project. Mrs. Robertson seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion of the above motion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Robertson asked why the Bullion Creek Trail project was pulled from the recommendations on this list? Mr. Wells read excerpts from the letter from Michael J. Cook, Forest Engineer, as follows:

There appears to be a discrepancy in the legal description between the legislated wilderness boundary and the intent of the boundary itself. This effects the physical location of the trail, as well as access to the trail from the highway by O.R.V. Due to additional public comment, the proposal needs further analysis to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The present Categorical Exclusion will be expanded to an Environmental Analysis after clarification of this boundary. This process will take approximately 120 days without any further delays.

Mrs. Robertson said she had some concern when she saw that application, so she called Wayne Wright to find out if it was true that they were going to have to follow the NEPA process and do an environmental analysis on that. She was concerned because it looked suddenly like that had become part of the centennial trail. She had not heard about it until she received the information packet for this board meeting. Mr. Wright told her that originally when they made the application that they had encroached upon two environmental analyses that they had already done in the field for other projects and that they felt those would cover this project. They had filed a categorical exclusion, but it had not been signed off on in this file. When certain groups became aware that this might indeed be in the wilderness area, Mr. Wright reviewed the file and realized that had not been signed, so they were then forced to take these steps. Mrs. Robertson said she asked Mr. Wright, how many times does this happen with ORMV applications? Are there other occurrences where this is put in the file and never signed off on? He would not say that this had happened before, but suggested that this board might want to require, in the applications for ORMV projects on Forest Service and BLM land, an indication on the application that these had been signed off and by whom. Mrs. Robertson said she would like to make a motion to that effect.

Mr. Wells said this is the first and only project the Nez Perce National Forest has submitted for ORMV funds. When it came out for public review, they started getting comments and this was brought to their attention. They aren't sure if the trail goes into wilderness. Their intent was to relocate the trail so it would be outside of the wilderness.

Mrs. Robertson reiterated that she would like to make a motion, but wanted to hear a rebuttal from Mr. Wells as to what kind of situation that might put staff in if the board requires that a signoff be included in the project application that comes to the board for approval.

Director Ferrell asked exactly what statement would be in the application? Mrs. Robertson said something like ". . . on any applicable Forest Service or BLM signoff, that they have complied with NEPA before these projects come before the board."

Mr. Wells asked Lew Munson, who has been with the Forest Service and knows their processes, to explain the process. Mr. Munson said on most of these projects, they request the funds from the ORMV grant. If the funds are approved, they go into the complete NEPA process. If they aren't approved, then they don't go through that process. On some of them, the process has been done prior to the application being

sent in. It is a lengthy, time-consuming process to go through the NEPA process and then not get the project funded.

Mrs. Robertson said it looks like it could go all the way through the board action and then find out that they have to withdraw it. It then leaves money that is needed on other projects, but it also seems like it offers more opportunity to short-circuit the new committee that you just put in place to review these projects. Mrs. Robertson said she doesn't feel that the board has all of the information to consider a project, and perhaps the committee doesn't either.

Mr. Munson said all of the projects have gone through the process of getting the input from the people. The Forest Service has done the scoping to get the feel of what the public is saying. The actual document itself hasn't been written. If there is opposition, they go and talk to the people.

Mrs. Robertson moved that Mr. Wells and his group include in the applicable Forest Service or BLM application, a signoff that they have complied with the NEPA process before these projects come before this board.

In response to a question from Chairman Shewmaker, Mrs. Robertson explained that "if it's applicable" it should be done before it comes before this board. In some cases, she didn't think it would be applicable.

Mr. Later seconded the motion.

Mrs. Ferrell asked if it is intended to be the complete NEPA process including the issuing of the findings or the process of taking public testimony. Mrs. Robertson said in some cases that won't be necessary because they will only be doing an environmental analysis. All they will be doing is indicating to us that a categorical exclusion has been made. Director Ferrell said then you want to know the status of the environmental analysis by the Forest Service on the project, and it should show on the application?

Mr. Later said the benefits to the board would be that it will help us in cases like this in that we wouldn't have money in suspense, and would know that it is a viable project that can move forward.

Mrs. Robertson said that her concern is that if this hadn't been challenged, the board might have passed on this project without an environmental assessment. She has further concern that more challenges are going to be made, and has been told which ones they are. It would be better for them to have done all of that paperwork before it gets to the board, since it isn't denying them any of these projects.

Mr. Later asked Mr. Wells if they would have to change time frames for these projects in order to get all the paperwork done? Mr. Wells said it would probably back that up to the first of the year. Staff's review process takes 90 days for the department to review the project and get it back to the agencies.

Mrs. Robertson said that's a project-by-project call. The board can't tell which projects will take more time, and which will go right through. The projects that they recognize need more work will have to have more time on them.

Mr. Neal asked, if this is adopted, will people give up and not make applications for the grants? Mr. Wells said he's not sure what effect it will have. Mr. Munson

said the Forests know they have to complete a NEPA process before they can put the money on the ground. They hate to take all the time to go through the complete NEPA process, because a lot of projects never get through the approval process. Their concern is why should they put all the man hours into the NEPA process if it doesn't get approved. This would make sure it's a good viable project, and there would be more assurance that it would go through.

Mr. Neal said then in your opinion, it wouldn't discourage them from applying? Mr. Munson said he didn't think it would because most of the projects are viable, and didn't believe it would affect that.

Mr. Thomas asked Mrs. Robertson if it is her intention that this work has to be done before an application comes in? Mrs. Robertson indicated yes, if it is applicable. Mr. Thomas responded that "if it's applicable" is an escape clause. Mrs. Robertson said, No, it's not. They will decide whether or not it's applicable. Some of the projects won't require an environmental assessment. Some of them will, and those that do, it will be done before it comes before the board.

Vote: All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Shewmaker said that the board has had the information on each of the ORMV projects for the past few weeks and requested that board members ask questions on projects rather than review all of the projects individually.

Mrs. Robertson said on **Project 2, Boise Front OHV Trails**, Stacy Gebhard, Fish and Game, has some concerns about the width of the trail and problems with erosion. She asked if Mr. Gebhard's concerns have been addressed in the final form? Mr. Munson said the tread width is a certain width and the clearing width is a certain width. The 8-foot width is a clearing width to prevent limbs or something from hooking a packsaddle, the handle bars on a bike, or a backpack. That question has been answered to the satisfaction of Fish and Game.

Mrs. Robertson on **Project 10, Belle Marsh Trail**, Fish and Game officials have concerns about cumulative effects of increasing numbers of trails in the area. Mr. Wells said the Mormon-Goodenough Canyon connector was completed last year. The trails actually come down out of the forest and a rider must go on the one constructed last year, 10 miles of gravel and some paved road, to get to the other trail to get back up into the mountains again. And above the private land they were putting the trails across to make connectors and staff had some concerns about certain types of use during certain times of the year. The Forest Service has agreed to close those trails during that time of the year that Fish and Game was concerned about. It was in the winter range area and they will have a closure during that time. They do have a closure on the trail Mormon-Goodenough trail that was done last year. The new trail will be closed at that time, also. The deer come down above those fields and stay in those areas, and that was Fish and Game's major concern in seeing the trails in there.

Mrs. Robertson asked if there are concerns raised by Fish and Game, are those concerns addressed in the final? Mr. Wells said they are. Staff meets with Fish and Game right away to find out, mitigate, and take care of the problems.

Mrs. Robertson said relative to **Project 1, Egin Lake Access**, she received a clipping from the newspaper on Idaho's rare tiger beetle. The question asked was how projects like this impact the tiger beetle? Mr. Wells said this project is

actually outside of the sand dunes. Currently, people drive in through a farmer's field in an area where they can't get into the dunes and end up parking in the farmer's field. The sponsors want to put this parking lot outside of the actual dunes area; they feel they can have better control of the ORV's from a trail system out of this parking lot than they do where they're presently using them. The latest information he has is, they're finding where there's only one stage where there's any affect at all on the tiger beetle, and that's when the tiger beetle is in the larvae stage. Mr. Wells discussed it with BLM officials and they don't consider the tiger beetle and ORV use to be a major problem over there. They have found the tiger beetle in other locations, too. They thought at one time that it was the only place that they had them.

Mrs. Robertson said she received a university report on that and is aware of the other areas that they have identified, and is also aware of the timing of the use of the ORV's and that larvae stage. She asked if this department is in any way trying to mitigate the timing so we're not using those dunes or at least putting ORMV funds in so that it hinders that time? Mr. Wells said that BLM, by having the parking lot, could direct the trails away from the areas where the problems were to get the people back on the major dunes. They have signs up now that limit the ingress and egress from the dunes. If they get the parking lot in, they will have a better chance of doing that.

Mr. Thomson moved that the board approve the recommended projects numbered one through fourteen as presented by Mr. Wells but deleting #3, the Bullion Creek project. Mr. Later seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

FY 1990 WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANTS

Mr. Jeff Hoedt presented the following written report:

Staff has an available budget of \$695,500.00 for FY 1991 grants.

Nineteen counties, six cities, eleven management districts of federal agencies (USFS, BLM, BOR), three state parks, and three boating organizations submitted sixty-seven applications for FY 1991 Waterways Improvement Fund grants; the requests totalled \$1,569,028.87. Sixteen of the submitted applications did not meet the program requirements and were found to be ineligible for funding consideration leaving fifty-one eligible.

The Waterways Improvement Fund Evaluation Committee members individually reviewed and rated each application in accordance with the newly established point factor rating system. The individual scores were combined to create a final score for each application. The following list represents the application scores in descending order from the highest score.

The staff recommends that the Board approve all the grants as presented in the attached list commencing at the highest score and following the descending order until all available funds are dedicated. The staff is also recommending that the Board approve the transfer of those dedicated monies to the next

eligible project(s) should any of the applicants of the higher rated project(s) withdraw their applications.

The staff recommends that in the instance where the balance of available funds is only adequate to partially fund the next eligible application (such as IDPR-Heyburn S.P. 91-05(52a) that that applicant be given the option of accepting the reduced funding level or withdrawing their project. If the applicant elects to withdraw the project, the next eligible project will be offered the funds and/or the same option if applicable.

The staff recommends that the grants be approved and available at the percentage of total costs as applied for up to the maximum amount requested and approved.

The staff recommends that the compliance conditions on the Kootenai County 91-28(e) - Spokane Point land acquisition be approved.

The staff recommends that the Board approve the reduced funding for the City of Harrison 91-28 (68) dock project; and the USCG-Aux. 91.00(b) advertising project.

The City of Post Falls collects a \$1.00 park entrance fee per vehicle and a \$2.00 entrance fee for vehicles with trailers. Because FY 90 WIF grant monies provided the boat ramp, the staff recommends that the same fee for vehicles, with or without trailers, be charged if grant funds are also used to provide the parking areas.

The reports for the Waterways Improvement Fund Grant Applications for FY 1991 (July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991) are attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Mr. Hoedt added that staff calculated there would be \$788,000 available for FY '91 to be awarded in the form of grants. From those funds, staff has recommended to the director that \$50,000 be held to help supplement the boat safety grants which is again not completely funded this year, and to further hold \$42,000 or approximately 6% of the funds available for cost overrun projections that may come up during the year. This left \$695,500 to obligate for FY '91 Waterways Improvement Fund Grants.

The rules applicable to this fund have been changed, as has the system used to recommend projects to the board for grant approval. Staff has developed a five-member committee to review the grant applications and to point factor the projects. That committee is internal and involves all of the bureaus within the department. The applications staff considers eligible are presented to the the point-factoring committee.

The points assigned to the applications that were considered eligible and how they rated on a priority basis are shown on the documents presented to the board, along with a series of recommendations. Since the application procedure has changed, staff does not try to change the requested amounts recommended for approval. When sponsors submit an application to the department, it needs to be complete and specific. Applicants are encouraged to meet with staff prior to the committee meeting. Staff has provided manuals to each of the applicants, and the process has been explained at six state workshops so they could learn the new system. We

encourage them to apply early so that if they have problems with the application, staff can meet with them to help them develop a good package.

Mr. Hoedt pointed out that the U.S. Forest Service is currently considering withdrawing three applications because they have a wording problem with IDPR's agreement. Staff is negotiating with them now to see if that wording, which deals with the hold harmless clause in IDPR's agreement form, can be changed. Should the Forest Service withdraw their application for any reason, staff is asking the board for permission to go down the list in ranking order so as to provide funding for the next highest rating project.

Mr. Thomas moved that the board approve the series of recommendations as presented regarding the Waterways Improvement Fund grants. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

COST OVERRUN FOR THE PRIEST LAKE FY '90 WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT

Mr. Hoedt presented the addition to the agenda as follows:

In May of 1989, the Board approved an \$18,000 Waterways Improvement Fund Grant for dock construction at Priest Lake State Park. A \$1,000 grant for piling construction at the same site was also approved.

One month ago (May 1, 1990), the bids were open for the construction of this project. The contractor with the lowest bid had to withdraw from the project because of a lack of a materials supply source. The bid was then awarded to the second lowest bidder, where it was discovered that the cost of the dock construction would be higher than the grant awarded. The difference is \$2,160.00.

For the FY 90 grant funds, we have already experienced \$13,000+ in cost underruns on other projects. Therefore, the cash and the spending authority are currently available to fund the above cost overrun.

The staff recommends that the Board approve the Priest Lake State Park Waterways Improvement Fund Grant Project cost overrun for the amount of \$2,160.00.

Mr. Hoedt explained that funds are available for this cost overrun because of a cost underrun for another project; IDPR has the spending authority. With board approval, staff would add \$2,160 to the current grant.

Mr. Thomas moved that the board approve the recommendation to increase the Priest Lake State Park project, Waterways Improvement Fund grant by \$2,160. Mrs. Robertson seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

1990 and 1991 RECREATION VEHICLE GRANT REQUESTS

Mr. Poulsen presented the following written report:

The Department received forty-three (43) requests for RV grant funds during the last application period. At their most recent meeting, the RV Committee rated thirty-two (32) requests. Eleven (11) of the requests were not rated for various reasons. Upon the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer, the Committee chose to allocate approximately \$154,000.00 of remaining FY 90 funds and \$430,000.00 of FY 91 funds at the present time. The results of the priority rating process are attached. The following projects have been recommended by the RV Advisory Committee. This list does not include two (2) projects that were recommended by the Committee and previously approved by the Director.

IDPR Information Center Operation This project would fund the operation of the Cherry Creek, Huetter, and Snake River View Visitor Information Centers. Included in the request are personnel, capital, and operating costs for FY 91.

Idaho Falls BLM The BLM has requested funds to drill a new well at the Kelley's Island Campground near Heise.

Targhee National Forest The USFS has requested funds to renovate the Warm River and Riverside Campgrounds on the Ashton District of the Targhee National Forest.

City of Twin Falls The City has requested funds to construct a restroom and sewer lines at the Chamber of Commerce operated information center near the Perrine Bridge.

City of Hailey The City has requested funds to construct a visitor information center at Gateway Park, which was previously constructed with RV funds.

Boise National Forest The Emmett District has requested funds to renovate restrooms, roadways, and camp spurs at Sagehen Reservoir.

Targhee National Forest The Dubois District's request is to continue improvements at Stoddard Creek Campground north of Dubois. Previous improvements have been made with RV grant funds.

City of Wallace This request is to construct a tourist information center at exit 61 of I-90 near Wallace.

Salmon BLM This request is to replace the water system at Morgan Bar Recreation Site near Salmon.

Payette National Forest This request is to construct an RV dump station near the Cold Springs Campground, which is near Lost Valley Reservoir on the New Meadows District.

City of Preston This project is a cooperative project with the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Funds are being requested to construct an RV rest area and restrooms on US 91 in Preston.

Benewah County The County has requested funds to acquire the historic Hughes House, which will be used as a tourist information center.

IDPR Winchester The Department has requested additional funds to renovate the campground at Winchester Lake State Park. This is an addition to an existing RV grant.

The RV Committee recommends that the Board approve the following projects. The Committee also recommends that the Board approve the priority list, so that staff can award the funds to the next projects in line, should any approved project not materialize.

<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
Idaho Falls BLM	10,000.00	90
Payette National Forest	11,000.00	90
IDPR-Winchester	<u>131,600.00</u>	90
TOTAL	<u>152,600.00</u>	
IDPR-Info. Centers	72,000.00	91
Targhee National Forest-Ashton	41,906.00	91
Twin Falls	55,211.00	91
Hailey	62,449.00	91
Boise National Forest	17,800.00	91
Targhee National Forest-Dubois	26,900.00	91
Wallace	81,850.00	91
Preston	29,362.50	91
Benewah County	<u>24,312.50</u>	91
TOTAL	<u>411,791.00</u>	
GRAND TOTAL	564,391.00	

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
IDPR - Huetter-Cherry C. SRV Info Center	72,000.00	505
BLM ID FALLS - Kelly's Island CG Renovation	10,000.00	476
USFS - Warm River/Riverside CG Renovation	41,906.00	459
Cd'A BLM- Killarney Lake Restroom	3,500.00	458
TWIN FALLS - C of C Info Cntr Restrm/Sewer	55,211.00	453
HAILEY - Gateway Park Info Cntr	62,449.00	452
USFS - Sagehen Asphalt/Restroom	17,800.00	450
USFS - Stoddard Creek CG Renovation	26,900.00	450
WALLACE - Exit #61 - I-90 Info Cntr	81,850.00	438
BLM SALMON - Morgan BAR Water System	10,000.00	429
USFS - Cold Springs CG Dump Station	11,000.00	426
PRESTON - Preston Tourist Park	29,362.50	426
BENEWAH COUNTY - St. Maries Info Cntr	24,312.50	425
IDPR - Winchester Lake CG Renovation	131,600.00	425
BLM BURLEY - Grey's Landing Restroom	7,000.00	425
	<u>584,891.00</u>	

ST ANTHONY - <i>Keefer Park Info Cntr</i>	9,500.00	423
IDPR - <i>Bruneau Dunes Dump Station</i>	9,800.00	421
STITES - <i>Rest Area Restroom</i>	7,930.00	418
SHOSHONE BLM - <i>Timmerman Hill In for Cntr</i>	5,250.00	417
KOOTENAI COUNTY - <i>County Med Cntr RV Sites</i>	21,125.00	409
IDPR - <i>Bear Lake Picnic Shelter</i>	28,000.00	408
USFS - <i>Fish Creek Meadows</i>	10,000.00	403
IDPR - <i>Round Lake State Park Water System</i>	30,000.00	400
Cd'A BLM - <i>Huckleberry D.S. Hydrants</i>	25,000.00	399
BINGHAM CNTY - <i>Sportsman's Park Water Sys</i>	7,500.00	399
TWIN FALLS CNTY - <i>Fairgrounds Restroom</i>	35,505.00	398
USFS - <i>Big Springs Restrooms</i>	19,500.00	395
BINGHAM CNTY - <i>Sportsman's Park Restroom</i>	9,000.00	377
MARSING - <i>Marsing Park Development</i>	48,894.00	359
USFS - <i>Williams Lake Spurs/Dump Station</i>	36,900.00	357
USFS - <i>Bonneville CG Renovation</i>	15,256.00	328
KOOTENAI COUNTY - <i>Fairgrounds Dump Repairs</i>	4,200.00	289
KOOTENAI COUNTY - <i>Sun-Up Bay Restroom</i>	10,000.00	Not Rated
USFS - <i>Lochsa Ranger District Info Cntr</i>	25,000.00	" "
ELK RIVER - <i>Elk Creek Reservoir</i>	6,000.00	" "
USFS - <i>Kirkham CG Renovation</i>	52,500.00	" "
USFS - <i>Lake Cleveland Redevelop</i>	62,000.00	" "
FRANKLIN CNTY - <i>Franklin Info Cntr</i>	34,789.20	" "
BINGHAM CNTY - <i>Sportsman's Park Picnic Shltr</i>	9,000.00	" "
BINGHAM CNTY - <i>Moreland Park Restroom</i>	9,000.00	" "
USFS - <i>Blowout CG Renovation</i>	17,100.00	" "
USFS - <i>Calamity CG Renovation</i>	17,500.00	" "
USFS - <i>Big Elk CG Renovation</i>	12,500.00	" "

Mr. Poulsen introduced Eldred Thomas representing the advisory committee from district II. Mr. Poulsen said the the RV program will see significant increases this year. In the first two years of its existence, it was approximately \$700,000 per year and this year it will be \$900,000.

There is going to be a dedication of the Cherry Creek rest area at Malad. That's tentatively set for June 26. A dedication of the Huetter rest area at Post Falls will also be held in June, but that date is not firm. It's exciting to know that there are new facilities around the state to provide information to the visiting publics.

Mr. Poulsen pointed out the lists of projects, priority order, and recommendations.

Mr. Neal moved that the board approve the recommended grants as presented. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

RV ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Chairman Shewmaker said that Mr. Eldred Thomas' term on the RV Advisory Committee expires June 30, 1990, and asked him to explain how he feels the committee is operating and how he would like to see it continue. Chairman Shewmaker pointed out that the board can't make any recommendations at this time for nominations, since there may be a new parks board member from district II.

Mr. Eldred Thomas said he is very interested in the RV committee program. In 1983, in Lewiston, he made an appearance before the board asking for help in getting legislation enacted by the legislature in 1984. In November, 1984, he attended a board meeting in Moscow on behalf of the Good Sam organization. Mr. Thomas said he felt having an RV committee was one of the best strokes of business that has happened to the state of Idaho. They represent 65,000 people in the state of Idaho that own an RV and pay an RV sticker fee for the to the privilege of owning a recreational vehicle or motorhome. He noted that in 1984 they worked with the parks department and asked them to manage and supervise the money if it did become available so as to eliminate a layer of bureaucracy that would be tapping the funds that would be paid into that dedicated RV account. The RV committee is a group of dedicated people, not selfishly motivated by what goes on in one region. The feeling of representing 65,000 people in the state of Idaho is paramount in the RV committee members' minds. There is no bickering in the committee; we have a good relationship with the staff. He said he has enjoyed his relationship with board member Tom Neal over the years. Mr. Thomas said he submitted his application to be reappointed to the RV Advisory Committee should the board and the new member see fit to act on that.

Mr. Thomas said he is assistant state director for the Good Sam Association. The Governor has issued a proclamation declaring June 25 through June 29 as Good Sam week in the state of Idaho.

The RV Committee has made recommendations through the staff, including the ones this board just approved, of approximately \$2.212 million that have been allocated to projects in the state of Idaho for the benefit of the RV owner. There has been that much money plus matching money from people that have gotten these grants. This is through the RV sticker fee that the RV owners are paying.

The bill is based on \$8.50 on the first \$1,000 value of the RV plus \$5 for each \$1000 of value based on the Blue Book. When this first came about, some felt it was unfair to charge a person an extra fee just because it had sleeping and eating capabilities in the RV. A license is still required for the RV, the same as for a truck or trailer. Mr. Thomas said as he meets with Forest Service and other officials throughout the state, he reminds them where the money comes from and that it must be invested for the benefit of the RV owners. Last year, \$1,471,000 was collected in the state of Idaho from RV owners. Of that, \$795,000 is put into the RV account. After House Bill 492 was enacted, about 55% of the RV sticker fee is being invested into projects for the benefit of RV owners.

Mr. Thomas said he felt that they are partly responsible for some of the tourism coming into Idaho. Mr. Thomas read from a list that he received from

the Idaho Travel Council. Tourism generates over \$1 billion income for Idaho; it generates \$39 million in state tax receipts; it generates \$4 million in local tax receipts. Tourism generates 25,000 jobs in the state of Idaho and accounts for \$178 million of payroll in the state, with about 12% of Idaho's income coming from tourism. He is proud to think that this RV committee has had a part in fulfilling this and seeing things go ahead.

Mr. Thomas said he appreciates working with the committee these last few years and if the board sees fit to reappoint him, would work at it again.

STAFF REPORTS

Review of JFAC actions on the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Budget

Mr. Jeff Youtz handed out several documents relative to the department's budget in comparison to other state agency budgets and the JFAC worksheets. Mr. Youtz pointed out that after Health and Welfare and Education receives their budget, there is only 13.4% of the total general account available. That portion will probably shrink in future years, because Health and Welfare will probably be a huge issue in the next few years. However, the parks department has competed very well for the dollars. The department's appropriation in FY '90 was \$3.3 million; the FY '91 request was \$7.6 million; the Governor recommended \$4.3 million, and the FY '91 legislature appropriated \$6.5 million. The percent of increase is 96.5%, which seems to indicate that parks and recreation is thought of as a priority in terms of general tax dollars. A large part of that increase, however, is due to the one-time funding that the department received from the surplus. The state of Idaho had a \$123 million surplus which was an enviable position to be in, but it also created some headaches in terms of trying to budget that. The legislature did a statesman-like job of it.

Mr. Youtz explained that JFAC is now using computer screens at their desks when they discuss and set agency budgets. The hand-outs he gave the board showed the FY '91 budget maintenance and program enhancements for each of the bureaus. It also has a column called "adjusted request" which is what the parks board responses. Mr. Youtz said he doesn't change the park board's request when the budget is presented to the legislature. The Governor's recommendation is shown next to the board's recommendation.

There is an opportunity for any JFAC member to make a motion relative to agency budgets. Three motions can be made: An amended motion, a substitute motion, and an amended substitute motion and then JFAC votes on those in reverse order.

In the administration request, only one motion was made and passed. In park operations, the substitute motion passed. The governor's recommendation was followed by JFAC except for Dworshak. The department requested \$181,200 to staff Dworshak. JFAC agreed with that, but they also wanted to fit in City of Rocks. The person who made the motion did not want to lose the motion by adding it on. So they approved \$149,800 in general funds for Dworshak rather than the full \$181,200 and moved \$31,000 down to cover the city of Rocks. They basically lump-summed Dworshak state park. Included in that original \$181,000 at Dworshak was \$65,000 for capital outlay. You will have to make some judgment calls on how you're going to staff Dworshak and take care of

minimum capital needs and also provide some money for city of Rocks. I think you'll be able to do that. The important thing is to get staffing established. The Governor did not recommend the request for City of Rocks. JFAC recognized the importance of that site and wanted to establish staffing for that. The rest of the requests were not recommended by the Governor. JFAC did make a motion for staffing the centennial state park, but it did not pass.

In park development, the centennial state park was not recommended by the Governor and was surprised in the amount of park development he had recommended. I saw an opportunity there for the legislature to address some issues that I felt that were not addressed in the governor's budget and they came through very well. Facility upgrades is indicative, the motion was made by Rep. Neibaur and Rep. Infanger to provide \$1.5 million for facility upgrades. The governor had recommended \$30,000. The other indication in terms of how the parks board is perceived is there weren't a lot of strings attached to it. That shows a lot of confidence in the board. About the only string attached to the \$1.5 million was that it be spent on existing park system rather than acquisition of new property. That was a real fine effort by JFAC. In addition is the Centennial Park. The Governor did not recommend any, JFAC recommended \$750,000 which was about half the full cost of developing that park. They wanted to get a park effort underway this year and that came out of the surplus as well. These two items account for a great deal of the percentage increase. In terms of staffing of the centennial park, part of the discussion was the timing of the park--whether the department could actually get a park developed and on line this year, FY '91, and the other part was to encourage the park board to solicit private donations and corporate support for that park as well. You have already made those efforts, and it's one item Rep. Gurnsey wants to discuss in the June committee meeting, how those donations are coming in.

Recreation Resources also did well; JFAC basically followed the Governor's recommendation. One item of note is the nonmotorized trails position that has been requested for many years which was funded this year. A lot of the pass-through money in recreation resources bureau reflects spending authority.

Lava Hot Springs received a one-time appropriation from the general fund surplus. The original motion passed. Lava Hot Springs requested \$1 million to perform some major upgrades; the Governor recommended \$150,000. JFAC approved \$430,000 which will essentially take care of the hot water conversion plus gunnite the olympic-size pool.

Mr. Youtz said he will be working with an interim committee this summer to look at some real problems with the highway infrastructure. Because IDPR shares in some of those funding sources, the department may get some pretty substantial benefits from those. It may be anything from a 3-5 percent gas tax increase in order to react to some of the highway funding issues that were brought up in the local needs assessment study. The state is some \$4.5 billion behind. Mr. Youtz said it may be a package approach to highway funding--registrations, fuel taxes, etc. IDPR's Waterways, ORV, and capital outlay account share in some of those formulas. The department may want to be alert to preserving the formulas that are currently in place.

Director Ferrell thanked Mr. Youtz for the role he has played in representing our agency fairly and objectively, but very positively in his work with the JFAC committee. Our successes would not be nearly as significant had it not been for Mr. Youtz' support before the committee. He has been a tremendous asset to our agency.

Mr. Thomas said the board put in a line item for \$100,000 for improvement on that Priest Lake road, which didn't get funded. Director Ferrell said staff requested \$100,000 in the budget, but it was taken out before the budget left the Governor's office. Mr. Thomas said that is a complex case and asked if the department should build roads on state lands? Mr. Youtz said the JFAC has good knowledge of the situation and the board's efforts. JFAC appropriated \$1.5 million for some campground expansion, but isn't sure how far that's going to address the road needs. Director Ferrell said the road work in the Priest Lake area will only be for realignment of the road outside the developed area of the park. Mr. Thomas said the county commissioners don't want to spend any more than the taxes they take in from that area for road maintenance, etc. Mr. Thomas said the state has a gas tax for the purpose of building and maintaining roads and highways in the state of Idaho and felt the state transportation department ought to build and maintain the roads within state parks. Mr. Youtz said that is a legitimate point, but felt that was recognized when the legislature set up the formula in your park capital account--that's \$700,000 that comes from fuel taxes. IDPR is receiving a benefit from the fuel tax in terms of the capital improvement fund that doesn't have to be spent just on park roads. There is an awareness that there is a shared responsibility, and they tried to address that by funding the capital improvement fund from the gas tax. The state will take a real hard look at how highways are funded, so it's a good time to bring up that issue.

Chairman Shewmaker said he appreciates the fine work that of Mr. Youtz and the work of the JFAC. They have served this department well and we will expend the money as intended.

Mary Minerva McCroskey Memorial State Park General Development Planning Process

Mr. Dave Okerlund presented the following written report:

Work continues on the general development plan (GDP) for Mary Minerva McCroskey State Park. Staff has completed chapter one which includes the background and history of the park. We have also finalized an ownership map which accurately identifies the park's boundaries. Aerial photos have also been obtained. At this time we are finalizing Chapter 2, which consists of the resource analysis and evaluation. We have site meetings set up with the resource specialists in May which will enable us to complete this phase.

On May 19 and 20 we will be meeting with the local advisory committee at the park. We will share the results of that meeting with the Board at the June meeting. As reported at the last meeting, the members of that advisory committee are as follows:

Rick Cummins - Coeur d'Alene	James Eagan - Star
Terry Doupe' - DeSmet	Loring Jones - Moscow
Charles Wellner - Moscow	George Mills, Jr. - Tensed
Ralph Papenfuhs - St. Maries	Bob & Jeri McCroskey - Spokane
Nanci Johansen - Moscow	Harold Osborne - Moscow

Our schedule is to have the draft plan completed by the next board meeting. The schedule follows:

- *May 18 & 19, 1990 - Final on-site inventory and analysis.
(Emphasis on natural areas, Hwy 95 access and trails.)
- *May 20, 1990 - Advisory Committee Picnic at Park, tour park, review mission statement goals, GDP concept graphic.
- *June 1, 1990 - Progress report on GDP status to Park Board (Lewiston).
- May 20 - June 14 - Prepare Draft GDP
- June 14, 1990 - Send draft GDP to Advisory Committee for review prior to 6/22 meeting.
- June 22, 1990 - Advisory Committee meeting, review draft GDP - make necessary revisions.
- June 25, 1990 - Send draft GDP to agencies for comment; provide draft GDP at key locations for public review prior to public meeting.
- July 13, 1990 - Public meeting on draft GDP (Moscow). Wrap-up Advisory Committee meeting upon conclusion of public meeting.
- July 20, 1990 - Draft GDP, including public testimony from 7/13 meeting, sent out in Park Board Packets.
- August 3-4, 1990 - Draft GDP presented to Park Board for approval.

Mr. Okerlund added that early on in the GDP process it became obvious that citizen participation would be a major factor in the preparation of this plan. As a result of that, he put together a 13-member advisory committee to assist in the preparation of the plan, which is representative of the cross section of the interests that are present in that area. The members include country commissioners of both Latah and Benewah counties, natural resource professionals, local residents, park users, and McCroskey family members. There have been four advisory committee workshops, to date. Two weeks ago a meeting and tour of the park was held on-site. The committee members were each assigned individual tasks to assist in the preparation of the plan. Those results are coming in, so preparation of the draft GDP can go forward. On June 14, Mr. Okerlund plans to send the draft GDP to the committee members for review prior to their final meeting on June 22. They will make changes and necessary revisions and on June 25 that final draft will be sent to public

agencies for comment and the draft will be put in key locations in Moscow and St. Maries for public review prior to a public hearing in Moscow on July 13. After that testimony the committee will meet and see if changes are necessary as a result of the testimony. He will use the week following that to include that into the draft plan and the board will be sent the draft plan and testimony on July 20 in preparation for the August 2, 3 meeting in Challis.

Mr. Okerlund handed out the mission statement which is attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Mr. Neal asked about the safe vehicle access from highway 95. Mr. Okerlund said he has looked at every optional vehicle access off highway 95 beginning at the Mineral Mountain rest stop and proceeding north to the existing access at the top of the ridge. They have identified a gently sloping path across private land that would go from a road that extends southward from Forest Service property down the ridge finger on the southeastern exposure and comes out just south of the Mineral Mountain rest stop. It appears at this time that that is the preferred alternative for the new route. It is by far the superior entry road from the eastern end which will match the western entrance which is quite nice. He has not looked at what it might take to go that route.

Chairman Shewmaker thanked Mr. Okerlund for his comments.

Idaho State Centennial Trail

Chairman Shewmaker noted that several people recently arrived and would like to discuss the Centennial Trail. He said that has already occurred on the board's agenda and the board approved the staff's recommendation to designate the trail. Chairman Shewmaker said they are welcome to comment, but it's already been approved.

Mr. Gene Bruce stated that he represents the Panhandle Backcountry Horsemen in regard to the centennial trail as well as the Idaho Backcountry Horsemen and Backcountry Horsemen of America. He said they have supported this trail from the start and continue to and am glad to see it's passed. Their only reservations for this trail would be safety, and in the area of multi-use areas where motorcycles and different types of users would pass. They would like to have either pull-out areas or optional trails where two different groups could pass with safety in bad areas. They would like to see some posters or some sort of educational program at the trail heads in regard to encouraging low-impact camping along the trail because of the added use of camping in the areas.

Chairman Shewmaker thanked him for his comments.

Acquisition and Development Schedule

Mr. Mews provided a written listing of projects that is attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Mr. Mews reported that he and Director Ferrell inspected Henrys Lake campground last week, and the 20 units that were installed were full of RV's in anticipation of the fishing season that didn't start until the next day.

He and Director Ferrell also went to Bear Lake, and the contractor had just been finalled out the day before. There were a few punch-list items, but generally that park will reopen no later than June 15. The project at Winchester and the utility building is started, but the rains came and the contractor has missed two to three weeks of work because of that. The campground is closed right now, but hopes to have it open next season.

Staff has made an offer to buy five acres on the preferred location for the centennial park history awareness center at the junction of highways 93 and 75 south of Challis. RFP's are out for design of the visitors center.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Land Trust Potential Donation: Director Ferrell reported that she has been contacted by an estate planner who represents an individual who is considering donating 160 acres of timber land to the department's park land trust fund. Director Ferrell explained that in 1989, a bill was passed that allows the department to set up a park land trust fund to accept donations of property that don't have recreational value. The intent is to sell those properties or to exchange them for other lands. This would be a slightly different situation although our deputy attorney general says it is within the legal intent of the law. This particular situation was not anticipated at the time staff worked on the legislation, but it can fit into that. This individual would like the property to be held in public ownership for wildlife purposes; they do not want it to be turned into subdivisions, etc. It is very close to the shores of Coeur d'Alene lake with a series of lots in front of it. The donor wants it managed for timber with the proceeds of any harvest to go into the public land trust account. There were 450,000 board feet of timber taken off in 1988. They expect every 5 years there would be another timber harvest, using selective cutting, not clear-cutting, so the wildlife values could be retained. They are adamant that the property be managed as a forest plantation. Director Ferrell wanted to know if this is something the board would like her to pursue, before she spends a lot of their time or visits with them to consider the property. It would be an income source for the park land trust fund.

Mr. Later said the board can't afford to not explore any kind of undeveloped properties that have that close proximity to that lake. Director Ferrell added that the lakefront lots belong to family members. The consensus of the board was that the director should continue to negotiate and explore the proposed donation.

Audit: For the past three months, the department has been going through a legislative audit. The actual report from the legislative auditors will be available in four to six weeks. There are some areas where they are recommending staff change procedures to be more responsive. There are no known areas at this time where there is any question about the funds or how the funds are managed, but there will be strong recommended changes in how some of the funds are handled and the timeliness of deposits.

Harriman State Park: Staff is in the final stages of completing the three-way exchange of lands among this department, the Forest Service, and State Land Department, to acquire the 300 acres of endowment land property that lies directly across from the park and the small three-corned piece that lies within the park itself on the west side of the road. That should be completed

within the next month or two. There are two or three other private properties that extend from the south end of the property (Last Chance up to the commercial properties, motels and restaurants) that are very important as they provide the visual buffer to the park. They are narrow strips between the highway and the Henrys Fork River. The Forest Service has indicated interest in talking further about land exchanges up on the Sheridan ranch, possibly a three-way trade that would put those private properties into the park. Director Ferrell asked if the board wants staff to continue to work in that direction? Mr. Thomson thought it was a great idea, as did Mr. Later. Director Ferrell said IDPR may have to involve The Nature Conservancy to help acquire that property. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to protect that park. It was the consensus of the board that staff should explore that opportunity.

Malad Gorge Hydro project: Staff is continuing to review the Malad Gorge Hydro proposal. It is extremely complex. Staff is trying to acquire the technical knowledge so as to evaluate the proposal objectively and accurately as to whether or not it has feasibility in terms of the park. Staff intends to bring the project back to the board at the August meeting in Challis for a recommendation and decision. Staff is faced with commenting on the FERC transfer of license by about the 17th of June which will create a problem for staff because there won't be a board meeting by then. Director Ferrell said the board might have to hold a telephone conference board meeting, but staff would provide the board with a full complement of materials and a staff recommendation should that be necessary.

Eagle Island State Park: The board is aware that some neighbors of Eagle Island State Park and other interested parties believe that perhaps grazing of park properties at Eagle Island is not in keeping with the best interests in that area. It's a riparian area with very high water tables. Director Ferrell and staff met with that group who were well-represented--Audubon Society, wildlife biologists from Fish and Game, and many others. IDPR will fence off the riparian areas and the Fish and Game Department can make fencing available for that purpose. IDPR will have to take care of the labor. Another area discussed was a unique alternative to grazing. The department must maximize revenues at that park; that was one of the directions that the agency received at the time this very controversial old prison farm became a state park--that it become as close to self-sufficient in terms of revenue as possible. That's one of the reasons the grazing and hay cutting takes place. The idea of a golf course on those lands at Eagle Island that are not currently used for recreation was an idea that was considered at the time the general development plan was developed. It was not directly referenced in the general development plan, but certainly referenced in the public meetings and discussions. Although the group that met in no way represents the entire public opinion, they do represent concerned conservationist. They felt that a golf course designed to maximize wildlife habitat and to provide viewing of wildlife would be a viable alternative to the current grazing program. There is a demand for more and more golf courses in the area. U.S. Fish and Wildlife people are very interested in this concept, and have offered to act as technical advisers to develop what could be a model in the nation of a golf course that was designed to maximize habitat and wildlife viewing. Having a concept, taking it to the public, and dealing with private concerns involves several years of work. The current grazing lease runs for two more years which would allow two years to consider a proposal like this. There is a golf course developer that is very interested in it. It would have to go out to

public bid with all interested parties having an opportunity to comment or bid on it. Because this is a two-year commitment of planning and staff time, Director Ferrell wanted to know if this is of interest to the board before any staff resources are committed to it.

Mr. Later said it's an excellent project to pursue. If staff is going to explore having an independent contractor develop it who would have capital invested in it, staff should see if it would be feasible to attach a reversionary clause, 25-30 years, so the department doesn't get tied into a situation where management may be marginal. That could be a built-in no cost reversionary clause or a partial cost. Director Ferrell said staff will consider all of these areas.

Mr. Thomas asked if the golf course would reduce or disturb the wildlife areas? Director Ferrell said the feeling of the wildlife experts in this meeting was that golf courses often provide fine wildlife habitat. This would be designed and planted specifically to attract wildlife and lots of wetlands for waterfowl and would contain vegetation that is conducive to wildlife. Grazing negates some wildlife but enhances geese who need the grazing lands. Designing golf courses this way makes it a difficult course, as there is a lot of rough and water hazards. One of the challenges would be to have a golf course that's easy enough that a lot of people could use it, and still provide all of this wildlife enhancement and waterfowl habitat.

St. Anthony Sand Dunes/LWCF Conversions: This refers to the problem of the conversions on the Flying Hawk project that has been a problem with the city of Boise, for the BLM and for our agency, for about eight years since the World Center for Birds of Prey was built out there. The city and BLM have to replace about 600 acres of BLM land that was purchased with LWCF money for a variety of uses. This is something that staff has put on the back burner trying to get other conversions taken care of. That 600-acre conversion must be resolved in the near future.

One proposal has been that the St. Anthony Sand Dunes be used as replacement property. You heard a project by the BLM for ORV funds to build a parking lot to take the loading and unloading of ORV's off the private lands. BLM has looked at the sand dunes for wilderness status and that's been rejected. BLM may be interested in developing that area for more ORV use. It comes up continually as a replacement property for the Flying Hawk. Mrs. Robertson mentioned the tiger beetle that is found at the St. Anthony Sand Dunes as well as other places. Director Ferrell asked if this is something the board wishes staff to look at, or if it's something staff shouldn't spend any more time on. It is currently heavily used by ORV's.

Mrs. Robertson said the tiger beetle is not yet listed, but it certainly is a species of concern at this point and could be listed at any time it became threatened, and the studies are on-going. She felt the board should be careful not to get into a position where we might be asking taxpayers to rehabilitate an area for a listed species. There are some serious considerations with that beetle. Director Ferrell responded that staff would not proceed as long as there were any legitimate questions about the beetle. The subject of the beetle came up after the project was raised, during the last week or two. Mr. Later said apparently there are some new things out since the original BLM studies on that beetle. At least on the original studies, the identified critical habitat of that beetle was in a section that

could be easily restricted for ORV use. There may be new things since that original study that he's not aware of. The St. Anthony Sand Dunes are an excellent place for that kind of activity because it is self-healing and a lot of wind there to do that. He felt the question is, can it really be regulated? Unless they have identified some areas other than in that initial wilderness study by BLM, he felt it wouldn't be that tough to regulate that to protect it. Director Ferrell asked if the board would prefer staff obtain more definitive information and wait for some decision regarding the beetle before proceeding further? Mrs. Robertson said yes, only because she doesn't want the board to get caught up in a beetle controversy. Director Ferrell said she didn't want that either. BLM isn't going to proceed while they have this question unresolved either. If it is designated threatened or endangered, then there will be areas closed. The area is currently being used extensively. Use can be better controlled through planned development as opposed to random use. Mrs. Robertson suggested that the board hold off until more is known about the status of the tiger beetle, on where those areas are, not knowing where the listing process is right now. She said she would hate to invest money and time and then find out this board is part of the problem or get caught in the middle where taxpayers will be asked for more funding from another agency to rehabilitate, to exclude or whatever. She felt the board should be cautious about moving forward at this time.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Mr. Later said he stopped at Bannack State Park in Montana on his way to the board meeting. It's an old ghost town. He happened to meet the president of the Montana State Parks Foundation and also the grandson of the first person to build the electric dredge in that area. They're very interested in what this board is doing with the Idaho centennial state park. They would be interested in an informal visit with our board. They expressed a very keen interest in meeting with the parks board in the Custer area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Neal moved that the board meeting adjourn. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion. All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. local time on June 1, 1990, at Lewiston, Idaho.

Glenn Shewmaker, Chairman
Idaho Parks and Recreation Board

Yvonne S. Ferrell, Director
and Ex-Officio Member of the Board

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IDAHO DEPT OF PARKS & RECREATION
REVENUE COMPARISON BY ACCOUNT
FISCAL YEAR THROUGH MARCH

ACCOUNT	#	FY1989	FY1990	%CHG
GENERAL ACCOUNT	1101	0.00	0.00	0.0%
SALES TAX	1107	0.00	0.00	0.0%
ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT	1115	109,388.79	142,097.90 (2)	29.9%
STATE VESSEL ACCOUNT	1236	503,446.79	451,420.02	-10.3%
CROSS COUNTRY SKI	1246	26,850.86	11,894.99	-55.7%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	1247	739,553.86	635,777.63	-14.0%
PARK & RECREATION	1249	894,924.08	986,120.94	10.2%
WATERWAYS	1250	614,129.15	619,019.69	0.8%
PARK DONATION	1252	66,178.85	(34,507.08) (1)	N/A
OFF-ROAD VEHICLE	1260	614,137.02	620,977.87	1.1%
STATE SNOWMOBILE	1261	181,714.61	130,550.02	-28.2%
MOTOR BIKE	1262	17,897.25	26,867.33	50.1%
SALES TAX	1265	0.00	0.00	0.0%
P & R REVOLVING	1290	6,611.17	(2,288.54) (2)	N/A
REC VEHICLE	1291	368,645.60	532,234.50	44.4%
P & R FEDERAL	1355	91,349.62	202,834.96	122.0%
U S C G BOATING SAFETY	1370	193,662.00	272,784.20	40.9%
FEDERAL PASSTHROUGH	1390	185,744.17	130,782.25	-29.6%
FEDERAL SURCHARGE	1391	98,340.59	77,035.67	-21.7%
P & R SUSPENSE	3936	22,589.18	(89,748.45)	N/A
HARRIMAN	9321	114,086.88	134,042.64	17.5%
PARK LAND TRUST	9359	0.00	181,329.96 (1)	N/A
		4,849,250.47	5,029,226.50	3.7%

NOTES:

- (1) McCroskey funds were transferred from the donation account (1252) to the Park Land Trust Account (9359).
- (2) The balance of marina funds were transferred to the enterprise account (1115) from the P & R Revolving account (1290).

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation

and

Idaho Trails Council

and

USDA Forest Service Region 1's Idaho Panhandle, Clearwater and Nezperce Forests

and

USDA Forest Service Region 4's Boise, Challis, Sawtooth and Payette Forests

and

Idaho Bureau of Land Management

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING made and entered into by and between the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, State of Idaho, hereinafter referred to as the Department; Idaho Trails Council, hereinafter referred to as Council; USDA Forest Service Region 1's Idaho Panhandle, Clearwater and Nezperce Forests and USDA Forest Service Region 4's Boise, Challis, Sawtooth and Payette Forests, hereinafter referred to as the Forest Service; and Idaho Bureau of Land Management, hereinafter referred to as BLM; for the purpose of providing the public a long distance trail from Idaho's northern border to its southern boundary. The trail marks the 100th birthday of the State of Idaho and will be called the Idaho State Centennial Trail.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, the parties hereto agree as follows:

A. The Council shall:

1. Serve in a leadership role in promoting and coordinating volunteer efforts and incentives with BLM, Forest Service and State agencies for trail maintenance, rehabilitation, and signing.
2. Solicit funds to help purchase signs and volunteer incentives.
3. Consult with the BLM and Forest Service to develop uniform trail signing and placement standards.
4. Assist in distribution of signs to the BLM, Forest Service and State agencies as the need arises.
5. Assist the Department in negotiating land use agreements with private landowners.

B. The Department shall:

1. Provide overall coordination of the trail.
2. Make decisions on trail redesignation only after public comment and recommendation from the BLM, Forest Service, and other land managing agencies.
3. Encourage the development of a comprehensive guide book for the trail, written and published by a private organization or individual.
4. Prepare a black and white interim brochure that includes a basic map. Develop a color brochure/map when the budget allows.
5. Analyze together with trail managing agencies, the need for a management plan for the trail.
6. Develop a draft land use agreement for areas where the trail crosses state/private land. Work with the Council to acquire state/private landowner permission.

- C. The Forest Service and BLM, on lands which they respectively administer, shall:
1. Sign, maintain, and rehabilitate the trail consistent with available budgets and with the direction in Land and Resource plans.
 2. Coordinate with the Council to obtain and supervise the services of volunteers to assist in signing and maintaining the trail.
 3. Work with the Council to develop uniform trail signing and placement standards.
 4. Assist in installing trail signs provided by the Council.
 5. Place temporary trail signs at all trailheads and at each road crossing as soon as possible.
 6. Provide for general public information relative to the trail.
 7. Respond to requests from trail users by distributing to them copies of maps provided by the Department.
 8. Solicit input from trail users and, if necessary, recommend trail redesignation to the Department.

It is mutually agreed that:

1. Any proposed signing and/or trail improvement project must be approved by the agency administering the land prior to initiation.
2. Nothing herein shall be construed as binding the Department, Forest Service, and BLM for expenditures of monies not appropriated.
3. No contributions herein provided shall entitle the parties to any share or interest in the said facilities other than the right to use the same under the regulations of the Department, Forest Service, and BLM.
4. The parties will meet annually to discuss this agreement. The agreement may be revised as necessary by mutual consent of all parties by the issuance of a written amendment, signed and dated by all parties.

5. The rights and obligations of any party to this agreement may be renegotiated or terminated upon the giving of thirty (30) days written notice to the parties. Unless terminated by written notice, this agreement will remain in force indefinitely.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the last date written below.

Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation

By *James S. Russell*
Title *Director*
Date *July 2, 1992*

Challis Forest

By *Charles C. Wilder*
Title *FOREST SUPERVISOR*
Date *May 2, 1991*

Idaho Trails Council

By *Ray M. Williams*
Title *President Idaho Trails Council*
Date *6 August 1991*

Payette Forest

By *Veto LeSalle*
Title *Forest Supervisor*
Date *May 2, 1991*

Bureau of Land Management

By *Peter J. Van Zender*
Title *Idaho Associate State Director*
Date *July 26, 1991*

Clearwater Forest

By *Wini Green*
Title *Forest Supervisor*
Date *May 2, 1991*

Idaho Panhandle Forests

By *William E. Mord*
Title *Forest Supervisor*
Date *May 2, 1991*

Boise Forest

By *Roberta A. Moltzen*
Title *Acting Forest Supervisor*
Date *May 2, 1991*

Nezperce Forest

By *David E. Poma*
Title *Acting Forest Supervisor*
Date *May 24, 1991*

Sawtooth Forest

By *Coland M. Stilson*
Title *Forest Supervisor*
Date *May 21, 1991*

IDAHO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

May 31, June 1, 1990

Lewiston, Idaho

The Idaho Parks and Recreation Board and staff and the Washington State Parks Commission and staff met in Lewiston at the Hells Gate State Park visitors center at 6:00 p.m. on May 31 for an exchange of ideas and information on the status of each of the state park systems.

Chairman Glenn Shewmaker called the regular quarterly board meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on June 1 in a conference room at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston. Board Members present at the meeting were:

Glenn Shewmaker, Chairman, Kimberly
Ren Thomson, Vice-Chairman, Malad
Robert Thomas, Member, Coeur d'Alene
Tom Neal, Member, Moscow
Sheila Robertson, Member, Boise
Monte Later, Member, St. Anthony

Also in attendance during all or a portion of the meeting were the following:

Yvonne S. Ferrell, Director
Ruth V. Kassens, Administrative Assistant
Rinda Just, Deputy Attorney General
Merl Mews, Development Bureau Chief
Jim Poulsen, Recreation Resources Bureau Chief
Jeff Hoedt, Boating Supervisor
Bill Dokken, Operations Bureau Chief
Steve Anderson, Fiscal Officer
Rick Cummins, North Region Supervisor
Dave Okerlund, Park Planner
Chuck Wells, Trails Supervisor
Lew Munson, ORMV Coordinator
Ron Vigil, Hells Gate State Park

Jeff Youtz, Legislative Fiscal Office, Boise
Ed Bloedel, U. S. Forest Service, Twin Falls
John Bieker, Moscow
Morton R. Brigham, Lewiston
Forrest S. Pry, KEA, Coeur d'Alene
Michelle Bingle, KLEW-TV, Lewiston
Bill Loftus, Lewiston Tribune
Cindi Mader, Office of Congressman Larry Craig, Lewiston
Kristy Stedman, Office of Senator Jim McClure, Lewiston
Eldred Thomas, RV Advisory Committee Member, Lewiston
Mary Wells, Boise
Gene Bruce, Backcountry Horsemen (Panhandle)
Charles Miller, Idaho Panhandle Backcountry Horsemen

AGENDA: Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of the January 17, 1990, Board Meeting and the April 27 and 28, 1990, Special Board Meeting

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:
NEW BUSINESS: Financial Statement of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

Idaho State Centennial Trail

Emergency Promulgation of Amendments to Public Information Rules

Amendments to Fees and Charges in State Parks

Approval of Off-Road Motor Vehicle (ORMV) Projects

Approval of Waterways Improvement Fund Projects

Approval of Recreation Vehicle (RV) Projects

STAFF REPORTS: Review of JFAC Action on the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Budget - Jeff Youtz

Mary Minerva McCroskey Memorial State Park General Development Plan (GDP) Status Report

Acquisition and Development Status Report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Under authority of *Idaho Code* § 67-2345, an executive session may be held for the purpose of discussing personnel, litigation, or private land acquisition matters.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
DATES, LOCATIONS: Challis, August 2, 3, 1990.
Boise, November 9, 1990.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:00 p.m., June 1, 1990

Chairman Shewmaker called for any additions or deletions to the printed agenda.

Director Ferrell requested the addition of a cost overrun request by a project sponsor under the Boating program.

Hearing no other additions or deletions, Chairman Shewmaker declared the agenda approved.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS:

Chairman Shewmaker called for action on the minutes of the January 17, 1990, and April 27 and 28, 1990, special board meeting.

Mr. Thomson moved that the board approve the minutes of the January 17, 1990, and April 27 and 28, 1990, special board meeting. Mr. Later seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Shewmaker introduced the guests that were in the audience at that time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr. Anderson presented the following written financial status report for the IDPR through March 31, 1990:

Operating revenues were generally up through March this year with the exception of those derived from winter programs. Both the snowmobile (1261) and cross-country ski (1246) accounts were down substantially. Gas tax revenue was up slightly, indicated by gains in the Waterways (1250) and ORMV (1260) accounts. However, the Capital Improvement account (1247) was down due to a reduction of reimbursable projects from Public Works & the National Guard. The Harriman Account (9321) was up due to increased use and good earnings on invested funds.

Federal accounts were mixed with gains in the P&R Federal Account (1355) due to the Recreation Initiative, City of Rocks and billings on L&WCF projects. The Federal Pass-through Account (1390) and the Federal Surcharge Account (1391) were both down substantially due to a reduction in available grant funds and ongoing projects. The Boating Safety Account (1370) was showing a good increase over last year.

The expenditure rate was generally ahead of last year at this time. Administration had only \$50,700 remaining in operating expense compared to \$90,600 last year. Administration will have to conserve on travel, supplies and other general operating expenses for the remainder of the year in order to stay within budget.

Park Operations operating expense has approximately the same percentage of spending balance as they had last year at this time, however they have \$193,600 balance remaining compared to \$166,600 last year. Most individual parks appear to be in a good position to complete the year and Park Operations over all appears to be in good shape. A few parks will require additional operating funds to complete the fiscal year, however these can be transferred from the regions and park administration.

Development only had \$1,752.84 remaining in operating expense with a full traveling schedule for the spring. A transfer of allotment from another program will be required to allow them to complete their agenda for the year. The Recreation Programs had \$65,500 remaining operating expense balance compared to \$74,500 last year. The trails programs have overspent their allotted operating expense at this time and will require a transfer from the

trustee and benefit allotment to complete the year. The RV program is currently low in operating expense balance but a transfer from allotted seasonal salaries is planned to provide the needed spending authority.

With the indicated adjustments, I do not anticipate any major problems completing the current fiscal year within available budget.

The financial statements presented to the board are attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Chairman Shewmaker asked what the source is for the P&R Federal Fund 1355. Mr. Anderson responded that account 1355 is the flow-through federal account. City of Rocks is run through that fund as well as the in-house L&WCF projects. Although LWCF projects have been down this year, there has been a revenue increase in that fund due to funds for the City of Rocks.

Mr. Neal noted the trails program appears to have been overspent and asked if that has to do with the Centennial Trail? Mr. Anderson said at this time, that's true. The Centennial Trail costs have been paid, but reimbursement has not yet been received on the management agreement. Staff has been working with the Forest Service as far as allocating the funds for the centennial trail. Director Ferrell said it's strictly a reimbursement program; there's no agency or state funds involved.

Director Ferrell pointed out that the development bureau, at the end of March, was very low in operating monies, and some money will need to be transferred to that program. That is the result of the accelerated capital development program this past year that has caused staff to be on the road and to use operating and travel expenses at a higher rate than normal.

Mr. Later asked if the marina expenses/income are held within that fund? Mr. Anderson said the revenues are going into the 1115 rotary fund which is used as an enterprise account. The funds are used to operate the marinas and to do any additional capital development that is necessary.

Mr. Thomas moved that the board approve the financial statements as presented. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

IDAHO STATE CENTENNIAL TRAIL

Written information presented to the board by staff is attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Chairman Shewmaker called for the Director to provide comments and staff's recommendation to the board on the proposed route for the centennial trail. Director Ferrell provided the following comments:

The authority of the parks board to designate state trails is vested in *Idaho Code* § 67-4223, so all work and designations to date or in the future are under that section of the *Idaho Code*.

The idea of the state centennial trail started in 1986 with two gentlemen, Syd Tate and Roger Williams, who traversed a north-south, border-to-border route. They went to the Lasting Legacy Committee with the idea that this would be a good centennial project to present to the people of the state of Idaho.

In late 1987, the Lasting Legacy Committee endorsed that concept and charged the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation with facilitating that procedure.

The planning for the Idaho State Centennial Trail has been a cooperative project involving many trail groups. The Idaho Trails Council has been the pivotal organization over the entire planning process. The University of Idaho has also been involved, as has the United States Forest Service including all of the different forests that would be impacted by the trail, along with the Bureau of Land Management. The National Park Service, operating out of the Seattle office, has staff assigned to that project who have attended the different planning meetings. Part of the direction given to our agency was that the trail should be, to the extent possible, on public lands, trying to avoid private land whenever possible. This is the reason for the heavy involvement of the federal agencies as the Forest Service and BLM make up about 70% of the public land in this state. The charge also said do not create new trails. Link together existing trails so as to not create new impacts, and utilize the extensive trail system that currently exists in the state of Idaho.

Two committees were formed to assist the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation with the planning process. One was a citizens advisory committee made up of all trail user interests represented by the Idaho Trails Council. The other was an agency steering committee that had representatives from all of the state and federal agencies that would be impacted.

The citizens advisory committee had an important role in determining the direction in that they were charged with recommending goals and objectives for the trail; recommending the trail routes; establishing assistance groups to help federal managers and land owners that might be impacted; to promote development and management of the trail through adoption programs or different trail organizations committing to take care of certain parts of the trail; and serving as a liaison between the parks department and trail users throughout the entire state as well as the federal land managers and the private land owners. They would be responsible for developing and recommending a trail marking system. The department held a contest for the trail marking program to designate a logo for the trail about a year and one-half ago and received approximately 300 different suggestions, many of them from school children throughout the state. There was a selection committee who selected the trail logo marker. It's important to note that the centennial trail logo marker is not the same centennial logo that is commonly associated with the centennial. The citizens advisory committee was also responsible for providing expert advice on trail establishment and use from the user standpoint. The people on the committee represented all trail users in the state of Idaho.

The agency steering committee also had a very important role in advising the agency in that they were responsible for developing goals and objectives of the trail, developing trail management and maintenance direction, preparing cooperative agreements and management plans with the citizen advisory committee and trail user groups, and developing trail routes and alternatives. Again, federal agencies were heavily represented as every U. S. Forest and BLM area that the trail conceivably could go through had a representative on that committee.

In May of 1988 a goal-setting workshop was conducted after the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the Idaho Trails Council meeting in McCall. Participants at that goal-setting meeting included equestrians, mountain bikers, hikers, backpackers, trail bikers, skiers, and representatives from several Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management offices.

Generally, workshop participants envisioned a trail that focused on Idaho's diversity. They wanted to provide a trail where one could see the agricultural industry that is so important to this state, to view the mining that goes on in some of the back country, and to see and touch upon as many of the historical, recreational, and scenic sites and areas as possible.

They developed a set of goals, which has previously been presented to the board.

In December of 1988, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation sent out 400 scoping documents around the state to solicit input and comments on several alternatives that the different committees had recognized as being possible routes for the trail. Although 400 documents went out, only about 30 were returned. A preferred alternative by both the citizens advisory committee and the technical advisory committee was developed.

The committee used a process called "Choosing By Advantages" (CBA) which is a process to evaluate all the alternatives available and then weigh the values against the goals and objectives to come up with a route that appears to meet the majority of the goals and objectives.

In April of 1989 a cross section of the joint committees met in Boise to do a trial run on one of the segments that were chosen under the CBA process to see whether the CBA process was really working, and if it would produce the kind of trail that they envisioned for the citizens of Idaho.

The full joint committees met in Sun Valley in May of 1989 to complete that process. A reconsideration stage was entered into in which the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation went back out to the public with the recommended alternative, and asked them for comments. It was at this point that it became very clear that some of the citizens were not comfortable with the fact that the preferred trail did not go

through the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness and the Bitterroot-Selway Wilderness. They felt that was a very important pristine part of our state, although all of the other goals were met in the other alternative, that the wilderness experience was very central to the entire earlier concept of that trail. At that point it became apparent that the readings between the Lasting Legacy Committee, who charged this agency and the different advisory committees that were working on this, had not been made clear.

The citizens committees and the technical committees went back to work again after the Lasting Legacy request to reexamine and consider a wilderness route. They came up with the wilderness route that has been outlined on the maps that the board has been provided over the past several months. The Lasting Legacy Committee, at their meeting in January, adopted segment one from British Columbia down to Hoodoo Pass which was the same route that was selected by the advisory committee; they officially selected the route through the two wilderness areas; and the third segment, south of wilderness down to the Nevada line. They did not officially address a western route although they felt that if the parks board adopted one, it would be an acceptable solution to them. They were very clear that they wanted the route through wilderness and the segment one and three that are on the south and north end of wilderness to be called the Idaho State Centennial Trail, which is the name they had embraced from the beginning. The board has been provided a letter from Mr. Trueblood of the Lasting Legacy Committee with a copy of the actual motion that supports the recommendation being presented to the parks board.

This has been a very difficult project caused by trying to meet the needs of all of the citizens of the state, to protect the resource, and still have handled the information and the needs fairly and objectively. There doesn't appear to be an absolute compromise available in terms of what is the best possible decision.

The board has staff's recommendation that the board approve the state designation of the Idaho State Centennial Trail and the Centennial Trail west and east. In order to identify those routes outside of wilderness for the public, they have been termed Centennial Trail east and west. This terminology was suggested by Mr. Trueblood of the Lasting Legacy Commission as an acceptable way to identify them for trail users.

Director Ferrell concluded by saying she recommends that the board adopt the Idaho State Centennial Trail and Centennial Trail west and the small portion that is labeled east. The maps outlining the routes are before the board, along with a map that shows the 34 proposed wilderness areas that make up a combination of the Kastner bill, the Andrus-McClure bill, and other proposed wildernesses in the state. The map also shows the actual wildernesses. The proposed routes do travel through some of these proposed wilderness areas. It is important to note that the proposed route does not change any existing trail use that is currently authorized under existing land management plans. It does not introduce new uses; it does not change existing

uses. Changes in land use are established through public input and the NEPA process, and designated either by the Forest Service or the BLM.

Director Ferrell said she is pleased that Mr. Ed Bloedel from the Sawtooth Forest is here today because he has been in on the entire process from its inception. If there is an expert on the trail, Mr. Bloedel probably comes as close to representing that as anybody. Director Ferrell added that she came into the situation late in the process and missed a lot of the early deliberations.

There being no questions of Director Ferrell, Chairman Shewmaker called on Mr. Bieker to address the board.

Mr. Bieker thanked the board for allowing him to come and talk on the centennial trail. Mr. Bieker noted that he is president of the Idaho Trails Council. He emphasized that he is not here talking for the council now, but is here on his own. The board has the letter from the Trails Council already. Mr. Bieker said he's here to urge the board to approve the Idaho Centennial Trail.

Mr. Bieker related a story about a friend of his who was wheelchair bound. This gentleman, whom he's known for about 40 years has had multiple sclerosis (MS) for the last 24 years. It is a terrible disease that affects different people differently. For the last 12 years this gentleman was confined to the wheelchair, and the last 5 years he gradually lost control of all but use of one arm and one hand, but with a very keen mind. He was able to operate a motorized wheelchair, and he got good at it. He traveled all over the city in his motorized wheelchair. He was an avid outdoorsman while he was able to be that way. When Mr. Bieker visited him in a nursing home in Clarkston, he always wanted to know how the Centennial Trail was coming along. He said he wanted to be able to take his wheelchair and go ride on the Centennial Trail. He also said he wanted to ride on some of the wilderness trails. Well, federal law says, this you can't do. He told Mr. Bieker that was discrimination, and he's absolutely right. It is. Mr. Bieker said he wanted his friend to come and speak to the board today, but he can't. He died three weeks ago. He'll never be able to take that wheelchair ride on the Centennial Trail, but for the sake of all the other wheelchair-bound people, Mr. Bieker urged the board to approve this trail with the least amount of restriction possible. Allow these people to get out and see some of Idaho's country as it is now. At the last meeting of the Four-County Natural Resources Committee meeting in Coeur d'Alene, there was one dissenting vote out of all the votes that were cast for the Centennial Trail. The one gentleman said he wanted it to be a walking and hiking trail only. Mr. Bieker urged the board to remember the people in the wheelchairs. Nobody has talked to them yet. Thank you.

Chairman Shewmaker called on Forrest Pry to address the board.

Mr. Pry said he's wearing two hats today. The first hat is for myself--horseman, backpacker, hiker. Mr. Chairman and members of the board, there isn't enough public knowledge about the proposed

multipurpose trail. You must get more information out to the public. You must have a well-detailed map along with this information. I have yet to see such a map, only vague dotted lines. I urge you, do not cast this centennial trail in stone until more public knowledge is available. I, as well as many others, have opposed building multipurpose roads through existing wilderness as well as proposed wilderness areas. Motorized vehicles do not mix with day hikers, backpackers, bicyclists, and horsemen. Not wanting to be lopsided in my opinion, I went to horsemen's clubs, private riders, and talked to hikers and outfitters. They all oppose the concept of multipurpose usage of high country except by nonmotorized use.

A case in point, Canfield Mountain in the Coeur d'Alene National Forest had a very good trail over this mountain built by horsemen, used by day hikers and backpackers, also. Along came motorbikes, which not only became a nuisance to the people on foot and on horseback, but they did incredible damage to the trail as well as to the mountainside. Now we have the water running down the eroded trail with such washouts that neither hikers nor horsemen can use them. Gentlemen, this is a very small area compared to the proposed trail. Just think of the damage here, multiplied because of the location and size of the trail. A case in point, Jerry Johnson Hot Springs off of highway 12 with easy access to the public, has been taken over by nudist groups who don't care about ecology, about the environment, nor do they care where they take a crap. They are defiling this public area, therefore denying the use to others who simply want to enjoy the beauty and soothing waters of the spring. There's another example that usually happens when motorized vehicles are allowed to get too close to special areas. Unfortunately people take unfair advantage. Let us keep our precious backcountry for the ones who truly appreciate beauty, serenity, closeness to nature. There are too many roads cutting into pristine areas already. It's imperative to preserve some of our most valuable heritage for the people who appreciate it. If we continue to open up more areas to motorized vehicles, we surely will destroy, within one generation, what mother nature has created in a millennium. We have to be stewards of the land and to ensure that following generations will have an opportunity to see what the backcountry looks like. Members of the board, for all the mentioned reasons and many others that would be too tedious for you to read, I cannot accept the idea of the Centennial Trail becoming a motorized trail. Can you in good conscience approve a move that will cause irreparable losses to our precious heritage. Thank you for this opportunity, and I am Forrest Pry.

Mr. Pry said the second half of his presentation results from his belonging to the Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA) in Coeur d'Alene. I agreed to convey to you a letter from them, and I hope that you'll bear with me a little bit longer. At the KEA meeting March 17, 1990, members voted to call your attention again to a letter of February, 1990, endorsing the idea of a divided trail. They again wish to be on record as favoring a separate trail, when necessary, for motorized vehicles outside the wilderness. We are still concerned about the effect of the centennial trail designation involving wilderness areas and areas proposed for wilderness by the Coalition

for Public Lands. The map for the trail which we have seen appears to route the motorized trail through the Gospel Hump Wilderness, and also appears to route motorized recreation through proposed wilderness areas including the Selmo-Priest, Long-Canyon, Selkirk, Scotchman Peak, Mallard-Larkins, Moose Mountain, Hawk Mountain, Lewis and Clark, South Fork, Salmon River, Hansom Lakes, Smokey Mountain, and Lime Creek. They would not want the designations of a centennial trail to jeopardize present or future wilderness designation in these areas. Submitted by Carol Stacey, Vice-President, KEA.

Mr. Pry asked for extra copies of the director's report and a good map.

Mr. Thomas said that he is from north Idaho and they don't know too much about it up north. But it isn't because the department hasn't provided the information. The fault lies in the news media that receives the information refuses to print it. They get news items of importance to the people of the state of Idaho out of the Boise Office and you never see them in the paper, but they get them. So it isn't the fault of this department.

Mr. Pry said he appreciates that information, because that was the one thing that he ran into when talking to so many people. They said we do not have any information, and that is what the body of my letter says.

Mr. Thomas said he attended a meeting of the Backcountry Horsemen in Coeur d'Alene a couple of weeks ago and noticed on their table that they had the maps with the latest proposal that the board is discussing today. Along with this map, there's a key showing the trail from north to south that keys into every section on a detailed forest map showing the detailed route mile-by-mile. The Backcountry Horsemen have this map showing the proposed trail that the board is discussing today.

Mr. Pry said he would still like to have a copy of that map, because there are other people besides these groups that are very keenly interested in the trail.

Mr. Thomas said at the Centennial Trail public meeting in Boise, state president Arlan Smith of the Backcountry Horsemen, addressed the board. Mr. Thomas said his main concern was a single trail that was supposed to accommodate multi-use. Mr. Thomas said he asked Mr. Smith if the horses are becoming accustomed to the motorcycles, and he seemed to think yes. Then the motorcycle people testified, and they are on a program of educating their people to stop their motorcycles and turn them off, go and talk to the horse people and find out the best way that the horse people recommend to pass on the trail. So, in the spirit of having a Centennial Trail from north to south, these two groups of people of adverse uses on the trail are trying to work together to make this come about.

Mr. Pry said I concur with what you have said, but the mixing of the species really don't mix. Like the gentleman before me testified about the man that had MS, my heart goes out to him and I think there's parts of that trail where you could take these wheelchairs. There's a lot to look at, and I hope my oar is not in the water too late to ride the rapids. Thank you very much.

Chairman Shewmaker introduced Morton Brigham.

Mr. Brigham said he wanted to address the board as an individual. For a long time I've been interested in conservation problems throughout the state. I was one of the instigators of the Gospel Hump wilderness in the first place and served on the negotiating committee where we negotiated that with the timber people and the people from Grangeville. We reached one of the few successful negotiations that was ever carried out with respect to the conflict over wilderness and nonwilderness use. I also participated back in the 60's and even prior to that in coordination of the Selway-Bitterroot wilderness so I've had quite a few years experience at this. Now the environmental laws were passed by Congress a few years ago for a purpose. The reason they were passed in the beginning was that we had too many diverse groups with different plans to do different things with different parts of the country, and their efforts weren't coordinated. For example, one agency working to perpetuate certain conditions whereas another agency may be working to destroy it. The Environmental Policy Act was passed to put a stop to that so there could be a more coordinated approach. Now, at the same time people continually seem to try to by-pass this environmental process. We have laws that are pretty definite in that respect. It applies to a lot of things besides wilderness and where there are major uses to be initiated that may affect certain parts of the country, sooner or later you're going to have to go through the environmental process whether you like it or not.

One point that comes to mind is, I'm familiar with this Gospel Hump wilderness because of my background in it, and also I've been on the ground. This western motorized trail crosses the Salmon River Canyon down there by the mouth of Wind River and goes across the river on the Wind River bridge, then it heads up somewhere or another, and I haven't been able to find that out, to the north. One route would be by the old Bullion mine which route would be off the wilderness. Another route goes up Wind River about three miles to the old McMeaghan ranch and then would have to go to the west on a trail that climbs up a bluff there. This country is extremely steep; people have fallen off those bluffs down there when they were afoot. I remember a mountain climber fell off to his death a few years ago, right there at the mouth of Wind River, just up the trail a little ways. I can't see for the life of me how you could ever, at any reasonable expense, ever produce a trail that's supposed to be suitable for motorized trails in that part of the country. The soils are erosive and in April, for example, you could cross the Wind River bridge and go part way up the hill. Who's going to stop a motorcycle from using it then? They won't be able to get clear through on top because there's too much snow, but then they're riding up the trail and once they get up there they'll be using them for hill climbs, hill climb practice and all sorts of purposes.

We know around Lewiston here for example that all you have to do is allow motorized use across a corner of a field for example and then they racetrack on the whole field. People get out there with motorized vehicles and go around and around and around in a circle like a crazy bedbug. They tear the whole field up if you let them into one corner. So there has to be somebody enforcing it, and a lot of regulations. Even if they had a surfaced trail in that part of the country that went up the hill through the problem areas where the soil

is erosive, they won't stay on the trail and they won't stay on the surface after they get up there. They'll just use that as access to get up there and cut the whole country up. It will take a lot of enforcement, so I can't see how you could go into that kind of process without a full environmental disclosure of the whole details before you start to get any funds for the thing. I don't think there's enough first-hand information available on any such a project of that size that you have the information even to draw up an environmental statement yet. That's a major project.

Another thing is, I think it's a frivolous use of money. We have people all over the state who don't have enough to eat, little children that don't have money to go to the doctor, women that are pregnant who don't have any money for suitable doctor's attention, we have people that are hungry, people without houses, hundreds of bridges all over the state that need to be replaced. I would say if we're going to spend money on a north/south route, let's spend it on highway 95 where we need it so we can use it with a truck. The way it is now, it's a dangerous process to even ride across areas like Lawyer's Canyon.

I can't see that frivolous use of money at a time when we have all these other issues staring us in the face. Actually the world as a whole. The entire planet is subject to threats that pale by the imagination. For example, the greenhouse effect. What effect would it have for example if say 500 to 1000 nuclear bombs would be blown over some of our cities. We have the ozone hole that allows harmful radiation to come to the planet here that causes a lot more skin cancer. We have vast pollution areas, areas like we have up around the mines around Coeur d'Alene. We have huge areas of mining waste that's never been cleaned up all over the country. Why can't we use what funds we have for some purpose like that rather than some place for some guy to ride up and down the mountain in a hurry on his motorcycle. Some of the promoters seem to think there's no place for them to go if you don't get this centennial trail. Actually there's been thousands and thousands of miles of trails and roads available ever since I can remember, and that's been too many years, where you can go out and camp and stay there a week and never see anybody. They don't have to have a new trail in order to find a place to get out in the boondocks. I think if you try to proceed the way you're trying to with this western motorized trail, if you try to proceed the way you're headed, you're just headed for a lawsuit. I don't think you're going to go anywhere. There's enough people interested they won't stand by and do nothing while such a thing is built. Thank you.

Director Ferrell pointed out that this is not a newly constructed trail. It's existing trails with existing uses, and that's caused some of the confusion. It's a symbolic designation that links existing trails and existing uses. One of the charges that Lasting Legacy gave was to use existing trails; use what is on the ground today.

Mr. Brigham said that may be their policy, I don't know about that, but when somebody starts up that trail that goes up the Lower Wind River and then starts to head off up the ridge to the west, he had better have a darned sharp shod horse, and it had better be in the middle of the summer.

Director Ferrell said that she has ridden parts of the trail in the north part of the state on horseback. It was open to multiple use, but the only thing that could get through there was a hiker or horse. It was very difficult riding.

Mr. Brigham interjected that any way you go across that Salmon River canyon, you're going to have to have a new trail. There's no way to do it on existing trails without a lot of damage.

Director Ferrell said the agency is not supporting the creation of new trails.

Mr. Brigham interjected then you're going to stop right at the bridge. There's a dead end of your trail right there, because you're not going anywhere after you get across the bridge unless it's rebuilt.

Chairman Shewmaker called on Mr. Bloedel to comment on the proposed Idaho State Centennial Trail route.

Mr. Bloedel said he didn't come here to testify for the Forest Service because the Forest Service has already testified in favor of these routes that the board has before them. The position of the Forest Service is still the same.

As was pointed out earlier in the Forest Service testimony, the route designation is still largely symbolic, which Director Ferrell just mentioned. When it crosses the national forest lands, these trails are already in place; the types of use are already there as designated by the national forest travel plans. One of the misunderstandings that seems to keep arising here is not understanding that all these trails are in place and are being used. Both of the routes have sections that are open to motorized use and sections that are not open to motorized use outside of wilderness. Forget wilderness for a moment. There are a lot of sections that are closed to motorized trail use by national forest plans on both of these routes because of resource damage or conflict between users, or other reasons that the Forest Service uses in the analysis of the national forest process. All the trails are in place. There may be some small sections up in the Panhandle near the Canadian border not in place, but otherwise the trails are already in place or the route is along roads. In a lot of cases it's along roads because there wasn't enough single trail routes to try to fit together. It was planned through that selection committee that the route could go through parts of wilderness. Both of the routes, the western and the route in the central section of the state go through wilderness. The Lasting Legacy Committee and others felt the western route, or the preferred route, did not go through enough wilderness, it just touched the edges. For example the Gospel Hump that Mr. Brigham brought up goes in and out of the section that is outside the wilderness right in that area, is closed to motorized vehicle use and that's the way it would remain. If the state designates this as a centennial route, it would remain that way. Or, it could be adjusted--not in the wilderness--but outside of wilderness by forest travel plans. So remember that if you establish a trail, that the use can be adjusted through these forest travel plans, or if Congress should establish wilderness, and that's happened in the past. There's a lot of times Congress has come in and said we want this to be wilderness where trails were used by

motorized vehicles and in a lot of cases, even jeeps. All over the country there are examples of that, and that's Congress' prerogative. That's the people of the United States' prerogative, through Congress, to establish wilderness if they wish. The Forests then manage it as wilderness.

There was no trail actually designated as an alternate motorized route. A lot of that has come out because of the way it came out in the media, or the way certain people are making that statement to make that the issue. There was no plan to say this is the alternate motorized route. The western route goes in and out of wilderness. When the committee went through this process, they were looking at different alternatives, knowing that parts of that route would be closed to motorized use, There would be other roads and trails off of the centennial trail that motorized use could occur on and then come back on the centennial trail. The motorized users that were on the committee at least are fully aware of that.

Again, the Forest Service testified earlier. The Forest Service is cooperating with the designation through the state process. The NEPA process has been mentioned several times in testimony in other places; the Forest Service is following that. Part of that is the public involvement that is going on now in a great fashion because a lot of people are getting involved.

But if the board designates a trail, then it's still up to the Forest Service as land managers to manage that and say what is going to be the use, working with the public. We'll manage those under the NEPA process. We will follow the national environmental process in implementing or managing this trail.

Again, the board already has the Forest Service' written testimony in support of the route that has been outlined by Director Ferrell which is delineated on the maps before you today. The Forest Service believes that the centennial route will have little affect (and the amount of use is a matter of opinion) and doesn't feel the designation will change the use a great deal one way or the other.

Both routes go through proposed wildernesses--both routes--not just the western route, but both routes.

Mrs. Robertson asked Mr. Bloedel, if the board designates that trail route, would that swing the balance towards making those travel plans favor motorized vehicles? Mr. Bloedel said he didn't think so, because you're designating a trail that is open to both motorized and nonmotorized use based on the forest travel planning process. However, I said earlier, that can be adjusted.

Mrs. Robertson asked about areas that are more or less defacto nonmotorized trails because they are so steep, such as Mr. Brigham suggested. For instance, in areas that are already okay in the Forest Service plan for multiple use but they just can't be used because they are too steep, does the Forest Service have plans to redo those trails to upgrade them so that motorized vehicles can use them which would actually make that area more available to motorized use? Mr. Bloedel said he couldn't think of any motorized plans for any specific forests, but yes, if there are places where that can be done. When the Forest Service plans to rebuild a trail so that it is suitable for whatever use, it goes through the NEPA the same as any other project. If, within the travel planning process, they make that decision that this would be suitable for motorized use, if there was some change in the trail, there could be some plans to go ahead and improve some trails along

those lines. They don't have any specific plans for the Idaho State Centennial Trail like that. They will look at each section of the centennial trail, if the board designates it, on a case-by-case basis, based on the forest plan direction, what the public has told us through the forest planning process and federal plan direction tied to that, and whether or not that should be changed or adjusted.

Mr. Bloedel said there may be some trail projects that are upgraded. These trails are already there and in existence, and plans have been made to do things on these trails. So, there may be some projects now along this particular route where the trail is going to be changed and upgraded. The Forests are working on their trail program and management program regardless of this designation process.

Mrs. Robertson said some people have pointed out specific projects where they felt that that has been done, and she was trying to clarify that. It gets back to the fear that they have that those improvements will indeed prejudice travel plans and jeopardize proposed wilderness areas in terms of those ever being considered for wilderness through the NEPA process. Mr. Bloedel said that's an opinion. People can say that's the way it will go. He feels it can go either way. They are upgrading some trails in the Smokeys, but are not upgrading those trails with the purpose of improving them for motorized use. Those trails that are being upgraded are unsafe for horse travel, causing erosion, and other problems. In the Smokey Mountains, we have certain trails that are being upgraded. This is on the Sawtooth, which is one of the controversial areas that the conservation groups have proposed for wilderness that the forest plan doesn't propose for wilderness. The conservation people then can say that we're upgrading that just for motorized use. Well, that's their opinion, but we are rebuilding some of those trails because of resource damage and other safety conflicts, and problems for horses.

Mrs. Robertson said in the Red Mountain wilderness area that the Forest Service proposed for wilderness, wasn't approximately half of that struck from consideration because of the ORV trails in that area? Mr. Bloedel said he didn't know the Red Mountain area, so can't answer that. It was hard to get someone here that would have details on each of those areas. He said he could only answer for the specifics on the Smokey areas.

Mr. Later asked if it is correct that a person could not follow that designated trail with a motorbike without leaving it at certain places and then coming back on? Mr. Bloedel said that's correct. Mr. Later added, unless designations were changed or unless trails were rebuilt or something. Mr. Bloedel said they would have to be relocated, too, because the western route goes through wilderness. We have no authority to allow motorized in the wilderness, and have no intention of that. Mr. Later said couldn't that same thing be said of the eastern route? That if a person headed out on a motorbike, could he follow part of it and then have to get out onto. . . . Mr. Bloedel said the same thing could be said for an eastern route. Mr. Later said then, what is the purpose of designating a western route? Mr. Bloedel said the western route was the chosen preferred alternative of those joint committees that worked through this using all the criteria. Some of the criteria was to provide a diversity of recreation opportunities, to protect high quality natural cultural recreation. It was an attempt to tie in those other things. It was the highest scoring selected route in the process. Mr. Later said then the name that the media or somebody has put on that western route by calling it a motorized route is a misnomer. Mr. Bloedel said that's true. It is a misnomer.

Chairman Shewmaker thanked Mr. Bloedel for his comments.

Chairman Shewmaker said in his view this was a compromise, the best thing that the board can do, realizing that it's not going to be fully accepted by any group, but it was the best that could be done in meeting the objectives that were set. He commended all those parties involved for coming up with what they did. It was not an easy job. Staff's recommended action is to approve the centennial trail as presented.

Mr. Thomas said about five days ago he received a very thick package of information on the centennial trail that Director Ferrell sent to the board to review. He said he has been spending most of his waking hours wrestling with this trail problem. The Forest Service, primarily, is in charge of all of these lands. In the written statements and testimony, it is clear that on this particular route they are only putting a name to it--nothing more. The route more or less follows existing roads and existing trails which have been used for motorized, backpacking, and so forth. This does not digress from that. It's merely putting a name to a route. A lot of people put in a lot of time on the project. He said he was particularly impressed with a story in the Grangeville newspaper. Two hundred people went up on the Lochsa, a part of the proposed centennial trail, and put in a weekend building trails and bridges for the successful designation of this particular north-south trail. That's impressive. By adopting this recommendation, the board is satisfying the things that the Lasting Legacy Committee wants and providing future generations a lasting legacy that they will appreciate down the road.

Mr. Thomas said, I therefore move that the board adopt the recommendation as submitted by the staff and our director. The recommendation is as follows: That the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board approve state designation of the Idaho State Centennial trail and centennial trail west and east as shown on the attached map. This action taken in accordance with Idaho Code 67-4223. I move for the adoption of the recommendation. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion on the motion.

Mrs. Robertson urged against adoption of this proposal, partially because she thought one of the foremost natural resource sponsored controversies right now in Idaho is wilderness. It has been for a long time, and it will be into the future. Mr. Bloedel has pointed out that in the past that when wilderness areas were designated, that motorized trails were discontinued. But she thought that if some of the proposed wildernesses were to be considered for wilderness designation now, it would be very difficult to say that the Idaho State Centennial Trail, motorized portions, would have to be discontinued because of the label the board is putting on it. She felt that because of that, in a sense the board is inserting themselves as a state agency and as a state process in something that should be a congressional prerogative. The board could quite possibly jeopardize the ability of these areas to be designated wilderness at some time. She said she is not against a western alternate but is against that alternate going through areas that are currently proposed wilderness.

Chairman Shewmaker said he certainly didn't think it would be the intent of the motion that the board do anything that would be construed as causing an area in the future not to be included in wilderness. Any action such as future wilderness

designation can only be handled by the administrative agency with the authority such as the Forest Service or BLM and by congressional action.

Chairman Shewmaker called for any more discussion.

Mr. Thomas called for the question.

Chairman Shewmaker said all those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Messrs. Shewmaker, Thomson, Neal, and Thomas voted aye. Mrs. Robertson and Mr. Later voted nay. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY PROMULGATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION RULES

Ms. Just presented the following written report:

The 1990 legislature passed, and the governor signed, a comprehensive public records bill, House Bill 860. The legislation takes effect on July 1, 1990. The existing rules pertaining to access to public records of the department were promulgated in the spring of 1988, and do not comport with some portions of the new legislation.

Staff is proposing amendments to the existing rules to bring them into compliance with the legislation. A copy of the rules in legislative format is attached to aid you in discerning the changes which are proposed. The attached form is not a part of the rules, but is provided for your reference, as the rules do make reference to the form. Because there is inadequate time to promulgate these rules using normal notice and comment procedures, staff is requesting that the board approve the amended rules as emergency rules to become effective July 1, 1990, and further direct staff to begin the formal promulgation process.

Staff recommends that the board approve the proposed amendments to IDAPA 26.10.4 as emergency rules to become effective July 1, 1990, and direct staff to begin concurrent promulgation of the rules through the ordinary notice and comment process.

The rules in legislative bill format are attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record. The form for requesting public records is attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Ms. Just added that the legislature resolved a long-term dispute that has gone on between the media and various state agencies about what kind of records were available to the public. In the past, the law read that anything that was in a department's files was open to the public unless there was a specific statutory exemption that closed a public record. The problem was that a multiplicity of agencies had a multiplicity of statutes that were scattered from one end of the Idaho Code to the other. Even with all of those exemptions, some state agencies were having problems conducting business because certain items that they dealt with weren't public records and were causing them problems and they were trying to get more exemptions. The media felt that everybody was trying to conduct state business behind closed doors and they finally came up with a comprehensive bill to deal with public records. It sunsets all of the existing provisions and institutes a system whereby all records are public except for 36

specified exemptions that are all going to appear in one place in the Idaho Code. It also sets up some provisions for timeliness of responding to public records requests, and specifies when and how much can be charged for providing this information. Some of those procedural things that were in that legislative action were not consistent with the public records provisions that the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation had in its rules that it implemented in 1988. So the proposed rule changes don't go into the substance of the legislative enactment, but they are designed to deal with and make the department's procedures consistent with the procedural requirements of the new bill, the majority of which goes into effect July 1. The sunseting of the existing exemptions doesn't go into effect until 1993, but the working part of the public records bill does become effective in July. Therefore, staff is asking the board to allow promulgation of the rule changes as emergency rules to become effective on July 1. At the same time, staff will take those through the full public hearing process. There was no way to do that and have them finalized and in effect on July 1 to comply with the statutes.

The department's existing rules call for one public records officer in the entire state and that worked fine because most of the records people asked for were in the central office. But the new law only allows three days to respond to a public records request and there are public records kept in each of our parks that are not available in the central office. It would be unworkable for those public information requests to go from a park to Boise and back and be able to do that under the time limit. We propose to have someone designated in the central office, the two region offices and every park office who will be in charge of the public records requests. The proposed rules include compliance within three days.

The new bill allows for photocopying charges but not for staff time in preparing, compiling and photocopying. The old rules allowed the department to charge \$10 per hour if it took a lot of staff time to compile a response to the request. The proposed rules specify 10 cents a copy for photocopying. The new bill allows charges for producing automated records off the computer, and limits the charge to actual costs to provide the information. The proposed rules specify the form of the computerized data. The individual requesting the public records will get the information the way the department has it, and it will be up to them to convert it to something usable to them.

Ms. Just said she will provide all staff and the board a copy of a manual that will explain what items are not for public consumption and what are and how to respond in order to comply with the statute. The statute included fines of \$1000 for public officials who in bad faith don't comply with the terms of the statute. That's going to be applicable to each public records person whether in the park, region office, or if the request is made to a board member. Director Ferrell pointed out that that \$1000 fine is a personal fiscal liability. It is not something that would be picked up by the state.

Mr. Neal moved that the board approve the proposed amendments to the administrative rules. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS TO FEES AND CHARGES IN STATE PARKS

Mr. Dokken presented the following written report for board consideration. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is recommending an increase in fees, to be effective January 1, 1991, as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Campsite Fees		
Primitive - vault toilets no water	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
Basic - vault toilets central water	6.00	7.00
Developed - flush toilets central water	7.00	8.00
Electrical hookups at site	2.00	3.00
Group Use Fees (per person)	1.00	1.25
Farragut State Park Minimum charges per night		
Thimbleberry	50.00	70.00
Waldron Loop 1	70.00	100.00
Waldron Loop 2	120.00	150.00
Buttonhook Area A	40.00	50.00
Buttonhook Area B	60.00	80.00
Annual State Park Passport (motorized vehicle entrance fee)	20.00	25.00
Discount rate if purchased prior to February 1	10.00	15.00

The present fees have been in effect since January, 1988. In making the recommendation to increase fees, several factors were considered: inflation since 1988, input from individual park managers, rates charged by private operators, rates charged in neighboring states, and increased operational fiscal needs.

The electrical hookup fee increase is a result of a study conducted at Hells Gate State Park. A meter was installed on one campsite, which showed a range of between \$2.25 to \$3.50 per site per day. While certainly not a scientifically exact study, it confirmed that an increase in fees for electrical hookups is needed.

There is a need to increase revenue to finance additional operating expenses to cover inflationary costs and a need to increase fees to hire additional seasonal personnel to provide services demanded by increased visitation. There is a need to increase fees to keep pace with other state park agencies in the West, and to remain generally competitive with private campgrounds in order not to negatively impact their business.

Setting of fees and charges is certainly not an exact science. Efforts to establish a rate that will not cause undue competition with private enterprise have met with mixed success. Rates charged by private enterprise

vary greatly. Consequently, the proposed fees, while considering private enterprise, are based on a variety of considerations.

The use of fees and charges within the state park system serves several purposes.

It provides a means for the user to pay a larger share of the cost of services--services are priced at a level that is fair to both users and nonusers. If a particular service provides benefits only to one user, such as reservations, an attempt is made to make that service pay for itself. Other services, such as protection of the resources located in a state park, are provided for the public good and the cost of providing these services should be borne by everyone. Campgrounds are provided for the public good, but should not be totally financed by the taxpayer or user. By providing these types of facilities, benefits accrue to surrounding communities, to the total state's economy, as well as to the user.

Fees and charges provide an alternate source of revenue for the Department. The pressure continues to increase services while the availability of tax dollars to provide those services decreases. This has necessitated a stronger emphasis on revenue enhancement.

Fees and charges are used as a management tool. They can be used to limit or encourage use in certain areas and at different times of the year; they can be used to determine demand; and the charging of fees can encourage private enterprise to enter the market if a profit can be made.

Staff has taken into account all of the above considerations in recommending an increase in fees. The financial benefits may not be seen the first year. In past years, when rates have been raised, the net effect has been a reduction of visitors the first year with a slight increase in revenue. In ensuing years, there has been a gradual increase in visitation.

Staff recommends the Board approve, in concept, the proposed fees for 1991. Further, that the Board direct staff to start the promulgation process so that the final fees and charges can be approved by the Board in their fall meeting.

Mr. Thomson asked if the group use fees pertain to Harriman? Mr. Dokken said Harriman and Dworshak have separate fee structures. The fees proposed here pertain to the other group use areas in state parks.

Mr. Thomas asked how many months and what time of the year did the experiment on electrical hookups cover? Mr. Dokken said the meter was read daily during August, September, and October. It's not a scientific study, but it reaffirmed staff's feelings that sufficient revenue wasn't being received to pay the electrical costs. Director Ferrell said it will have been three years since fees increases have been considered for our general camping.

Mr. Dokken added that whenever the department increases fees, there is a corresponding decrease in visitation, but a leveling of the fees. Staff does not anticipate much additional revenue next fiscal year as a result of this increase in fees. Calendar year 1992 is the time when the benefits of the fee increases will start to come in.

Mr. Later moved that the board approve the fees in concept as presented, and that staff be directed to begin the rule promulgation process. Mr. Neal seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

OFF-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLE (ORMV) PROJECTS

Mr. Chuck Wells presented the following written report:

The list of projects shown have been reviewed and recommended by the Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund Advisory Committee during their May 3 meeting in Boise. This list was reduced from a larger list of proposed projects.

Staff recommends approval of all of the listed projects to be funded as far as available funds will allow.

ORMV FUND

Approved ORMV Fund Budget for FY '91 (Trustee & Benefit and Capital Outlay)	\$733,500.00
Previously Approved Project Commitments :	\$90,228.00
Boise District BLM-Owyhee Front	\$37,000
Ketchum Ranger District-S.N.F.	\$31,428
Twin Falls Ranger District-S.N.F.	
Third Fork Trail System	\$21,800
Replacement of three (3) Groomers	255,000.00
Proposed FY 90 ORMV Projects	323,817.00
Projects under \$10,000 & Miscellaneous expenses	64,455.00

ORMV FUND Proposed Projects for FY 91

<u>PRIORITY & SCORE</u>	<u>APPLICANT/PROJECT</u>	<u>RUNNING AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 95.59	BLM - Egin Lake Access	\$33,850	\$33,850
2 85.68	Boise BLM - Boise Front OHV Trails	\$13,500	\$47,350
3 82.64	Nez Perce National Forest - Bullion Creek Trail (withdrawn)	\$50,000	\$97,350
4 82.59	Lowman RD/BNF - Rocky Wagon ATV Trail System (3 years at \$20,750 per year)	\$20,750	\$118,100
5 82.55	Payette Co RD - Clay Peak OHV Park	\$15,250	\$133,350

6	79.09	Ada Co Sheriff - Sheriff Patrol/Boise Front	\$20,000	\$153,350
7	77.45	Lowman RD/BNF - Deadwood Trail Projects (5 years at \$32,309 per year)	\$32,309	\$185,659
8	75.64	Boise RD/BNF - Corbus, Hot Creek & Grouse Creek (3 years at \$32,703 per year)	\$32,703	\$183,362
9	74.86	Wallace RD/IPNF - Graham Creek Trail	\$12,000	\$230,362
10	69.56	Pocatello RD/CNF - Belle Marsh Trail Projects (2 yrs: 1st yr. - \$36,454, 2nd yr. - \$13,254)	\$36,454	\$266,817
11	61.99	Montpelier RD/CNF - Horseshoe Basin Warming Hut	\$25,000	\$291,817
12	55.85	Valley Co Sheriff - Purchase, Snowmobile	\$10,000	\$301,817
13	52.90	Mtn. Home RD/BNF - Trinity Warming Hut	\$12,000	\$313,817
14	43.42	Salmon Ridge Runners Snmbl Club - Purchase, Groomer Trailer	\$10,000	\$323,817

The entire package of individual projects that are recommended to the board for approval today are attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Mr. Wells remarked that the new ORMV Advisory Committee scored and recommended the projects. The committee was established as a result of legislation that was enacted two years ago. The committee has three representatives from north Idaho, three from southwest Idaho and three from southeastern Idaho, and there is a snowmobile member, a trailbike/ATV member, and a nonmotorized member from each of those areas. The committee met in May and provided excellent input and evaluated the projects very carefully. Some of the projects are on-going projects phased over several years. As a result, approximately \$90,000 is obligated before other projects can be considered. Also, several years ago a process of approving and replacing groomers was set up. Staff tries to select three or four groomers a year for replacement. In addition, there are some miscellaneous projects under \$10,000 that have been approved by the Director; Staff will deal with those throughout the year.

Mr. Wells pointed out that Project #3 on the list, Bullion Creek Trail on the Nez Perce National Forest, should not be considered for approval at this time. Staff received a letter last week from the Nez Perce National Forest asking that the project be pulled. They want to back off on that project temporarily and get some other things done in there. It will change the totals.

Mr. Wells pointed out that the Boise Front had four project applications for ORMV funds:

- One was under \$10,000 from the public information/education committee from the Boise Front Coalition which was approved by Director Ferrell.
- Another project on the Boise Front was for \$13,500 for BLM to renovate trails, waterbars, etc.
- The other Boise Front project request was for Ada County Sheriff's patrol for \$20,000.
- The fourth project for the Boise Front was sponsored by the Boise Front coalition for \$39,200, which is not on this list. The committee voted seven against and two in favor of the project. It puts the department in a dilemma, because staff has been working with the Boise Front Coalition for several years to solve the problems on the Boise Front. Staff feels this is a good project in some ways, but would prefer not to alter the recommendations of this committee. This is the first time they have met.

Mr. Wells said he met with the Boise Front Coalition and they asked staff to present the fourth project to the board. That project involves working with the Ada County Soil Conservation Service on private land for fencing. Some of the committee members objected to the private land situation, but ORMV funds can be spent on private land. The three representatives from north Idaho pointed out the other three projects already approved for funding on the Boise Front.

Director Ferrell said that if the board approves this 4th project on the Boise Front, it basically is the final phase of the rehabilitation project that the Boise Front Coalition, other agencies, and this department have been working on for several years and it would take care of some of the last major problems that exist. The Boise Front project, under auspices of the Coalition, has received a great deal of notoriety. It will be receiving the "Take Pride in America Award" for the work that's been done on the Front. Director Ferrell added that she and Mr. Wells both feel that the board should commit these additional funds to finish up the project. It's been a monumental task, but the Boise Front Coalition has done miraculous work in a matter of 2-1/2 years. During the last board meeting this agency gave a community service award to the Boise Front Coalition for being able to work together as a cohesive group to solve those problems. None of staff wants to "go around" the recommendations of the committee, but this is one project that needs to go forward to finish the project. The fact that Bullion Creek has been pulled out also provides more than enough money to take care of that \$39,200 project on the Boise Front.

Mrs. Robertson said she is familiar with this problem, and certainly understands staff's hesitation to short-circuit this new committee, and she has some reservations about that. On the other hand, staff may, through longevity, work through some of the attitudes that northern Idaho feels like southern Idaho is getting all the money when they realize and have a history of projects you're working on and realize that some of the major problems are in the southern area that staff is addressing. Staff needs to look at it from that perspective. Mrs. Robertson encouraged the board to endorse this Boise Front project. It is worthwhile, a project that the board has a history of working towards.

Mr. Later said there would be some justification in the board approving this project in that this committee is new, and the Boise Front project is one that the board had made a significant commitment to as a staged project quite some time ago before this committee existed. The board should not walk away from any project leaving it almost completed whether that project is in southwest, east, or north Idaho.

Mr. Thomas said he was opposed to changing the committee's recommendation when it was first mentioned, but this discussion has given him a different perspective of the full program. He has changed his mind on that under the circumstances. Being a new committee, they may not see the overall operation of parks and recreation--the amount of money Kootenai County gets in boating funds as opposed to other counties, etc.

Mr. Wells said he would like to see a separate motion so staff can justify it as a continuation of a project that the board has an on-going commitment that shouldn't be stopped at this time. Future projects can be left to the committee.

Mr. Thomas moved that the board approve the Boise Front project in the amount of \$39,200 to complete the final phase of the on-going rehabilitation project. Mrs. Robertson seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion of the above motion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Robertson asked why the Bullion Creek Trail project was pulled from the recommendations on this list? Mr. Wells read excerpts from the letter from Michael J. Cook, Forest Engineer, as follows:

There appears to be a discrepancy in the legal description between the legislated wilderness boundary and the intent of the boundary itself. This effects the physical location of the trail, as well as access to the trail from the highway by O.R.V. Due to additional public comment, the proposal needs further analysis to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The present Categorical Exclusion will be expanded to an Environmental Analysis after clarification of this boundary. This process will take approximately 120 days without any further delays.

Mrs. Robertson said she had some concern when she saw that application, so she called Wayne Wright to find out if it was true that they were going to have to follow the NEPA process and do an environmental analysis on that. She was concerned because it looked suddenly like that had become part of the centennial trail. She had not heard about it until she received the information packet for this board meeting. Mr. Wright told her that originally when they made the application that they had encroached upon two environmental analyses that they had already done in the field for other projects and that they felt those would cover this project. They had filed a categorical exclusion, but it had not been signed off on in this file. When certain groups became aware that this might indeed be in the wilderness area, Mr. Wright reviewed the file and realized that had not been signed, so they were then forced to take these steps. Mrs. Robertson said she asked Mr. Wright, how many times does this happen with ORMV applications? Are there other occurrences where this is put in the file and never signed off on? He would not say that this had happened before, but suggested that this board might want to require, in the applications for ORMV projects on Forest Service and BLM land, an indication on the application that these had been signed off and by whom. Mrs. Robertson said she would like to make a motion to that effect.

Mr. Wells said this is the first and only project the Nez Perce National Forest has submitted for ORMV funds. When it came out for public review, they started getting comments and this was brought to their attention. They aren't sure if the trail goes into wilderness. Their intent was to relocate the trail so it would be outside of the wilderness.

Mrs. Robertson reiterated that she would like to make a motion, but wanted to hear a rebuttal from Mr. Wells as to what kind of situation that might put staff in if the board requires that a signoff be included in the project application that comes to the board for approval.

Director Ferrell asked exactly what statement would be in the application? Mrs. Robertson said something like ". . . on any applicable Forest Service or BLM signoff, that they have complied with NEPA before these projects come before the board."

Mr. Wells asked Lew Munson, who has been with the Forest Service and knows their processes, to explain the process. Mr. Munson said on most of these projects, they request the funds from the ORMV grant. If the funds are approved, they go into the complete NEPA process. If they aren't approved, then they don't go through that process. On some of them, the process has been done prior to the application being

sent in. It is a lengthy, time-consuming process to go through the NEPA process and then not get the project funded.

Mrs. Robertson said it looks like it could go all the way through the board action and then find out that they have to withdraw it. It then leaves money that is needed on other projects, but it also seems like it offers more opportunity to short-circuit the new committee that you just put in place to review these projects. Mrs. Robertson said she doesn't feel that the board has all of the information to consider a project, and perhaps the committee doesn't either.

Mr. Munson said all of the projects have gone through the process of getting the input from the people. The Forest Service has done the scoping to get the feel of what the public is saying. The actual document itself hasn't been written. If there is opposition, they go and talk to the people.

Mrs. Robertson moved that Mr. Wells and his group include in the applicable Forest Service or BLM application, a signoff that they have complied with the NEPA process before these projects come before this board.

In response to a question from Chairman Shewmaker, Mrs. Robertson explained that "if it's applicable" it should be done before it comes before this board. In some cases, she didn't think it would be applicable.

Mr. Later seconded the motion.

Mrs. Ferrell asked if it is intended to be the complete NEPA process including the issuing of the findings or the process of taking public testimony. Mrs. Robertson said in some cases that won't be necessary because they will only be doing an environmental analysis. All they will be doing is indicating to us that a categorical exclusion has been made. Director Ferrell said then you want to know the status of the environmental analysis by the Forest Service on the project, and it should show on the application?

Mr. Later said the benefits to the board would be that it will help us in cases like this in that we wouldn't have money in suspense, and would know that it is a viable project that can move forward.

Mrs. Robertson said that her concern is that if this hadn't been challenged, the board might have passed on this project without an environmental assessment. She has further concern that more challenges are going to be made, and has been told which ones they are. It would be better for them to have done all of that paperwork before it gets to the board, since it isn't denying them any of these projects.

Mr. Later asked Mr. Wells if they would have to change time frames for these projects in order to get all the paperwork done? Mr. Wells said it would probably back that up to the first of the year. Staff's review process takes 90 days for the department to review the project and get it back to the agencies.

Mrs. Robertson said that's a project-by-project call. The board can't tell which projects will take more time, and which will go right through. The projects that they recognize need more work will have to have more time on them.

Mr. Neal asked, if this is adopted, will people give up and not make applications for the grants? Mr. Wells said he's not sure what effect it will have. Mr. Munson

said the Forests know they have to complete a NEPA process before they can put the money on the ground. They hate to take all the time to go through the complete NEPA process, because a lot of projects never get through the approval process. Their concern is why should they put all the man hours into the NEPA process if it doesn't get approved. This would make sure it's a good viable project, and there would be more assurance that it would go through.

Mr. Neal said then in your opinion, it wouldn't discourage them from applying? Mr. Munson said he didn't think it would because most of the projects are viable, and didn't believe it would affect that.

Mr. Thomas asked Mrs. Robertson if it is her intention that this work has to be done before an application comes in? Mrs. Robertson indicated yes, if it is applicable. Mr. Thomas responded that "if it's applicable" is an escape clause. Mrs. Robertson said, No, it's not. They will decide whether or not it's applicable. Some of the projects won't require an environmental assessment. Some of them will, and those that do, it will be done before it comes before the board.

Vote: All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Shewmaker said that the board has had the information on each of the ORMV projects for the past few weeks and requested that board members ask questions on projects rather than review all of the projects individually.

Mrs. Robertson said on **Project 2, Boise Front OHV Trails**, Stacy Gebhard, Fish and Game, has some concerns about the width of the trail and problems with erosion. She asked if Mr. Gebhard's concerns have been addressed in the final form? Mr. Munson said the tread width is a certain width and the clearing width is a certain width. The 8-foot width is a clearing width to prevent limbs or something from hooking a packsaddle, the handle bars on a bike, or a backpack. That question has been answered to the satisfaction of Fish and Game.

Mrs. Robertson on **Project 10, Belle Marsh Trail**, Fish and Game officials have concerns about cumulative effects of increasing numbers of trails in the area. Mr. Wells said the Mormon-Goodenough Canyon connector was completed last year. The trails actually come down out of the forest and a rider must go on the one constructed last year, 10 miles of gravel and some paved road, to get to the other trail to get back up into the mountains again. And above the private land they were putting the trails across to make connectors and staff had some concerns about certain types of use during certain times of the year. The Forest Service has agreed to close those trails during that time of the year that Fish and Game was concerned about. It was in the winter range area and they will have a closure during that time. They do have a closure on the trail Mormon-Goodenough trail that was done last year. The new trail will be closed at that time, also. The deer come down above those fields and stay in those areas, and that was Fish and Game's major concern in seeing the trails in there.

Mrs. Robertson asked if there are concerns raised by Fish and Game, are those concerns addressed in the final? Mr. Wells said they are. Staff meets with Fish and Game right away to find out, mitigate, and take care of the problems.

Mrs. Robertson said relative to **Project 1, Egin Lake Access**, she received a clipping from the newspaper on Idaho's rare tiger beetle. The question asked was how projects like this impact the tiger beetle? Mr. Wells said this project is

actually outside of the sand dunes. Currently, people drive in through a farmer's field in an area where they can't get into the dunes and end up parking in the farmer's field. The sponsors want to put this parking lot outside of the actual dunes area; they feel they can have better control of the ORV's from a trail system out of this parking lot than they do where they're presently using them. The latest information he has is, they're finding where there's only one stage where there's any affect at all on the tiger beetle, and that's when the tiger beetle is in the larvae stage. Mr. Wells discussed it with BLM officials and they don't consider the tiger beetle and ORV use to be a major problem over there. They have found the tiger beetle in other locations, too. They thought at one time that it was the only place that they had them.

Mrs. Robertson said she received a university report on that and is aware of the other areas that they have identified, and is also aware of the timing of the use of the ORV's and that larvae stage. She asked if this department is in any way trying to mitigate the timing so we're not using those dunes or at least putting ORMV funds in so that it hinders that time? Mr. Wells said that BLM, by having the parking lot, could direct the trails away from the areas where the problems were to get the people back on the major dunes. They have signs up now that limit the ingress and egress from the dunes. If they get the parking lot in, they will have a better chance of doing that.

Mr. Thomson moved that the board approve the recommended projects numbered one through fourteen as presented by Mr. Wells but deleting #3, the Bullion Creek project. Mr. Later seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

FY 1990 WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANTS

Mr. Jeff Hoedt presented the following written report:

Staff has an available budget of \$695,500.00 for FY 1991 grants.

Nineteen counties, six cities, eleven management districts of federal agencies (USFS, BLM, BOR), three state parks, and three boating organizations submitted sixty-seven applications for FY 1991 Waterways Improvement Fund grants; the requests totalled \$1,569,028.87. Sixteen of the submitted applications did not meet the program requirements and were found to be ineligible for funding consideration leaving fifty-one eligible.

The Waterways Improvement Fund Evaluation Committee members individually reviewed and rated each application in accordance with the newly established point factor rating system. The individual scores were combined to create a final score for each application. The following list represents the application scores in descending order from the highest score.

The staff recommends that the Board approve all the grants as presented in the attached list commencing at the highest score and following the descending order until all available funds are dedicated. The staff is also recommending that the Board approve the transfer of those dedicated monies to the next

eligible project(s) should any of the applicants of the higher rated project(s) withdraw their applications.

The staff recommends that in the instance where the balance of available funds is only adequate to partially fund the next eligible application (such as IDPR-Heyburn S.P. 91-05(52a) that that applicant be given the option of accepting the reduced funding level or withdrawing their project. If the applicant elects to withdraw the project, the next eligible project will be offered the funds and/or the same option if applicable.

The staff recommends that the grants be approved and available at the percentage of total costs as applied for up to the maximum amount requested and approved.

The staff recommends that the compliance conditions on the Kootenai County 91-28(e) - Spokane Point land acquisition be approved.

The staff recommends that the Board approve the reduced funding for the City of Harrison 91-28 (68) dock project; and the USCG-Aux. 91.00(b) advertising project.

The City of Post Falls collects a \$1.00 park entrance fee per vehicle and a \$2.00 entrance fee for vehicles with trailers. Because FY 90 WIF grant monies provided the boat ramp, the staff recommends that the same fee for vehicles, with or without trailers, be charged if grant funds are also used to provide the parking areas.

The reports for the Waterways Improvement Fund Grant Applications for FY 1991 (July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991) are attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Mr. Hoedt added that staff calculated there would be \$788,000 available for FY '91 to be awarded in the form of grants. From those funds, staff has recommended to the director that \$50,000 be held to help supplement the boat safety grants which is again not completely funded this year, and to further hold \$42,000 or approximately 6% of the funds available for cost overrun projections that may come up during the year. This left \$695,500 to obligate for FY '91 Waterways Improvement Fund Grants.

The rules applicable to this fund have been changed, as has the system used to recommend projects to the board for grant approval. Staff has developed a five-member committee to review the grant applications and to point factor the projects. That committee is internal and involves all of the bureaus within the department. The applications staff considers eligible are presented to the point-factoring committee.

The points assigned to the applications that were considered eligible and how they rated on a priority basis are shown on the documents presented to the board, along with a series of recommendations. Since the application procedure has changed, staff does not try to change the requested amounts recommended for approval. When sponsors submit an application to the department, it needs to be complete and specific. Applicants are encouraged to meet with staff prior to the committee meeting. Staff has provided manuals to each of the applicants, and the process has been explained at six state workshops so they could learn the new system. We

encourage them to apply early so that if they have problems with the application, staff can meet with them to help them develop a good package.

Mr. Hoedt pointed out that the U.S. Forest Service is currently considering withdrawing three applications because they have a wording problem with IDPR's agreement. Staff is negotiating with them now to see if that wording, which deals with the hold harmless clause in IDPR's agreement form, can be changed. Should the Forest Service withdraw their application for any reason, staff is asking the board for permission to go down the list in ranking order so as to provide funding for the next highest rating project.

Mr. Thomas moved that the board approve the series of recommendations as presented regarding the Waterways Improvement Fund grants. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

COST OVERRUN FOR THE PRIEST LAKE FY '90 WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT

Mr. Hoedt presented the addition to the agenda as follows:

In May of 1989, the Board approved an \$18,000 Waterways Improvement Fund Grant for dock construction at Priest Lake State Park. A \$1,000 grant for piling construction at the same site was also approved.

One month ago (May 1, 1990), the bids were open for the construction of this project. The contractor with the lowest bid had to withdraw from the project because of a lack of a materials supply source. The bid was then awarded to the second lowest bidder, where it was discovered that the cost of the dock construction would be higher than the grant awarded. The difference is \$2,160.00.

For the FY 90 grant funds, we have already experienced \$13,000+ in cost underruns on other projects. Therefore, the cash and the spending authority are currently available to fund the above cost overrun.

The staff recommends that the Board approve the Priest Lake State Park Waterways Improvement Fund Grant Project cost overrun for the amount of \$2,160.00.

Mr. Hoedt explained that funds are available for this cost overrun because of a cost underrun for another project; IDPR has the spending authority. With board approval, staff would add \$2,160 to the current grant.

Mr. Thomas moved that the board approve the recommendation to increase the Priest Lake State Park project, Waterways Improvement Fund grant by \$2,160. Mrs. Robertson seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

1990 and 1991 RECREATION VEHICLE GRANT REQUESTS

Mr. Poulsen presented the following written report:

The Department received forty-three (43) requests for RV grant funds during the last application period. At their most recent meeting, the RV Committee rated thirty-two (32) requests. Eleven (11) of the requests were not rated for various reasons. Upon the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer, the Committee chose to allocate approximately \$154,000.00 of remaining FY 90 funds and \$430,000.00 of FY 91 funds at the present time. The results of the priority rating process are attached. The following projects have been recommended by the RV Advisory Committee. This list does not include two (2) projects that were recommended by the Committee and previously approved by the Director.

IDPR Information Center Operation This project would fund the operation of the Cherry Creek, Huetter, and Snake River View Visitor Information Centers. Included in the request are personnel, capital, and operating costs for FY 91.

Idaho Falls BLM The BLM has requested funds to drill a new well at the Kelley's Island Campground near Heise.

Targhee National Forest The USFS has requested funds to renovate the Warm River and Riverside Campgrounds on the Ashton District of the Targhee National Forest.

City of Twin Falls The City has requested funds to construct a restroom and sewer lines at the Chamber of Commerce operated information center near the Perrine Bridge.

City of Hailey The City has requested funds to construct a visitor information center at Gateway Park, which was previously constructed with RV funds.

Boise National Forest The Emmett District has requested funds to renovate restrooms, roadways, and camp spurs at Sagehen Reservoir.

Targhee National Forest The Dubois District's request is to continue improvements at Stoddard Creek Campground north of Dubois. Previous improvements have been made with RV grant funds.

City of Wallace This request is to construct a tourist information center at exit 61 of I-90 near Wallace.

Salmon BLM This request is to replace the water system at Morgan Bar Recreation Site near Salmon.

Payette National Forest This request is to construct an RV dump station near the Cold Springs Campground, which is near Lost Valley Reservoir on the New Meadows District.

City of Preston This project is a cooperative project with the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Funds are being requested to construct an RV rest area and restrooms on US 91 in Preston.

Benewah County The County has requested funds to acquire the historic Hughes House, which will be used as a tourist information center.

IDPR Winchester The Department has requested additional funds to renovate the campground at Winchester Lake State Park. This is an addition to an existing RV grant.

The RV Committee recommends that the Board approve the following projects. The Committee also recommends that the Board approve the priority list, so that staff can award the funds to the next projects in line, should any approved project not materialize.

<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
Idaho Falls BLM	10,000.00	90
Payette National Forest	11,000.00	90
IDPR-Winchester	<u>131,600.00</u>	90
TOTAL	<u>152,600.00</u>	
IDPR-Info. Centers	72,000.00	91
Targhee National Forest-Ashton	41,906.00	91
Twin Falls	55,211.00	91
Hailey	62,449.00	91
Boise National Forest	17,800.00	91
Targhee National Forest-Dubois	26,900.00	91
Wallace	81,850.00	91
Preston	29,362.50	91
Benewah County	<u>24,312.50</u>	91
TOTAL	<u>411,791.00</u>	
GRAND TOTAL	564,391.00	

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
IDPR - Huetter-Cherry C. SRV Info Center	72,000.00	505
BLM ID FALLS - Kelly's Island CG Renovation	10,000.00	476
USFS - Warm River/Riverside CG Renovation	41,906.00	459
Cd'A BLM- Killarney Lake Restroom	3,500.00	458
TWIN FALLS - C of C Info Cntr Restrm/Sewer	55,211.00	453
HAILEY - Gateway Park Info Cntr	62,449.00	452
USFS - Sagehen Asphalt/Restroom	17,800.00	450
USFS - Stoddard Creek CG Renovation	26,900.00	450
WALLACE - Exit #61 - I-90 Info Cntr	81,850.00	438
BLM SALMON - Morgan BAR Water System	10,000.00	429
USFS - Cold Springs CG Dump Station	11,000.00	426
PRESTON - Preston Tourist Park	29,362.50	426
BENEWAH COUNTY - St. Maries Info Cntr	24,312.50	425
IDPR - Winchester Lake CG Renovation	131,600.00	425
BLM BURLEY - Grey's Landing Restroom	7,000.00	425
	<u>584,891.00</u>	

ST ANTHONY - <i>Keefer Park Info Cntr</i>	9,500.00	423
IDPR - <i>Bruneau Dunes Dump Station</i>	9,800.00	421
STITES - <i>Rest Area Restroom</i>	7,930.00	418
SHOSHONE BLM - <i>Timmerman Hill In for Cntr</i>	5,250.00	417
KOOTENAI COUNTY - <i>County Med Cntr RV Sites</i>	21,125.00	409
IDPR - <i>Bear Lake Picnic Shelter</i>	28,000.00	408
USFS - <i>Fish Creek Meadows</i>	10,000.00	403
IDPR - <i>Round Lake State Park Water System</i>	30,000.00	400
Cd'A BLM - <i>Huckleberry D.S. Hydrants</i>	25,000.00	399
BINGHAM CNTY - <i>Sportsman's Park Water Sys</i>	7,500.00	399
TWIN FALLS CNTY - <i>Fairgrounds Restroom</i>	35,505.00	398
USFS - <i>Big Springs Restrooms</i>	19,500.00	395
BINGHAM CNTY - <i>Sportsman's Park Restroom</i>	9,000.00	377
MARSING - <i>Marsing Park Development</i>	48,894.00	359
USFS - <i>Williams Lake Spurs/Dump Station</i>	36,900.00	357
USFS - <i>Bonneville CG Renovation</i>	15,256.00	328
KOOTENAI COUNTY - <i>Fairgrounds Dump Repairs</i>	4,200.00	289
KOOTENAI COUNTY - <i>Sun-Up Bay Restroom</i>	10,000.00	Not Rated
USFS - <i>Lochsa Ranger District Info Cntr</i>	25,000.00	" "
ELK RIVER - <i>Elk Creek Reservoir</i>	6,000.00	" "
USFS - <i>Kirkham CG Renovation</i>	52,500.00	" "
USFS - <i>Lake Cleveland Redevelop</i>	62,000.00	" "
FRANKLIN CNTY - <i>Franklin Info Cntr</i>	34,789.20	" "
BINGHAM CNTY - <i>Sportsman's Park Picnic Shltr</i>	9,000.00	" "
BINGHAM CNTY - <i>Moreland Park Restroom</i>	9,000.00	" "
USFS - <i>Blowout CG Renovation</i>	17,100.00	" "
USFS - <i>Calamity CG Renovation</i>	17,500.00	" "
USFS - <i>Big Elk CG Renovation</i>	12,500.00	" "

Mr. Poulsen introduced Eldred Thomas representing the advisory committee from district II. Mr. Poulsen said the the RV program will see significant increases this year. In the first two years of its existence, it was approximately \$700,000 per year and this year it will be \$900,000.

There is going to be a dedication of the Cherry Creek rest area at Malad. That's tentatively set for June 26. A dedication of the Huetter rest area at Post Falls will also be held in June, but that date is not firm. It's exciting to know that there are new facilities around the state to provide information to the visiting publics.

Mr. Poulsen pointed out the lists of projects, priority order, and recommendations.

Mr. Neal moved that the board approve the recommended grants as presented. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.

Chairman Shewmaker called for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

RV ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Chairman Shewmaker said that Mr. Eldred Thomas' term on the RV Advisory Committee expires June 30, 1990, and asked him to explain how he feels the committee is operating and how he would like to see it continue. Chairman Shewmaker pointed out that the board can't make any recommendations at this time for nominations, since there may be a new parks board member from district II.

Mr. Eldred Thomas said he is very interested in the RV committee program. In 1983, in Lewiston, he made an appearance before the board asking for help in getting legislation enacted by the legislature in 1984. In November, 1984, he attended a board meeting in Moscow on behalf of the Good Sam organization. Mr. Thomas said he felt having an RV committee was one of the best strokes of business that has happened to the state of Idaho. They represent 65,000 people in the state of Idaho that own an RV and pay an RV sticker fee for the to the privilege of owning a recreational vehicle or motorhome. He noted that in 1984 they worked with the parks department and asked them to manage and supervise the money if it did become available so as to eliminate a layer of bureaucracy that would be tapping the funds that would be paid into that dedicated RV account. The RV committee is a group of dedicated people, not selfishly motivated by what goes on in one region. The feeling of representing 65,000 people in the state of Idaho is paramount in the RV committee members' minds. There is no bickering in the committee; we have a good relationship with the staff. He said he has enjoyed his relationship with board member Tom Neal over the years. Mr. Thomas said he submitted his application to be reappointed to the RV Advisory Committee should the board and the new member see fit to act on that.

Mr. Thomas said he is assistant state director for the Good Sam Association. The Governor has issued a proclamation declaring June 25 through June 29 as Good Sam week in the state of Idaho.

The RV Committee has made recommendations through the staff, including the ones this board just approved, of approximately \$2.212 million that have been allocated to projects in the state of Idaho for the benefit of the RV owner. There has been that much money plus matching money from people that have gotten these grants. This is through the RV sticker fee that the RV owners are paying.

The bill is based on \$8.50 on the first \$1,000 value of the RV plus \$5 for each \$1000 of value based on the Blue Book. When this first came about, some felt it was unfair to charge a person an extra fee just because it had sleeping and eating capabilities in the RV. A license is still required for the RV, the same as for a truck or trailer. Mr. Thomas said as he meets with Forest Service and other officials throughout the state, he reminds them where the money comes from and that it must be invested for the benefit of the RV owners. Last year, \$1,471,000 was collected in the state of Idaho from RV owners. Of that, \$795,000 is put into the RV account. After House Bill 492 was enacted, about 55% of the RV sticker fee is being invested into projects for the benefit of RV owners.

Mr. Thomas said he felt that they are partly responsible for some of the tourism coming into Idaho. Mr. Thomas read from a list that he received from

the Idaho Travel Council. Tourism generates over \$1 billion income for Idaho; it generates \$39 million in state tax receipts; it generates \$4 million in local tax receipts. Tourism generates 25,000 jobs in the state of Idaho and accounts for \$178 million of payroll in the state, with about 12% of Idaho's income coming from tourism. He is proud to think that this RV committee has had a part in fulfilling this and seeing things go ahead.

Mr. Thomas said he appreciates working with the committee these last few years and if the board sees fit to reappoint him, would work at it again.

STAFF REPORTS

Review of JFAC actions on the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Budget

Mr. Jeff Youtz handed out several documents relative to the department's budget in comparison to other state agency budgets and the JFAC worksheets. Mr. Youtz pointed out that after Health and Welfare and Education receives their budget, there is only 13.4% of the total general account available. That portion will probably shrink in future years, because Health and Welfare will probably be a huge issue in the next few years. However, the parks department has competed very well for the dollars. The department's appropriation in FY '90 was \$3.3 million; the FY '91 request was \$7.6 million; the Governor recommended \$4.3 million, and the FY '91 legislature appropriated \$6.5 million. The percent of increase is 96.5%, which seems to indicate that parks and recreation is thought of as a priority in terms of general tax dollars. A large part of that increase, however, is due to the one-time funding that the department received from the surplus. The state of Idaho had a \$123 million surplus which was an enviable position to be in, but it also created some headaches in terms of trying to budget that. The legislature did a statesman-like job of it.

Mr. Youtz explained that JFAC is now using computer screens at their desks when they discuss and set agency budgets. The hand-outs he gave the board showed the FY '91 budget maintenance and program enhancements for each of the bureaus. It also has a column called "adjusted request" which is what the parks board responses. Mr. Youtz said he doesn't change the park board's request when the budget is presented to the legislature. The Governor's recommendation is shown next to the board's recommendation.

There is an opportunity for any JFAC member to make a motion relative to agency budgets. Three motions can be made: An amended motion, a substitute motion, and an amended substitute motion and then JFAC votes on those in reverse order.

In the administration request, only one motion was made and passed. In park operations, the substitute motion passed. The governor's recommendation was followed by JFAC except for Dworshak. The department requested \$181,200 to staff Dworshak. JFAC agreed with that, but they also wanted to fit in City of Rocks. The person who made the motion did not want to lose the motion by adding it on. So they approved \$149,800 in general funds for Dworshak rather than the full \$181,200 and moved \$31,000 down to cover the city of Rocks. They basically lump-summed Dworshak state park. Included in that original \$181,000 at Dworshak was \$65,000 for capital outlay. You will have to make some judgment calls on how you're going to staff Dworshak and take care of

minimum capital needs and also provide some money for city of Rocks. I think you'll be able to do that. The important thing is to get staffing established. The Governor did not recommend the request for City of Rocks. JFAC recognized the importance of that site and wanted to establish staffing for that. The rest of the requests were not recommended by the Governor. JFAC did make a motion for staffing the centennial state park, but it did not pass.

In park development, the centennial state park was not recommended by the Governor and was surprised in the amount of park development he had recommended. I saw an opportunity there for the legislature to address some issues that I felt that were not addressed in the governor's budget and they came through very well. Facility upgrades is indicative, the motion was made by Rep. Neibaur and Rep. Infanger to provide \$1.5 million for facility upgrades. The governor had recommended \$30,000. The other indication in terms of how the parks board is perceived is there weren't a lot of strings attached to it. That shows a lot of confidence in the board. About the only string attached to the \$1.5 million was that it be spent on existing park system rather than acquisition of new property. That was a real fine effort by JFAC. In addition is the Centennial Park. The Governor did not recommend any, JFAC recommended \$750,000 which was about half the full cost of developing that park. They wanted to get a park effort underway this year and that came out of the surplus as well. These two items account for a great deal of the percentage increase. In terms of staffing of the centennial park, part of the discussion was the timing of the park--whether the department could actually get a park developed and on line this year, FY '91, and the other part was to encourage the park board to solicit private donations and corporate support for that park as well. You have already made those efforts, and it's one item Rep. Gurnsey wants to discuss in the June committee meeting, how those donations are coming in.

Recreation Resources also did well; JFAC basically followed the Governor's recommendation. One item of note is the nonmotorized trails position that has been requested for many years which was funded this year. A lot of the pass-through money in recreation resources bureau reflects spending authority.

Lava Hot Springs received a one-time appropriation from the general fund surplus. The original motion passed. Lava Hot Springs requested \$1 million to perform some major upgrades; the Governor recommended \$150,000. JFAC approved \$430,000 which will essentially take care of the hot water conversion plus gunnite the olympic-size pool.

Mr. Youtz said he will be working with an interim committee this summer to look at some real problems with the highway infrastructure. Because IDPR shares in some of those funding sources, the department may get some pretty substantial benefits from those. It may be anything from a 3-5 percent gas tax increase in order to react to some of the highway funding issues that were brought up in the local needs assessment study. The state is some \$4.5 billion behind. Mr. Youtz said it may be a package approach to highway funding--registrations, fuel taxes, etc. IDPR's Waterways, ORV, and capital outlay account share in some of those formulas. The department may want to be alert to preserving the formulas that are currently in place.

Director Ferrell thanked Mr. Youtz for the role he has played in representing our agency fairly and objectively, but very positively in his work with the JFAC committee. Our successes would not be nearly as significant had it not been for Mr. Youtz' support before the committee. He has been a tremendous asset to our agency.

Mr. Thomas said the board put in a line item for \$100,000 for improvement on that Priest Lake road, which didn't get funded. Director Ferrell said staff requested \$100,000 in the budget, but it was taken out before the budget left the Governor's office. Mr. Thomas said that is a complex case and asked if the department should build roads on state lands? Mr. Youtz said the JFAC has good knowledge of the situation and the board's efforts. JFAC appropriated \$1.5 million for some campground expansion, but isn't sure how far that's going to address the road needs. Director Ferrell said the road work in the Priest Lake area will only be for realignment of the road outside the developed area of the park. Mr. Thomas said the county commissioners don't want to spend any more than the taxes they take in from that area for road maintenance, etc. Mr. Thomas said the state has a gas tax for the purpose of building and maintaining roads and highways in the state of Idaho and felt the state transportation department ought to build and maintain the roads within state parks. Mr. Youtz said that is a legitimate point, but felt that was recognized when the legislature set up the formula in your park capital account--that's \$700,000 that comes from fuel taxes. IDPR is receiving a benefit from the fuel tax in terms of the capital improvement fund that doesn't have to be spent just on park roads. There is an awareness that there is a shared responsibility, and they tried to address that by funding the capital improvement fund from the gas tax. The state will take a real hard look at how highways are funded, so it's a good time to bring up that issue.

Chairman Shewmaker said he appreciates the fine work that of Mr. Youtz and the work of the JFAC. They have served this department well and we will expend the money as intended.

Mary Minerva McCroskey Memorial State Park General Development Planning Process

Mr. Dave Okerlund presented the following written report:

Work continues on the general development plan (GDP) for Mary Minerva McCroskey State Park. Staff has completed chapter one which includes the background and history of the park. We have also finalized an ownership map which accurately identifies the park's boundaries. Aerial photos have also been obtained. At this time we are finalizing Chapter 2, which consists of the resource analysis and evaluation. We have site meetings set up with the resource specialists in May which will enable us to complete this phase.

On May 19 and 20 we will be meeting with the local advisory committee at the park. We will share the results of that meeting with the Board at the June meeting. As reported at the last meeting, the members of that advisory committee are as follows:

Rick Cummins - Coeur d'Alene	James Eagan - Star
Terry Doupe' - DeSmet	Loring Jones - Moscow
Charles Wellner - Moscow	George Mills, Jr. - Tensed
Ralph Papenfuhs - St. Maries	Bob & Jeri McCroskey - Spokane
Nanci Johansen - Moscow	Harold Osborne - Moscow

Our schedule is to have the draft plan completed by the next board meeting. The schedule follows:

- *May 18 & 19, 1990 - Final on-site inventory and analysis.
(Emphasis on natural areas, Hwy 95 access and trails.)
- *May 20, 1990 - Advisory Committee Picnic at Park, tour park, review mission statement goals, GDP concept graphic.
- *June 1, 1990 - Progress report on GDP status to Park Board (Lewiston).
- May 20 - June 14 - Prepare Draft GDP
- June 14, 1990 - Send draft GDP to Advisory Committee for review prior to 6/22 meeting.
- June 22, 1990 - Advisory Committee meeting, review draft GDP - make necessary revisions.
- June 25, 1990 - Send draft GDP to agencies for comment; provide draft GDP at key locations for public review prior to public meeting.
- July 13, 1990 - Public meeting on draft GDP (Moscow). Wrap-up Advisory Committee meeting upon conclusion of public meeting.
- July 20, 1990 - Draft GDP, including public testimony from 7/13 meeting, sent out in Park Board Packets.
- August 3-4, 1990 - Draft GDP presented to Park Board for approval.

Mr. Okerlund added that early on in the GDP process it became obvious that citizen participation would be a major factor in the preparation of this plan. As a result of that, he put together a 13-member advisory committee to assist in the preparation of the plan, which is representative of the cross section of the interests that are present in that area. The members include country commissioners of both Latah and Benewah counties, natural resource professionals, local residents, park users, and McCroskey family members. There have been four advisory committee workshops, to date. Two weeks ago a meeting and tour of the park was held on-site. The committee members were each assigned individual tasks to assist in the preparation of the plan. Those results are coming in, so preparation of the draft GDP can go forward. On June 14, Mr. Okerlund plans to send the draft GDP to the committee members for review prior to their final meeting on June 22. They will make changes and necessary revisions and on June 25 that final draft will be sent to public

agencies for comment and the draft will be put in key locations in Moscow and St. Maries for public review prior to a public hearing in Moscow on July 13. After that testimony the committee will meet and see if changes are necessary as a result of the testimony. He will use the week following that to include that into the draft plan and the board will be sent the draft plan and testimony on July 20 in preparation for the August 2, 3 meeting in Challis.

Mr. Okerlund handed out the mission statement which is attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Mr. Neal asked about the safe vehicle access from highway 95. Mr. Okerlund said he has looked at every optional vehicle access off highway 95 beginning at the Mineral Mountain rest stop and proceeding north to the existing access at the top of the ridge. They have identified a gently sloping path across private land that would go from a road that extends southward from Forest Service property down the ridge finger on the southeastern exposure and comes out just south of the Mineral Mountain rest stop. It appears at this time that that is the preferred alternative for the new route. It is by far the superior entry road from the eastern end which will match the western entrance which is quite nice. He has not looked at what it might take to go that route.

Chairman Shewmaker thanked Mr. Okerlund for his comments.

Idaho State Centennial Trail

Chairman Shewmaker noted that several people recently arrived and would like to discuss the Centennial Trail. He said that has already occurred on the board's agenda and the board approved the staff's recommendation to designate the trail. Chairman Shewmaker said they are welcome to comment, but it's already been approved.

Mr. Gene Bruce stated that he represents the Panhandle Backcountry Horsemen in regard to the centennial trail as well as the Idaho Backcountry Horsemen and Backcountry Horsemen of America. He said they have supported this trail from the start and continue to and am glad to see it's passed. Their only reservations for this trail would be safety, and in the area of multi-use areas where motorcycles and different types of users would pass. They would like to have either pull-out areas or optional trails where two different groups could pass with safety in bad areas. They would like to see some posters or some sort of educational program at the trail heads in regard to encouraging low-impact camping along the trail because of the added use of camping in the areas.

Chairman Shewmaker thanked him for his comments.

Acquisition and Development Schedule

Mr. Mews provided a written listing of projects that is attached hereto and hereby made a part of this record.

Mr. Mews reported that he and Director Ferrell inspected Henrys Lake campground last week, and the 20 units that were installed were full of RV's in anticipation of the fishing season that didn't start until the next day.

He and Director Ferrell also went to Bear Lake, and the contractor had just been finalled out the day before. There were a few punch-list items, but generally that park will reopen no later than June 15. The project at Winchester and the utility building is started, but the rains came and the contractor has missed two to three weeks of work because of that. The campground is closed right now, but hopes to have it open next season.

Staff has made an offer to buy five acres on the preferred location for the centennial park history awareness center at the junction of highways 93 and 75 south of Challis. RFP's are out for design of the visitors center.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Land Trust Potential Donation: Director Ferrell reported that she has been contacted by an estate planner who represents an individual who is considering donating 160 acres of timber land to the department's park land trust fund. Director Ferrell explained that in 1989, a bill was passed that allows the department to set up a park land trust fund to accept donations of property that don't have recreational value. The intent is to sell those properties or to exchange them for other lands. This would be a slightly different situation although our deputy attorney general says it is within the legal intent of the law. This particular situation was not anticipated at the time staff worked on the legislation, but it can fit into that. This individual would like the property to be held in public ownership for wildlife purposes; they do not want it to be turned into subdivisions, etc. It is very close to the shores of Coeur d'Alene lake with a series of lots in front of it. The donor wants it managed for timber with the proceeds of any harvest to go into the public land trust account. There were 450,000 board feet of timber taken off in 1988. They expect every 5 years there would be another timber harvest, using selective cutting, not clear-cutting, so the wildlife values could be retained. They are adamant that the property be managed as a forest plantation. Director Ferrell wanted to know if this is something the board would like her to pursue, before she spends a lot of their time or visits with them to consider the property. It would be an income source for the park land trust fund.

Mr. Later said the board can't afford to not explore any kind of undeveloped properties that have that close proximity to that lake. Director Ferrell added that the lakefront lots belong to family members. The consensus of the board was that the director should continue to negotiate and explore the proposed donation.

Audit: For the past three months, the department has been going through a legislative audit. The actual report from the legislative auditors will be available in four to six weeks. There are some areas where they are recommending staff change procedures to be more responsive. There are no known areas at this time where there is any question about the funds or how the funds are managed, but there will be strong recommended changes in how some of the funds are handled and the timeliness of deposits.

Harriman State Park: Staff is in the final stages of completing the three-way exchange of lands among this department, the Forest Service, and State Land Department, to acquire the 300 acres of endowment land property that lies directly across from the park and the small three-corned piece that lies within the park itself on the west side of the road. That should be completed

within the next month or two. There are two or three other private properties that extend from the south end of the property (Last Chance up to the commercial properties, motels and restaurants) that are very important as they provide the visual buffer to the park. They are narrow strips between the highway and the Henrys Fork River. The Forest Service has indicated interest in talking further about land exchanges up on the Sheridan ranch, possibly a three-way trade that would put those private properties into the park. Director Ferrell asked if the board wants staff to continue to work in that direction? Mr. Thomson thought it was a great idea, as did Mr. Later. Director Ferrell said IDPR may have to involve The Nature Conservancy to help acquire that property. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to protect that park. It was the consensus of the board that staff should explore that opportunity.

Malad Gorge Hydro project: Staff is continuing to review the Malad Gorge Hydro proposal. It is extremely complex. Staff is trying to acquire the technical knowledge so as to evaluate the proposal objectively and accurately as to whether or not it has feasibility in terms of the park. Staff intends to bring the project back to the board at the August meeting in Challis for a recommendation and decision. Staff is faced with commenting on the FERC transfer of license by about the 17th of June which will create a problem for staff because there won't be a board meeting by then. Director Ferrell said the board might have to hold a telephone conference board meeting, but staff would provide the board with a full complement of materials and a staff recommendation should that be necessary.

Eagle Island State Park: The board is aware that some neighbors of Eagle Island State Park and other interested parties believe that perhaps grazing of park properties at Eagle Island is not in keeping with the best interests in that area. It's a riparian area with very high water tables. Director Ferrell and staff met with that group who were well-represented--Audubon Society, wildlife biologists from Fish and Game, and many others. IDPR will fence off the riparian areas and the Fish and Game Department can make fencing available for that purpose. IDPR will have to take care of the labor. Another area discussed was a unique alternative to grazing. The department must maximize revenues at that park; that was one of the directions that the agency received at the time this very controversial old prison farm became a state park--that it become as close to self-sufficient in terms of revenue as possible. That's one of the reasons the grazing and hay cutting takes place. The idea of a golf course on those lands at Eagle Island that are not currently used for recreation was an idea that was considered at the time the general development plan was developed. It was not directly referenced in the general development plan, but certainly referenced in the public meetings and discussions. Although the group that met in no way represents the entire public opinion, they do represent concerned conservationist. They felt that a golf course designed to maximize wildlife habitat and to provide viewing of wildlife would be a viable alternative to the current grazing program. There is a demand for more and more golf courses in the area. U.S. Fish and Wildlife people are very interested in this concept, and have offered to act as technical advisers to develop what could be a model in the nation of a golf course that was designed to maximize habitat and wildlife viewing. Having a concept, taking it to the public, and dealing with private concerns involves several years of work. The current grazing lease runs for two more years which would allow two years to consider a proposal like this. There is a golf course developer that is very interested in it. It would have to go out to

public bid with all interested parties having an opportunity to comment or bid on it. Because this is a two-year commitment of planning and staff time, Director Ferrell wanted to know if this is of interest to the board before any staff resources are committed to it.

Mr. Later said it's an excellent project to pursue. If staff is going to explore having an independent contractor develop it who would have capital invested in it, staff should see if it would be feasible to attach a reversionary clause, 25-30 years, so the department doesn't get tied into a situation where management may be marginal. That could be a built-in no cost reversionary clause or a partial cost. Director Ferrell said staff will consider all of these areas.

Mr. Thomas asked if the golf course would reduce or disturb the wildlife areas? Director Ferrell said the feeling of the wildlife experts in this meeting was that golf courses often provide fine wildlife habitat. This would be designed and planted specifically to attract wildlife and lots of wetlands for waterfowl and would contain vegetation that is conducive to wildlife. Grazing negates some wildlife but enhances geese who need the grazing lands. Designing golf courses this way makes it a difficult course, as there is a lot of rough and water hazards. One of the challenges would be to have a golf course that's easy enough that a lot of people could use it, and still provide all of this wildlife enhancement and waterfowl habitat.

St. Anthony Sand Dunes/LWCF Conversions: This refers to the problem of the conversions on the Flying Hawk project that has been a problem with the city of Boise, for the BLM and for our agency, for about eight years since the World Center for Birds of Prey was built out there. The city and BLM have to replace about 600 acres of BLM land that was purchased with LWCF money for a variety of uses. This is something that staff has put on the back burner trying to get other conversions taken care of. That 600-acre conversion must be resolved in the near future.

One proposal has been that the St. Anthony Sand Dunes be used as replacement property. You heard a project by the BLM for ORV funds to build a parking lot to take the loading and unloading of ORV's off the private lands. BLM has looked at the sand dunes for wilderness status and that's been rejected. BLM may be interested in developing that area for more ORV use. It comes up continually as a replacement property for the Flying Hawk. Mrs. Robertson mentioned the tiger beetle that is found at the St. Anthony Sand Dunes as well as other places. Director Ferrell asked if this is something the board wishes staff to look at, or if it's something staff shouldn't spend any more time on. It is currently heavily used by ORV's.

Mrs. Robertson said the tiger beetle is not yet listed, but it certainly is a species of concern at this point and could be listed at any time it became threatened, and the studies are on-going. She felt the board should be careful not to get into a position where we might be asking taxpayers to rehabilitate an area for a listed species. There are some serious considerations with that beetle. Director Ferrell responded that staff would not proceed as long as there were any legitimate questions about the beetle. The subject of the beetle came up after the project was raised, during the last week or two. Mr. Later said apparently there are some new things out since the original BLM studies on that beetle. At least on the original studies, the identified critical habitat of that beetle was in a section that

could be easily restricted for ORV use. There may be new things since that original study that he's not aware of. The St. Anthony Sand Dunes are an excellent place for that kind of activity because it is self-healing and a lot of wind there to do that. He felt the question is, can it really be regulated? Unless they have identified some areas other than in that initial wilderness study by BLM, he felt it wouldn't be that tough to regulate that to protect it. Director Ferrell asked if the board would prefer staff obtain more definitive information and wait for some decision regarding the beetle before proceeding further? Mrs. Robertson said yes, only because she doesn't want the board to get caught up in a beetle controversy. Director Ferrell said she didn't want that either. BLM isn't going to proceed while they have this question unresolved either. If it is designated threatened or endangered, then there will be areas closed. The area is currently being used extensively. Use can be better controlled through planned development as opposed to random use. Mrs. Robertson suggested that the board hold off until more is known about the status of the tiger beetle, on where those areas are, not knowing where the listing process is right now. She said she would hate to invest money and time and then find out this board is part of the problem or get caught in the middle where taxpayers will be asked for more funding from another agency to rehabilitate, to exclude or whatever. She felt the board should be cautious about moving forward at this time.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Mr. Later said he stopped at Bannack State Park in Montana on his way to the board meeting. It's an old ghost town. He happened to meet the president of the Montana State Parks Foundation and also the grandson of the first person to build the electric dredge in that area. They're very interested in what this board is doing with the Idaho centennial state park. They would be interested in an informal visit with our board. They expressed a very keen interest in meeting with the parks board in the Custer area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Neal moved that the board meeting adjourn. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion. All votes cast were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. local time on June 1, 1990, at Lewiston, Idaho.

Glenn Shewmaker, Chairman
Idaho Parks and Recreation Board

Yvonne S. Ferrell, Director
and Ex-Officio Member of the Board

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IDAHO DEPT OF PARKS & RECREATION
REVENUE COMPARISON BY ACCOUNT
FISCAL YEAR THROUGH MARCH

ACCOUNT	#	FY1989	FY1990	%CHG
GENERAL ACCOUNT	1101	0.00	0.00	0.0%
SALES TAX	1107	0.00	0.00	0.0%
ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT	1115	109,388.79	142,097.90 (2)	29.9%
STATE VESSEL ACCOUNT	1236	503,446.79	451,420.02	-10.3%
CROSS COUNTRY SKI	1246	26,850.86	11,894.99	-55.7%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	1247	739,553.86	635,777.63	-14.0%
PARK & RECREATION	1249	894,924.08	986,120.94	10.2%
WATERWAYS	1250	614,129.15	619,019.69	0.8%
PARK DONATION	1252	66,178.85	(34,507.08) (1)	N/A
OFF-ROAD VEHICLE	1260	614,137.02	620,977.87	1.1%
STATE SNOWMOBILE	1261	181,714.61	130,550.02	-28.2%
MOTOR BIKE	1262	17,897.25	26,867.33	50.1%
SALES TAX	1265	0.00	0.00	0.0%
P & R REVOLVING	1290	6,611.17	(2,288.54) (2)	N/A
REC VEHICLE	1291	368,645.60	532,234.50	44.4%
P & R FEDERAL	1355	91,349.62	202,834.96	122.0%
U S C G BOATING SAFETY	1370	193,662.00	272,784.20	40.9%
FEDERAL PASSTHROUGH	1390	185,744.17	130,782.25	-29.6%
FEDERAL SURCHARGE	1391	98,340.59	77,035.67	-21.7%
P & R SUSPENSE	3936	22,589.18	(89,748.45)	N/A
HARRIMAN	9321	114,086.88	134,042.64	17.5%
PARK LAND TRUST	9359	0.00	181,329.96 (1)	N/A
		4,849,250.47	5,029,226.50	3.7%

NOTES:

- (1) McCroskey funds were transferred from the donation account (1252) to the Park Land Trust Account (9359).
- (2) The balance of marina funds were transferred to the enterprise account (1115) from the P & R Revolving account (1290).

IDAHO CENTENNIAL TRAIL

Hailey Brookins

Non-Motorized Trails Program
Coordinator





THE ROUTE

- Traverses the state
 - Crosses three wilderness areas
 - Passes several Wild and Scenic rivers
 - Highlights Idaho's history
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HISTORY

- Conceptualized by Roger Williams and Syd Tate
- Route establishment process
- Official establishment in 1990
- Few successful thru-hikes



COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

- Bureau of Land Management
- Idaho Department of Lands
- Region One and Region Four of the Forest Service
- Private landowners



CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS



Downed trees

Lookout Mountain Ridge
Trail



Heavy brush

Coxey Creek Trail



Deep creeks

South Fork Payette River Trail



Missing tread

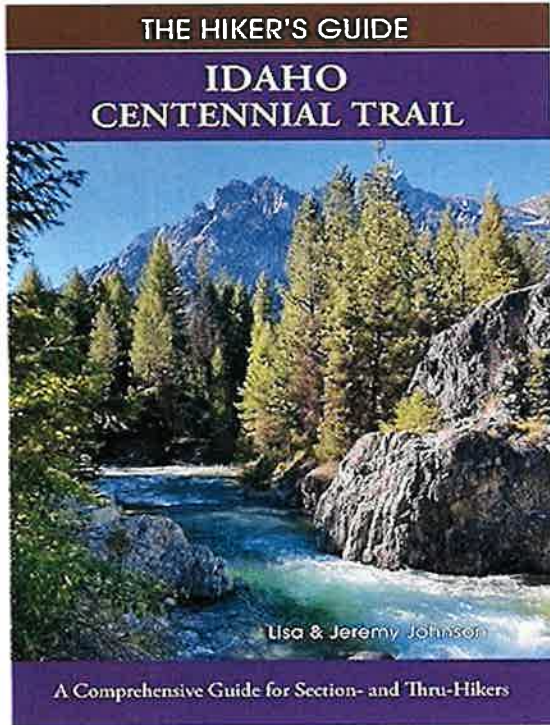
Hunt Lake Trail



One of America's Wildest Thru-Hikes Is Disappearing

The Idaho Centennial Trail is a long trail experience that takes hikers through some of the most remote, beautiful terrain in the lower 48. But years of deferred maintenance mean that it's in danger of vanishing into the wilderness.

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Hiking the Idaho Centennial Trail

Presentation by thru-hikers Lisa & Jeremy Johnson, authors of the new Idaho Centennial Trail Guidebook.

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This Boise couple thru-hiked Idaho's wildest trail, covering 982 miles in 51 days

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PUBLIC INTEREST

- Guidebook published in 2023
- Education events
- Facebook group
- Backpacker magazine article



MAINTENANCE FUNDING

- \$250,000 from IDPR in 2021
- Partner organizations
- Accomplishments





FUTURE OF THE TRAIL

- Benefiting Idaho's small towns
- Improving accessibility
- Continuing multiple-use
- Prioritizing future maintenance



QUESTIONS?

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IDAHO CENTENNIAL TRAIL





THE ROUTE

- Traverses the entire state
 - Starts near Murphy Hot Springs and ends at Upper Priest Falls – nearly 1000 miles long
- Primary route crosses three wilderness areas
 - Sawtooth, Frank Church, Selway-Bitterroot
- Passes several Wild and Scenic rivers
 - Bruneau, Middle Fork of the Salmon, main fork of the Salmon, Lochsa, Selway, St. Joe
- Highlights Idaho's history
 - Users experience abandoned homesteads and mines, historic ranger stations, and three historic trails (Oregon Trail, Lewis and Clark Trail, Nee-Me-Poo Trail)

HISTORY

- Conceptualized by Roger Williams and Syd Tate in the 1980's – first hikers to complete their version of the ICT
- Lengthy route establishment process that started in 1987
 - Involved a citizens advisory committee, an agency steering committee, and opportunities for public comment
- Route was officially established in June of 1990 by IDPR's board as a celebration of Idaho's centennial
- Few thru-hikers have completed the trail



COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

- Strong partnerships between land managers
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - Idaho Department of Lands
 - Region One and Region Four of the Forest Service (own most of the land)
 - Private landowners
- MOU signed by all agencies by 1992 which still stands today



THE ICT IS INACCESSIBLE TO MANY USERS DUE TO POOR TRAIL CONDITIONS



Downed trees

Lookout Mountain Ridge
Trail



Heavy brush

Coxey Creek Trail



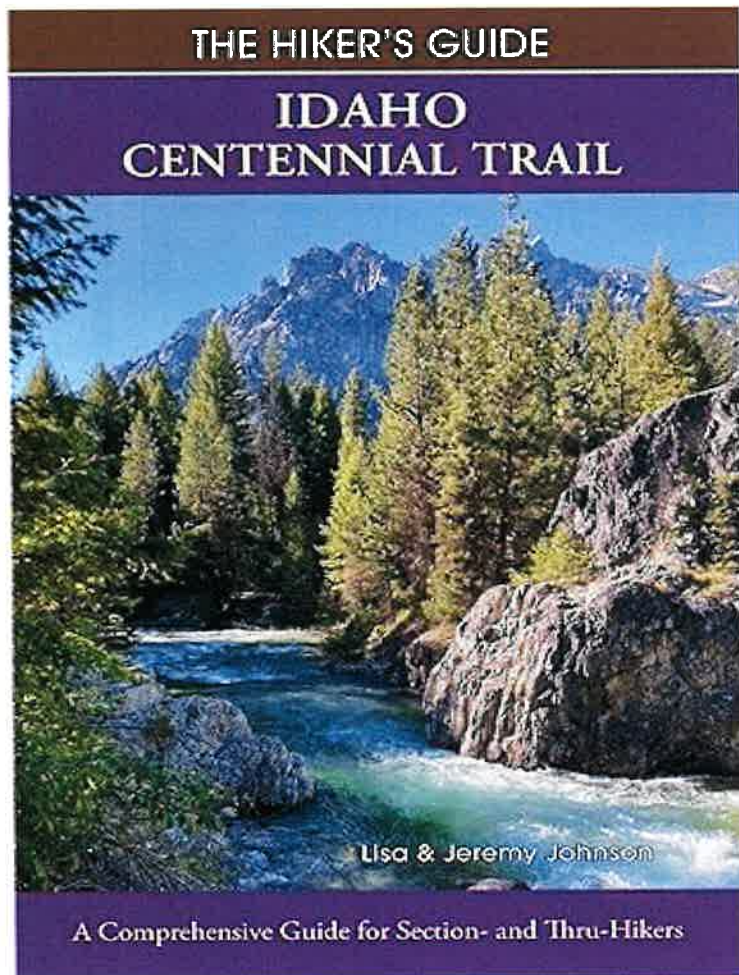
Deep creeks

South Fork Payette River Trail



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PUBLIC INTEREST

- Despite poor trail conditions, public interest in the ICT is increasing
- Guidebook published in 2023 – the first comprehensive description of the trail in over 20 years
 - Spurred publications in local papers and education events hosted by REI and Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation
- Facebook group where potential hikers ask questions and past hikers share experiences
- Backpacker magazine article titled “One of America’s Wildest Thru-Hikes is Disappearing”
 - Focuses on the biggest threat to the ICT, a lack of routine maintenance



MAINTENANCE FUNDING

- IDPR lobbied for and received \$250,000 for ICT maintenance in 2021
- Spent \$160,000 so far through four partner organizations: Idaho Trails Association, Student Conservation Association, Idaho Conservation Corps, and Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation
- Completed over 150 miles of maintenance, cleared over 1,700 logs, and maintained 234 drains



FUTURE OF THE TRAIL

- Increasing use benefits Idaho and its recreationists
- Benefiting Idaho's small towns by bringing customers and opportunities for business development
- Improving accessibility through trail maintenance, signage, and education
- Continuing multiple-use management for hikers, bikers, stock users, fish and wildlife enthusiasts, and OHV users
- In collaboration with partners, prioritizing future maintenance



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Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting
February 2, 2024
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AGENDA ITEM: AMERICA 250

ACTION REQUIRED:

PRESENTER: CHELSEA CHAMBERS

PRESENTATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

IDPR was invited by partner agency the Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) to participate in the American 250 Celebration, which will be held in 2026. There are many ways IDPR can be involved in helping to promote America's 250th birthday but the primary is to help develop a coffee table book with ISHS and the Idaho Heritage Trust entitled *Idaho Places*. This would share info about Idaho's state parks and historic places. It would coincide with a television series or mini-video series with Idaho Public Television (IDPTV).

Chelsea Chambers is working with Alan Minskoff of the IHT and Janet Gallimore and HannaLore Hein of ISHS to get this off the ground. Part of the celebration as a whole was to ask Legislature for \$1,000,000 to be distributed to various agencies for their contributions. IDPR's portion is \$60,000 for the creation, printing, and distribution of the coffee table book. This money would be given to ISHS and then distributed to IDPR (and other agencies).

As of 02/20/2024, JFAC passed ISHS's \$1,000,000 request. It is anticipated to go through the House and the Senate with no issues.

ISHS is asking all partners to ensure their boards are apprised of this information and that they have their full support to move forward with the various proposed A250 projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

This item is for information only.



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Executive Summary

Background: On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. In 2016, Congress established the [Semi-quincentennial Commission](#) to plan and orchestrate this commemoration. The Congressional America250 Caucus includes Idaho's US Congressman Mike Simpson and US Senator Jim Risch.

Mission: To guide people across Idaho in recognizing, appreciating, and advancing the state's historical significance, natural beauty, agricultural importance, cultural heritage, outdoor recreation opportunities, and economic impact through purposeful and meaningful community engagement.

Vision: To make Idaho's unparalleled history, distinctive attributes, and the invaluable contributions of its residents since time immemorial the foundation on which Idahoans understand their place in this region, the country, and the world.

Values: Heritage Relevance, Education, Respect, Community Resilience, Patriotism, and National Pride.

Why it matters:

- Sharing Idaho stories reveals complexities and introduces new ideas, and intentional civic engagement leads to greater understanding and a sense of belonging.
- Idaho's history provides context to view contemporary challenges, triumphs, and events.
- The commemoration will amplify Idaho's unique attributes and contributions, build pride in our great state and its place in the American story, and strengthen the values that characterize Idaho and its citizenry, including family, community, integrity, self-reliance, and patriotism.

Efficient Structure: The Idaho State Historical Society will lead the America250 commemoration in Idaho, branded as America250 in Idaho: Idaho's Journey, America's Legacy® in partnership with a State Agency Task Force. Membership of the State Agency Task Force includes:

- Idaho Commission on the Arts
- Idaho Commission on Libraries
- Idaho Public Television
- Idaho Department of Education
- Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
- Idaho Department of Commerce
- Office of the Governor

To ensure statewide reach and impact, these agencies' governor-appointed boards and commissions will serve as a collective Advisory Council and will serve as statewide ambassadors to the initiative.

FY 25 Budget Request: \$1 million is requested for this initiative.

- **ISHS**, \$600,000 for 24 grants of up to \$25,000 for projects that enhance history, culture, literacy, and civic engagement; \$160,000 for a website and communications strategy; \$60,000 for an oral history initiative.
- **IDPR**, \$60,000 for a publication about rural, historic Idaho places, scenic byways, and state parks;
- **IDPTV**, \$60,000 for a documentary to accompany the above publication; \$60,000 for an updated Idaho history series for school-aged children.



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Governor's Recommendation for America250 in Idaho Program and Funding Request

Janet L. Gollinger, Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) Executive Director
jgollinger@idaho.gov | idahohistory.org
December 19, 2023

Background

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. In 2016, Congress established the U.S. Semi-quincentennial Commission to plan and orchestrate this commemoration. The vision of this initiative is to reflect on our country's collective past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and imagine and craft the future we seek for the next generation. America250 represents a coalition of public and private partners working to create initiatives and programs across our country. The commemoration period began in 2020, culminates on July 4, 2026, and officially concludes in 2027. The Congressional America250 Caucus includes Idaho's US Congressman Mike Simpson and US Senator Jim Risch.

State Historical Societies across our country are leading in organizing America250 initiatives in their respective states. As of July 2023, thirty-six have created state America250 commissions or equivalent leadership groups, and three are in the process of creating a state leadership structure. To imagine how this commemorative opportunity would resonate with and benefit Idahoans, the ISHS, in the fall of 2022, convened state agency stakeholders, including the Idaho Commission on the Arts, Idaho Department of Commerce, Idaho Department of Education, Idaho Commission on Libraries, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, and Idaho Public Television. This team agreed to collaborate and create a recommendation for Governor Little on how Idaho could champion this significant, historic milestone. Work included a review of past Idaho Commemorations for their impact and reach, discussion of approved and funded agency initiatives that could align with the America250 vision, brainstorming of new legacy initiatives that could connect and serve our state in meaningful ways, creation of a cost-effective and streamlined structure maximizing existing resources, and design of an America/Idaho250 brand and communications plan.



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Program Statement and Objectives

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Vision: To make Idaho's unparalleled history, distinctive attributes, and the invaluable contributions of its residents since time immemorial the foundation on which Idahoans understand their place in the world.

Values: The following values reflect the core principles and ethics of the America250 in Idaho commemoration, and the State Agency Task Force shall use these values to guide the conceptualization, development, and execution of the commemoration.

Heritage Reverence:

Honoring and amplifying the historical significance, natural beauty, and cultural heritage that define Idaho's unique identity within the broader American story.

Education:

Fostering opportunities for learning, providing educational resources, and encouraging engagement with history to promote a deeper understanding of the past.

Respect:

Honoring the perspectives, experiences, and contributions of individuals and communities throughout Idaho history, promoting respect for differing viewpoints.

Community Resilience:

Highlighting stories of perseverance, self-reliance, and community resilience in Idaho's history, displaying how these values have contributed to the state's progress and success.

Patriotism and National Pride:

Fostering a deep sense of patriotism and pride in Idaho's and America's history, values, and achievements, emphasizing the state's contributions to history

Focus Areas:

Historical Significance

Idaho's rich and diverse history should be celebrated during this milestone anniversary. From the Native American tribes that inhabited the region for centuries to the intrepid explorers and pioneers who settled the area to agricultural and ranching entrepreneurs to world leadership in technology,



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Idaho's history is intertwined with the story of America's growth. Highlighting Idaho's historical milestones would deepen our understanding of the challenges and triumphs that shaped our nation.

Natural Beauty

Idaho boasts some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the United States. From the majestic peaks of the Rocky Mountains to the stunning beauty of Shoshone Falls to the remarkable abundance of our alpine lakes, Idaho's natural wonders captivate visitors and residents alike. Celebrating Idaho during America's 250th anniversary would highlight the state's remarkable scenery and raise awareness about preserving our nation's natural heritage.

Agricultural Importance

Idaho plays a vital role in America's agricultural sector. Although Idaho has trademarked the Grown in Idaho® Potato and is one of the leading potato producers in the country, contributing significantly to the nation's food supply, the state's agricultural products span multiple industries. Commodities such as wheat, barley, sugar beets, hops, onions, beef, sheep, wine, and other crops make substantial contributions to the nation's economy. Recognizing Idaho's agricultural significance during the 250th anniversary would acknowledge the state's role in feeding America.

Cultural and Ethnic Diversity

Idaho's cultural landscape is a testament to the diversity that defines America. The state has long been home to Native American tribes, descendants of European immigrants, and Hispanic, Basque, African American, and Asian American people. By celebrating Idaho and its people, we celebrate the contributions of these diverse communities, fostering a sense of inclusivity and appreciation for the mosaic of cultures that make America strong.

Outdoor Recreation

Idaho is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. Whether hiking through pristine wilderness areas, fishing in crystal-clear rivers, or skiing down world-class slopes, Idaho offers many recreational opportunities. Honoring Idaho during the 250th anniversary would encourage people to explore and appreciate the state's vast outdoor playground, promoting an active and healthy lifestyle.

Economic Impact

Idaho's economy plays a significant role in America's overall prosperity. The state's industries, including agriculture, manufacturing, technology, and tourism, contribute to job creation and economic growth. By celebrating Idaho during America's 250th anniversary, we can highlight the state's economic impact, attracting investment and its potential for continued business development.



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Recommended Strategy and Approach

ISHS recommends the following infrastructure to execute the America250 Commemoration between 2024 and 2027 to ensure the proper organization and management of resources and stakeholders to execute the projects, events, and activities outlined. The strategy embedded in this infrastructure reflects a conservative approach to resource allocation.

Infrastructure Summary:

The State Agency Task Force represents all key state agency stakeholders. The ISHS shall coordinate the work of this task force on a bi-monthly cadence in alignment with the group's charter. The Task Force has defined two project paths for the events, projects, and activities of the America250 Commemoration for marketing and branding purposes. It has set criteria for legacy projects and existing projects to filter into one of these two pathways as nestled under America250 Commission Pillars.

The Advisory Council represents seven state agencies across the state. The individuals represented in this council shall act in an advocacy and consultation capacity for all America250 projects, events, and activities and provide input, consultation, and, when appropriate, approval of individual projects, events, and activities at the agency level, in alignment with the council's charter, and their role as Trustees or Commissioners. The ISHS Executive Director and Chair of the A250 Task Force will be responsible for developing Task Force Reports which individual agency directors will deliver to all Boards and Commissions within the Advisory Council regularly and in alignment with event, project, and activity needs.



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State Agency Task Force

State Agency Internal A250 Working Groups

(ISHS, Parks & Rec, Libraries, Arts, Commerce, Education, IDPTV)

Advisory Council

Liasion Committees

Boards and Commissions of Key Stakeholder Agencies

Public Engagement and Communications Subcommittee

Tribal Nations Liasion Subcommittee

Other (TBD as needed)

Other (TBD as needed)



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AMERICA250 COMMISSION PILLARS

INVITE

- America250 will invite all Americans to commemorate 250 years, the longest stretch of any continuous democracy in the world.

INVOLVE

- For this commemoration, we are committed to involving as many Americans as possible from every background and community.

IMAGINE

- There's no more powerful resource in the world than imagination, and America250 aims to tap into every American's hopes, dreams, and ideas to honor our past 250 years and shape our next 250.

INSPIRE

- We want to activate and unleash the American spirit so that our descendants can look back on us 250 years from now and see the effects that we made on the course of our nation at this critical moment in our history.

New Legacy Projects Budget Proposal

The following budget request represents new projects. These are not currently funded through key state agency stakeholder budgets or other initiatives, including but not limited to the Governor's "Leading Idaho" Initiative or the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Money. These projects are listed in order of priority.

Lead Agency	Project Description	Date	Funding
ISHS	<i>History Grants</i> These grants fund capital projects that enhance history, culture, literacy, records management and preservation practices, economic development, the arts, and civic dialogue. ISHS offers grants via two rounds, one each fiscal year, with twelve recipients eligible for up to \$25,000 each round.	FY 2024-2025 FY 2025-2026	\$600,000.00
ISHS	<i>America250 Website, Digital Marketing, and Public Relations (PR)</i> The America250 website serves as the online digital hub for the America250 Commemoration and a singular source of information for all state agency stakeholder projects and legacy projects, including grant opportunities. A robust digital marketing campaign will	FY 2025-2027	\$160,000



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	aim to create consistent and statewide messaging throughout the commemoration. A comprehensive strategic PR plan will encompass both paid and earned media engagement.		
Idaho Parks and Rec	<i>"Idaho Places" book</i> A book about rural Idaho towns will highlight historic places, scenic byways, and state parks.	FY 2025	\$60,000.00 Book
Idaho Public Television	<i>"Idaho Places" (working title) broadcast, online and social media content</i> A multi-platform video series based upon the similarly named book that highlights historic places, scenic byways and state parks in Idaho.	FY 2025	\$60,000.00 Multi-platform Video Project
Idaho Public Television	<i>Idaho History Series for School Aged Children</i> A redesigned multi-platform educational resource that updates a well-used series from the 1990s and aligns with the newly released supplemental curriculum from the State Department of Education, resources about the State of Idaho from ISHS, and the themes of the America250 initiative.	FY 2026	\$60,000.00 Multi-platform Video Project
ISHS	<i>Statewide Oral History Initiative</i> Access for unlimited users from across the state to capture the stories of all Idahoans using TheirStory® oral history software. ISHS and relevant partners shall approve users and oral history projects.	FY 2025-2026	\$30,000.00
		FY 2026-2027	\$30,000.00
Total Legacy Project Cost			\$1,000,000.00

Budget Justification

The America250 in Idaho Program includes the above-described proposed new legacy projects. In addition to these components, key state agency stakeholders¹ have identified projects, events, and activities that align with the themes and objectives of the America250 Commemoration that have already been funded through prior appropriations or private funds. These projects will collectively

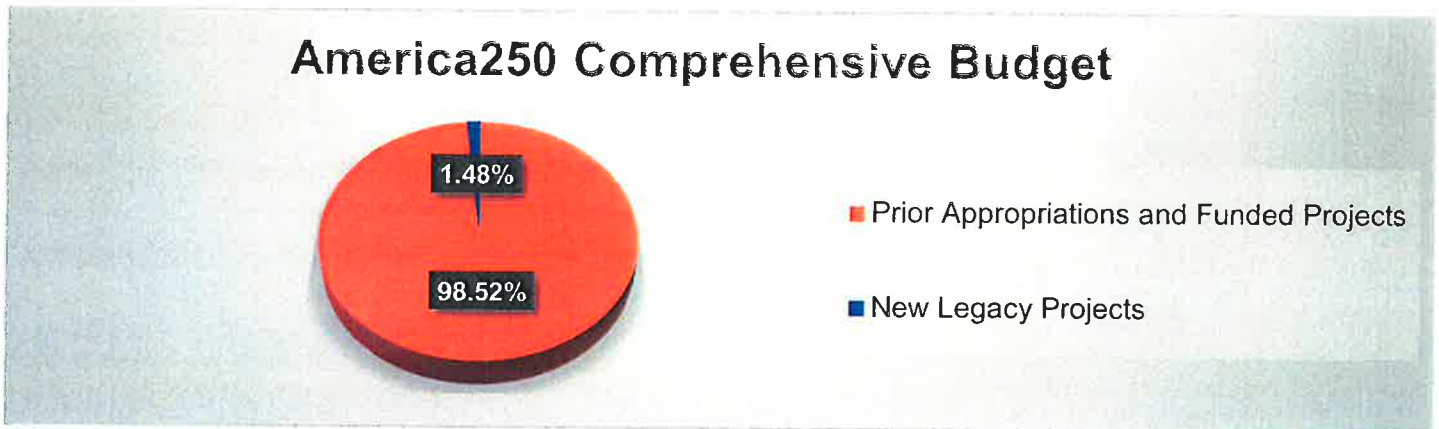
¹ The key state agency stakeholders and members of the State Agency Task Force include the Idaho State Historical Society, Commission on Arts, Commission on Libraries, Idaho Public Television, Department of Education, Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Department of Commerce.



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deliver a robust, statewide, coherent commemoration for the state of Idaho and will rise to the occasion of this once-in-a-generation historic milestone.

The comprehensive budget for the America250 Commemoration reflects dollars appropriated through other initiatives and state agency budgets. The dollars previously allocated for America250-related projects, events, and activities equates to more than \$65 million, or more than 98% of the proposed America250 budget. The total new money requested, totaling \$1,000,000, will be managed, and allocated across three state agencies—ISHS, Idaho Public Television, and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation—equating to just over 1.4% of the comprehensive budget request.



Existing Key State Agency Stakeholder Approved and Funded Projects

The state agency stakeholders have identified the following existing and approved projects for branding under the America250 in Idaho Commemoration.



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Idaho State Historical Society

- Interpretation
 - Idaho State Museum Exhibition, We The People
 - Old Idaho Penitentiary, Merci Train Car 75th Anniversary
- Events, Celebrations, & Programs
 - 25th Anniversary Esto Perpetua Awards Ceremony
- Facilities
 - Collections and Archives Stewardship Facility
 - Old Idaho Penitentiary Reimagining
- Publications
 - Republication of 1976 Saints & Oddfellows: a Bicentennial Sampler of Idaho Architecture

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

- Rehabilitation and Renovations
 - Heyburn State Park - Rocky Point Lodge Rehabilitation and ADA Improvements
 - Thousand Springs State Park - Billingsley Creek Campground and Building Stabilization
 - Land of the Yankee Fork State Park - Bayhorse Structural Evaluation and Stabilization
 - Farragut State Park - Structural Evaluation and Stabilization and New Construction
 - Eagle Island State Park - Building Stabilization
 - Ashton-Tetonia Trail-Surface Improvement and Historic Bridge Evaluation and Stabilization
- Land Acquisition
 - Castle Rocks State Parks/City of Rocks National Reserve - Sheridan Acquisition
 - Land of the Yankee Fork State Park - Challis Hot Springs Campground

State Agency Collaborative Projects

- Historic Highway Markers Project
 - Partners: ISHS, ITD, Idaho Department of Commerce: Division of Tourism



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Idaho Commission on the Arts

- Programming
 - Arts Therapies
 - Rural Programming
 - Apprenticeships
 - Place-keeping
- Grants
 - Quarterly Grants
 - Artist Fellowships
 - Arts Education Project Grants
 - Grants Supporting Public Programs in the Arts
- Digital Content
 - Video Profiles of Award-Winning Artist, Artisans, and Communities of Practice

Idaho Department of Commerce

- Web Portals
 - Travel Corps For All
 - Historic Scenic Byways
- Heritage Tourism
 - Heritage Tourism App and Website

Idaho Public Television

- Public Programming
 - *Idaho Experience*
 - *Outdoor Idaho*
- Event Coverage
 - Idaho State Capitol Programs

Idaho Department of Education

- Curriculum
 - 8th-12th Grades "Story of America" Supplemental Content



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Idaho Commission on Libraries

- Family History
 - History Harvest Project
- Reading Program
 - Idaho Family Reading Week

Action Plan and Milestones

ISHS recommends the following action plan to begin the implantation of the outlined infrastructure and coordination and organization of stakeholders to ensure a successful execution of the America250 Commemoration in Idaho.

Executive Action

- Governor Little will proclaim the ISHS as the lead agency responsible for coordinating and overseeing the America250 Commemoration in Idaho in coordination, and establishes the A250 State Agency Task Force.
 - January 2024
- Governor Little creates the America250 Advisory Council to include the Boards and Commissions of member agencies the America250 Task Force.
- Launch of America250 in Idaho Commemoration for partners in planning and during the State of the State Address.
 - January 2024
- Following the State of the State Address, America250 Commemoration will kick-off for the public.
 - January 2026

Legislative Action

- Draft and pass a Concurrent Resolution to establish a time for planning and preparing the America250 Commemoration in Idaho during the 2024 legislative session.
 - October 2023 prepare; January 2024 pass
- Draft and pass a Concurrent Resolution for the public declaring 2026 the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and a historic milestone to celebrate the founding of the nation.
 - October 2025 prepare; January 2026 pass



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America250 Metrics for Success

To monitor and report on the impact of the America250 in Idaho Commemoration, ISHS encourages participating agencies to track metrics for success. Agencies should monitor America250 in Idaho campaign reach and engagement metrics, such as website traffic, program attendance, legacy project engagement, social media impressions, and click-through rates, to assess overall visibility and audience response. Additionally, the America250 in Idaho website will provide a range of metrics that will support engagement throughout the campaign. Furthermore, ISHS will delve into qualitative metrics, such as customer feedback and sentiment analysis, to gauge the campaign's influence on brand perception and customer satisfaction. By utilizing these varied metrics, we can comprehensively evaluate the success of our marketing efforts and make data-driven decisions to optimize future commemorations and statewide initiatives.

Social Media Engagement

Tracking social media analytics relating to America250 in Idaho is essential for understanding the performance and impact of the campaign. By monitoring metrics such as follower growth, engagement rates, and post reach, we can gauge the effectiveness of the content strategy and in general interest in America250 in Idaho over time.

Web Traffic

ISHS encourages participating agencies to track America250 in Idaho links and content on their respective websites. The official America250 in Idaho website will serve as the main data point for web engagement throughout the campaign, and ISHS staff will monitor this site.

America250 in Idaho Event Attendance

ISHS encourages participating agencies to track event attendance relating to America250 in Idaho programming throughout the campaign.

Legacy Project Engagement Metrics

Participating agencies must collectively track and monitor legacy project initiatives, including funds provided, geographic reach, project scopes, and application/engagement numbers.

America250 in Idaho Know/Be/Feel Public Survey Q4 2026

The ISHS, in collaboration with participating agencies, will create a feedback survey to measure the impact, emotional investment, and educational value of the America250 in Idaho campaign.

With the investment of all key state agency stakeholders that the state will be positioned to record the impact and influence of America250 in the Idaho Commemoration. All supporting campaign metrics shall be completed and compiled by the second quarter of FY 28. The ISHS will develop the final report to share with all partner networks and the Office of the Governor. ISHS will also collect all relevant records related to the execution of the America250 Commemoration and will house them as a collection at the Idaho State Archive in perpetuity.

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 BOARD POLICY INFO ONLY, NO ACTION REQUIRED

AGENDA ITEM
Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting
February 21-22, 2024
Boise, ID 83716

AGENDA ITEM: Ashton-Tetonia Trail Management
ACTION REQUIRED: None. Information Only
PRESENTER: Adam R. Zaragoza, Management Services Administrator
Jess Brumfield, Manager, Ashton Tetonia Trail

PRESENTATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Ashton Tetonia Trail in eastern Idaho is a recreational amenity that, in the coming years, will receive a major capital improvement by paving a majority of the trail and adding other recreational amenities. Because of the project and the trail’s similarities between it, and IDPR’s Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes, park and HQ staff have been working on a trail management plan to process and document all the encroachments, easements, permits, etc.

This agenda item is to update the Board on that planning effort.

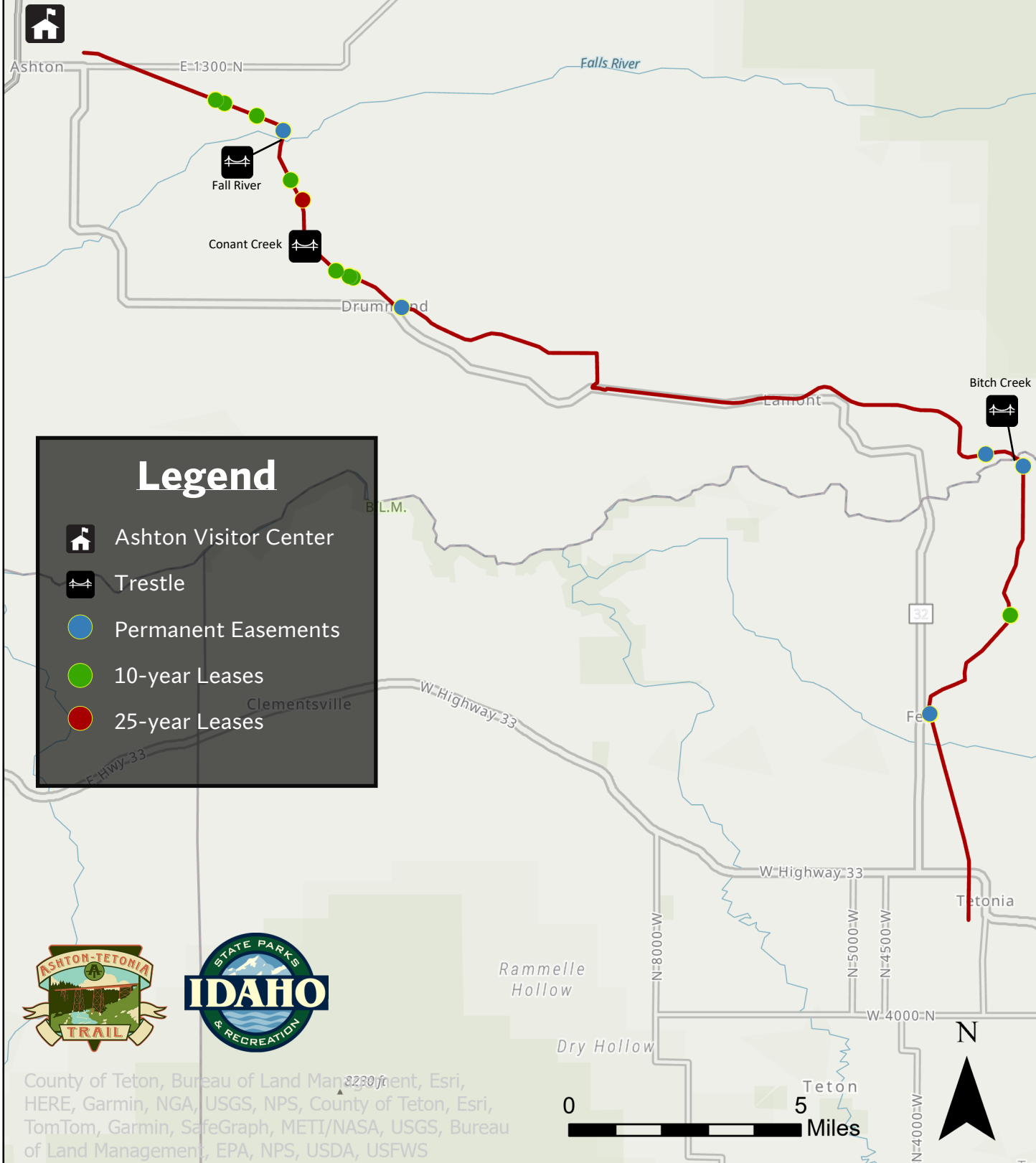
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Information Only.





Attachments:
ATT Crossing Agreement Map
QuitClaim Deed for the Trail from Union Pacific Railroad

Ashton-Tetonia Trail

Crossing Agreements



Legend

-  Ashton Visitor Center
-  Trestle
-  Permanent Easements
-  10-year Leases
-  25-year Leases



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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, a Utah corporation (which through merger with the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company became successor in interest to the real property described herein), Grantor, in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000), and other valuable consideration to it duly paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby REMISE, RELEASE and forever QUITCLAIM unto the IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, Grantee, whose address is P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0065 and unto its successors and assigns forever, all of Grantor's right, title, interest, estate, claim and demand, both at law and in equity, of, in, and to the real estate (hereinafter the "Property") situated in Fremont and Teton Counties, in the State of Idaho, as more particularly described in Exhibit A, hereto attached and hereby made a part hereof, including all ballast, culverts and bridges located thereon, to be used by the Grantee for trail and other transportation purposes.

EXCEPTING and RESERVING unto the Grantor, its successors and assigns, forever:

1. all water and water rights in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 6 North, Range 45 East, B.M., in Teton County, as such claim to water rights are covered by Claim No. 22-4092 issued by the State of Idaho Department of Water Resources, and
2. all minerals and all mineral rights of every kind and character now known to exist or hereafter discovered underlying those portions of the Property that were not acquired by the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company, or any predecessor company, by way of (i) the General Railroad Right-of-Way Act of March 3, 1875, 18 Stat. 482, (ii) the Condemnation Decree dated June 25, 1913, in the District Court of the Ninth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Fremont, or (iii) the Final Order of Condemnation dated June 27, 1913, in the District Court of the Ninth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Fremont, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, oil and gas rights thereto, together with the sole, exclusive and perpetual rights to explore for, remove and dispose of said minerals by any means or methods suitable to the Grantor, its successors and assigns, but without entering upon or using the surface of such portions of the Property, and in such manner as not to damage the surface of such portions of the Property, or to interfere with the use thereof by the Grantee, its successors and assigns.

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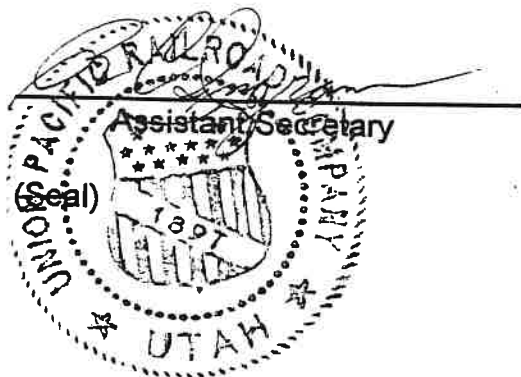
THE GRANTOR, BY THIS INSTRUMENT, MAKES NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND FURTHER MAKES NO WARRANTY AS TO THE MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GRANTEE IS PURCHASING THE PROPERTY, BALLAST, CULVERTS AND BRIDGES IN AN "AS IS" CONDITION WITH ALL FAULTS.

Grantor, Federal ID No. 13-6400825, is not a foreign corporation and withholding of Federal Income Tax from the amount realized will not be made by Grantee. A Certification prepared in conformance with IRS regulations under Section 1445 of the Internal Revenue Code is attached as Exhibit B.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has caused this deed to be duly executed as of the 29th day of April, 1996.

Attest:

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,



By [Signature]
Title: Assistant Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

On this 29 day of April, 1996, before me,
ROBERT E. ANDERSON, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally
appeared R.D. Whitch
and R. C. INGRAM who are the
Asst. Vice President and the Assistant
Secretary, respectively, of Union Pacific Railroad Company, a Utah corporation, and who
are personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be
the persons whose names are subscribed to in the within instrument, and acknowledged
to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacities, and that by their
signatures on the instrument the persons, or the entity upon behalf of which the persons
acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Robert E. Anderson
Notary Public

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EXHIBIT BCERTIFICATION OF NON-FOREIGN STATUS

Under Section 1445(e) of the Internal Revenue Code, a corporation, partnership, trust, or estate must withhold tax with respect to certain transfers of property if a holder of an interest in the entity is a foreign person. To inform the transferee that no withholding is required with respect to UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY's interest in it, the undersigned hereby certifies the following on behalf of UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY:

1. UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY is not a foreign corporation, foreign partnership, foreign trust, or foreign estate (as those terms are defined in the Internal Revenue Code and Income Tax Regulations);
2. UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY's U.S. employer identification number is 13-6400825; and
3. UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY's office address is 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68179-1100, and state of incorporation is Utah.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY agrees to inform the transferee if it becomes a foreign person at any time during the three year period immediately following the date of this notice.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY understands that this certification may be disclosed to the Internal Revenue Service by the transferee and that any false statement contained herein could be punished by fine, imprisonment, or both.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certification and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete, and I further declare that I have authority to sign this document on behalf of UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.



Title: Assistant Vice President

Date: 4-29-96

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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

Fremont and Teton Counties, Idaho

EXHIBIT "A"

Fremont County

All right, title and interest in and to the right of way and appurtenances of the abandoned Teton Valley Branch of Union Pacific Railroad Company in Fremont County, Idaho as said abandoned branch extends in a southerly and southeasterly direction from the east line of Section 25, Township 19 North, Range 42 East, Boise Meridian in, over and across the following legal subdivisions:

<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Meridian</u>
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N $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	32	"	"	"
S $\frac{1}{2}$	33	"	"	"
S $\frac{1}{2}$	34	"	"	"
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S $\frac{1}{2}$	36	"	"	"
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N $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	5	"	"	"
NE $\frac{1}{4}$	8	"	"	"

Also, all right, title and interest in and to the right of way and appurtenances of that portion of said abandoned Teton Valley Branch situate in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 7 North, Range 45 East, Boise Meridian lying northerly of the south line (Bitch Creek) of said Fremont County .

Excepting therefrom that certain parcel of land situate in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 8 North, Range 43 East of the Boise Meridian as heretofore conveyed by said railroad to J. R. Simplot Company by Quitclaim Deed dated June 1, 1995, said deed being further identified in said railroad company's records as Audit No. 176877.

Teton County

All right, title and interest in and to the right of way and appurtenances of the abandoned Teton Valley Branch of Union Pacific Railroad Company in Teton County, Idaho as said abandoned branch extends in a southerly and southwesterly direction from the north line (Bitch Creek) of said county in, over and across the following legal subdivisions:

<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Meridian</u>
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$	9	7 North	45 East	Boise
W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$	16	"	"	"
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$	21	"	"	"
E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	28	"	"	"
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	33	"	"	"
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	32	"	"	"
NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	5	6 North	45 East	Boise
W $\frac{1}{2}$	8	"	"	"
E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	17	"	"	"
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$	20	"	"	"
E $\frac{1}{2}$	29	"	"	"

Also, all right, title and interest in and to the right of way and appurtenances of that portion of said abandoned Teton Valley Branch situate in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 6 North, Range 45 East, Boise Meridian lying northerly of the northerly line of that certain strip or parcel of land as heretofore conveyed by Union Pacific Railroad Company to Richard Knight, said northerly line being the northerly line the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 32.

Excepting therefrom all of Lots 10 through 12 of Block 6 of the Town of Teton, Teton County, Idaho, said Block 6 being situate in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 6 North, Range 45 East, Boise Meridian.

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AGENDA ITEM
Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting
February 21-22, 2024
Boise, ID 83716

AGENDA ITEM: Ashton Visitors Center Update
ACTION REQUIRED: Authorization to Purchase the Visitor Center
PRESENTER: Adam Zaragoza, Management Services Administrator

PRESENTATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In May 2023, the IDPR Board authorized the Director to sign the Lease Agreement with Option to Purchase the Ashton Visitors Center. The lease agreement was signed and IDPR began operations on July 1, 2023.

IDPR staff has completed its due diligence, including an environmental phase 1 report, property appraisal, and preliminary title report on December 13th, 2023. IDPR staff presented the offer to purchase at the to the Ashton City Council meeting the authorized purchase price was \$332,500.00. The City Council countered with a purchase price of \$350,000.00. If approved, staff is prepared to present to the City Council on March 13th 2024.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the Board authorize the option to purchase the Ashton Visitors Center for a purchase price of \$350,000.00.

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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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

Quarterly Board Meeting

November 8-9, 2023

Best Western Inn

211 3rd St

McCall, ID

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81483498827?pwd=NW5YQk41YUZTWkg3MHY5cEdSSE1rQT09>

Meeting ID: 814 8349 8827

Passcode: 250949

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:05 PM, 2023. NO BUSINESS NOR DELIBERATION ON ANY PENDING MATTER OCCURRED DURING THE TOUR.

Wednesday, November 8, 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 – Zoom
- Board Member Manning - Present
- Board Member Roach - Present
- Board Member Roady - Present

Also present or on Zoom 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, Bureau Chief/Sr. Project Manager

Kathy Muir, Grant Manager - Zoom

Joanna Hiller, Management Assistant

Craig Quintana, Public Information Officer

Jennifer Quinno-Miller, Human Resources Officer

Heidi Burks, Contracts Officer

Joy Vega, Deputy Attorney General

David White, North Regional Manager

Seth Hobbs, Registration & Reservation Program Manager - Zoom

Steve Martin, Financial Officer - Zoom

Chris Zajchowski, Assistant Professor/Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Ecology U of I - Zoom

Stephanie Page, Financial Specialist

Ryan Buffington, East Regional Manager

Matt Linde, P&R Manager 3

Theresa Perry, South Regional Manager

Blake Packer, Park Manager 3
Joel Halfhill, P&R Engineering Tech, Senior
Steve Turlington, Tamarack Resorts
Alyssa Alves, Administrative Assistant 1, Management Services
Rachel Gillan
Seth Hobbs, R&R Program Manager
Nita Moses, P&R Manager 3
Emne Tulloch
Johannes Giessen, P&R Manager
James Jacobsen
John Seely, P&R Manager 2

Welcome and Introductions / Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton

Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

- August 16, 2023
- October 2, 2023

Mr. Fatkin moved to approve the minutes for both August 16, 2023, and October 2, 2023. 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

Director Buxton explained that the fall of 2023 has seen a lot of activity and collaboration with other agencies and stakeholders from both the public and the private sectors. Director Buxton reported on the highlights of the activities:

Bear Lake County Board of County

Director Buxton reported that on September 11, 2023, Troy Elmore, Andrew Stokes and the Director met with Bear Lake County Commissioners in Paris, Idaho. They had a productive meeting discussing the operations of Bear Lake State Park, visitation, economic benefits, IDPR recreation programs for OHV, boating/marine deputy funds and boat, snowmobile funding sources. They also presented the IDFG award to Andy Stokes and the park staff for their diligent work on the deer feeding program from February – April 2023. The Director stated that the winter was very long, and deep snow was devastating the deer population in the area. Over 30 tons of feed was distributed each week during that period.

Idaho Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council (ORFAC)

Director Buxton reported that on July 26, 2023, Governor Brad Little signed the executive order and appointed the Council members. The EO designated \$5M from S1196 in IDPR's Recreation Fund for interagency collaborative projects and for projects to enhance recreation. The Council is advisory to the Governor and to the IDPR Board to develop additive outdoor recreation access and capacity in Idaho. The Director also stated that the Council held a meeting on September 15, 2023, at IDFG Headquarters. The results of a statewide recreation survey and the application for reviewing proposals for use of the ORFAC funding were discussed. Another ORFAC meeting was held October 19, 2023, at IDPR Headquarters. At the meeting, several stakeholders presented their interests in outdoor recreation in the state to the council. Four preliminary project proposals were presented on behalf of IDPR, IDL and IDFG. The Council took no action. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2023, at IDFG headquarters where

additional applications are expected to be presented.

Capitol for a Day (CFAD)

The Director also attended CFAD in St. Maries on August 17, 2023. Questions were posed about IDPR grant programs. The Director was also able to visit with Heyburn/McCroskey staff the next day to mourn the passing of a cherished park employee. Director Buxton said she very proud of the IDPR staff, seasonals, volunteers and friends and how they support each other. She was also able to meet with leaders of the Coeur d' Alene Tribe to discuss Heyburn and Old Mission State Parks and our work together. On September 28, 2023, said that she and Joanna Hiller attended CFAD in Carmen (North of Salmon). After the meeting we visited Land of Yankee Fork State Park and got to visit with manager Ron Jenks and his staff at the visitor center and at Challis Hot Springs. Retired Director Langhorst, former PUC Commissioner Eliot Werk, and former State Representative Nicole Lefever were enjoying Challis Hot Springs. All enjoyed the facility and were very pleased it is in public ownership. On October 25, 2023, she attended CFAD in Montpelier. The meeting discussed outdoor recreation and access to Bear Lake outside the park. The growth of large recreation rental residences and few public accesses to this large lake were discussed as it prompted the recent MOU offered by the Idaho Land Board to the Bear Lake County Commission.

Harriman/Henry's Lake

On September 27, 2023, the Director and Hiller also attended a meeting in Island Park with IDL Director Dustin Miller, Senator Burtenshaw, Representative Furniss, Representative Raymond, local officials, business owners and residents Harriman/Henry's Lake State Park Manager (Jess Brumfield) and Ranger (Annalee Darrington). Glamping and dispersed recreation on IDL lands near Henry's Lake State Park were the topic of the meeting. We also toured the area in question.

America 250 Project

The Director reported that in celebration of America's 250th birthday, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) is working in collaboration with the Idaho Heritage Trust (IHT) and Idaho Public Television (IDPTV) to produce a coffee table book entitled *Idaho Places*, which will encompass state parks, historic sites, and scenic byways. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation looks forward to working alongside other agencies and members of the A250 Planning Committee on various events and projects across the state.

Quagga Mussels

Director Buxton reported that on September 18, 2023, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture ("ISDA") confirmed the presence of quagga mussel in the Mid-Snake River below Shoshone Falls. ISDA and other State, Federal and local agencies, and other and private stakeholders undertook rapid action to determine the prudent treatment to avoid a larger threat to Idaho's waters and boating facilities. IDPR worked with ISDA to email 220,000 IDPR contacts and social media posts notifying them of the need to "Clean, Drain, & Dry" their boats and other watercraft, and water access closures along a short part of the Mid-Snake River during the evaluation and treatment period. The closures of Niagara Springs, Box Canyon and Crystal Lake, units of Thousand Springs State Spark have been lifted.

Legislative Tours

The Director reported that IDPR will participate with several other Executive Branch agencies on Legislative tours across the state to meet with legislators and discuss matters important to them in their districts. The following meetings are scheduled:

- November 13 – Coeur d' Alene
- November 14 – Lewiston
- November 20 – Idaho Falls

- November 21 – Pocatello
- November 27 – Twin Falls
- November 28 – Boise

The Director said that if any Board Member would like to attend any of these meetings to please let Joanna Hiller or the Director know.

Natural Resources

Director Buxton stated that The Natural Resource Interim Committee asked her to attend their November 6, 2023, meeting in the Lincoln Auditorium at the Capitol to discuss IDPR's participation in the Quagga Mussel treatment.

Non-Motorized

Director Buxton reported that the non-motorized coalition meeting with stakeholders is scheduled for November 6, 2023. IDPR has been participating with this diverse group, led by Dan Waugh of the Horse Council, looking for a more sustainable funding source for non-motorized recreation and trails.

First Responder

The Director reported that IDPR's proposed First Responder legislation has been put on hold due to the interests of other executive branch agencies and insurance industry concerns. The Director said that we are working to address our employees' needs with DHR, the Governor's Office and other agencies for alternative solutions.

Reservation / Registration

The Director reported that the Reservation/Registration vendor RFP should be published in the coming weeks.

NASPD

The Director reported on The National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) Annual Meeting which was held in Lake Tahoe September 12-15, 2023. Troy Elmore and Seth Hobbs attended with the Director. The Director stated that we gain invaluable information and relationships by meeting with our peers from other state park and recreation departments, federal partners, and recreation stakeholders. These meetings keep us current on trends, challenges, and technology to help our agency.

North Region Meeting

The Director attended the North Region all staff meeting in Coeur d' Alene on November 1, 2023. Director Buxton stated she always enjoys the chance to visit with employees whenever possible. Heidi Burks and Joanna Hiller and the Director were able to visit Heyburn State Park and Old Mission after we arrived. Both parks look wonderful. Old Mission's new paint, stairs and stonework are much needed and look beautiful. Meeting

Luma

Director Buxton reported on the new Luma ERP system that has been implemented by the State Controller's Office (SCO) since July 1, 2023. Buxton said that it replaces a legacy system that is no longer technologically supported. Luma and its Human Capital Management modernization have posed challenges with payroll, vendor payments, procurement, budget, employee recruitment and evaluations. The Director said that the SCO is working to address many issues. Replacing the legacy system was unquestionably needed and Luma promised to provide a new system to benefit the State government. The startup has been bumpy and IDPR staff in every corner of the State have taken available training, and retraining as it updated while working with SCO and each other to learn the new system.

Budget Preparation

The Director said that IDPR is expecting some changes to how JFAC will be working with agency budgets. They have a meeting November 8-10, 2023, to discuss the process so she expects to work closely with our LSO analyst and JFAC members on how they want to hear from IDPR for the FY2025 budget.

Other Meetings

Director reported on other meetings saying that in addition to many Quagga Mussel meetings, she has attended meetings for: regarding the relicensing of the Hells Canyon Complex by Idaho Power, Allison Gin, the new USDA – FS, Intermountain Rep Idaho State liaison, the new Director of Water Resources, Mat Weaver the new Director of the Department of Administration, Steve Bailey. Adam Zaragoza and the Director presented IDPR’s Permanent Building Fund request on October 3, 2023. On October 5, 2023, the Director presented the keynote to the Rangeland Fall Forum. Outdoor recreation is a hot topic affecting our rangelands and users on public and private lands. She periodically meets with IDPR HQ neighbors, Mark Hofflund from Shakespeare Festival and the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands. We welcome the Foundations new Executive Director, Kendra Kenyon. Director Buxton said that she is happy to answer any questions the Board may have about the Directors report or any of the other reports submitted by the staff.

Hearts of STIHL Awarded by McCroskey

Director Buxton provided background information on Hearts of STIHL. It was started in 2021 and 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.

Lake Cascade Marina Contract

Mr. Zaragoza presented information on Lake Cascade Marina proposal. IDPR requested proposals to develop marina facilities at Lake Cascade State Park. In October 2021, IDPR issued a letter of intent to Tamarack Resort II LLC for the Poison Creek Area. Staff provided the board an update in May 2022 about the ongoing negotiations and design. This agenda item is for the board to take action on the Draft Concession Contract. Since May 2022, staff has been working with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the Attorney General’s office, and Tamarack regarding terms and conditions of the development, and a 20-year concession contract. On September 14, 2023, those terms have been agreed to by the parties. The draft contract was emailed to BOR on September 18, 2023. BOR has agreed to provide a preliminary approval, with a final approval of the contract after the National Environment Protection Act (NEPA) has been completed. The federal public involvement requirement is to occur this winter, with NEPA to be complete in Spring 2024.

Highlights of the contract are:

- Up to 200 boat slips are allowed
- Tamarack will replace any loss of recreation areas resulting from the development

- Tamarack has agreed to 8% gross receipts to IDPR annually during the contract term
- The contract number will be assigned once fully executed after NEPA is completed

Due to the short window of construction season in Valley County and lead time of construction materials, Tamarack has requested an approval of this draft contract contingent upon final approval from BOR after the NEPA process has been completed. It is understood that all financial risks, materials, or other obligations will be borne by Tamarack II LLC if there are changes from BOR after the NEPA process. IDPR will assume no financial responsibility if there are changes after approval of this draft contract.

Ms. Manning motioned to authorize the Director to sign the Concession Contract with Tamarack II LLC. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none the Chairman called for a vote on the motion.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

LWCF Advisory Board Appointment

Ms. Muir presented to the board the LWCF Grant Advisory Committee Appointment. She stated that the department has 2 positions open to appoint on the Land and Water Conservation Fund Committee. The pen positions include Community 5,000 or less and Minority. Recently IDPR received an application to fill the Community 5,000 or less position. Wendy Walter is from Spirit Lake and recently retired from the Idaho Department of Lands. She has experience with Endowment Lands and Idaho's navigable waters. She is an Idaho native who loves the outdoors, especially camping, boating, fishing, and hunting. Her complete application is attached. The IDPR staff recommends that the Board appoint Wendy Walters to the LWCF Board.

Mr. Roach moved to approve the appointment of Wendy Walters to the LWCF Board. Mr. Fatkin seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TOC Commission @ Large Committee Appointment

Mr. White provided information and explained the Trail Commission Member and how they are appointed. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation ("State" or "IDPR") and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Lake Management Department ("Tribe" or "TLMD") (collectively the "Parties") entered into an "Agreement" to establish a long-term cooperative partnership between the State and the Tribe with respect to ownership, management, and operation of the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes Right-of-Way ("ROW") and Trail. As a part of this agreement the Parties established a six-member Trail Commission ("Commission"). In establishing the Commission, the Parties' intent is to ensure that all aspects of the development, funding, management and operation of the entire ROW and Trail are coordinated across the Parties separate and joint management areas, consistent with implementation of the Consent Decree, CITU and the Interim Trail Agreement.

Three members of the Commission are appointed by the State and shall include the State's Trail Manager, Will Niska. The State also identified David White, North Region Manager, as a member due to his historical knowledge and long-term involvement with the Trail. Three members are appointed by the Tribe and shall include the Tribe's Trail Manager. The State appoints one at-large member. The at-large member is approved by IDPR's Board and will serve a term of two (2) years. No Commission at-large

member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Morris “Mac” Cavabar, CdA, Idaho is the current at-large member and has done a great job. He has served two plus terms, so it is time to appoint a new member.

Staff advertised and accepted applications for IDPR’s at-large member. A total of three applications were received and reviewed by staff to determine who would be the best candidate to represent users associated with IDPR’s portion of the trail. Region 1 Board Member Chuck Rody, Non-Motorized Trail Coordinator Hailey Brookins, and Operations Division Administrator Troy Elmore assessed and rated the applications without the applicant’s names. OM/TOC Park Manager Will Niska and North Region Manager David White utilized the rankings to determine a final recommendation. The application information sheet and the applications are attached for the Board members for review.

Mr. Rody moved to approve the Anna Moody as IDPR’s at-large member to serve on the Trail of the Coeur d’ Alene’s Commission for the next two years. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cooke. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Gateway Parks, LLC 2024-2026 Concession Agreement, Eagle Island State Park

Mr. Elmore gave a brief overview of the 10-year concession agreement that started in February 2014 with Gateway Parks, LLC, at Eagle Island State Park. The agreement provides public recreation benefits through a winter sports venue designed for tubing, sledding, skiing, and snowboarding. The snow hill provides a unique winter experience for Park visitors.

The current concession agreement commenced on May 1, 2014, and is set to expire May 1, 2024. The contract specifies that the Concessionaire will pay rent in the amount of seven percent (7%) of the gross receipts annually. Mr. Elmore stated that in the current agreement, the Concessionaire was given the first right to accept a new concession contract.

Currently, in State of Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Concession Agreement Eagle Island State Park Ada County, Idaho 14-001-EAG-LCA-2024 at Section 9 “Renewal” it provides the Concessionaire a right of acceptance, as follows:

The STATE does not grant CONCESSIONAIRE the right to automatically renew this Agreement for an additional period. However, if the STATE, at the expiration of this Agreement, desires to lease the CONCESSION PREMISES again, and if CONCESSIONAIRE is not in default or breach as set forth in Section 17 of this Agreement, the STATE grants CONCESSIONAIRE the first right to accept a new agreement under such terms and conditions as the STATE may then prescribe and under the following conditions:

CONCESSIONAIRE shall first notify the STATE in writing of its desire to renew the agreement sixty (60) days prior to its expiration. If the STATE desires to renew this Agreement, it shall notify the CONCESSIONAIRE in writing of the terms and conditions that the STATE may then desire to prescribe. Mailing to the last known address of CONCESSIONAIRE shall then complete notification to CONCESSIONAIRE. CONCESSIONAIRE shall then have thirty (30) days from the date of that mailing to notify the STATE of its acceptance of the terms and conditions prescribed by the STATE. Acceptance shall be complete only if received by the STATE in writing and within the time prescribed.

Mr. Elmore explained the first right to accept a new agreement is subject to the provisions of this Agreement concerning termination. He stated that in 2017, the Board amended its policy on concession

leases.

The Board's current concession policy does not allow concessionaires a first right of acceptance. IDPR Board Policy #6020 "Concession Leases" at Section 4.2 Types of Concessions and Lease Fees, typically requires that an RFP process be used to select the next concessionaire:

- **Large Concessions.** Concessions expected to gross more than \$100,000 per year are deemed large concessions and require Board approval. Large concessions will be awarded on a competitive basis after publication of a request for proposal (RFP), unless otherwise directed by the Board. Large concessions will be awarded to the responder of the RFP which, in the judgment of the Board, best fulfills the criteria set forth in the RFP and provides the best combination of service to the public and return to the Department. The objective is to obtain the highest possible revenue from each concession lease, but the best responder to an RFP is not necessarily the responder which provides the highest dollar return.
- **Other Concessions.** Concession leases expected to gross \$100,000 per year or less are deemed other concessions and require Director approval. The Director may negotiate directly with interested persons for the operation of concessions likely to gross between \$10,000 and \$100,000 per year, unless the Director determines that an RFP is likely to result in better service to the public or a higher return to the Department. The concession lease fee will be based on a percentage of total annual gross revenues to be negotiated based on the nature of the business, the value of park facilities utilized by the concessionaire, and other relevant factors. In no event will the concession lease fee be less than three percent of the total annual gross revenue without Board approval.
Board policy #6020 – Concession Leases, Section 4.5 Standard Provisions, gives the Board the sole discretion whether to include a first right of acceptance term in a concession contract:
- **Renewal.** Each lease will contain a provision that the Department will not grant the lessee the automatic right to renew the term of the lease for an additional period upon its expiration. However, a concessionaire may be granted first right to accept a new lease under new terms and conditions as the Department may then prescribe. The Department will retain the option to self-operate a concession at the end of the term of any lease.

Mr. Elmore stated that during the May 3, 2023, IDPR Board meeting, Chairman Beckley requested fellow board members create a subcommittee for the purpose of drafting contract terms for the next Eagle Island State Park winter sports venue concession agreement for proposal to the Board. Mr. Roach volunteered, and together with Chairman Beckley, agency staff and Lead Deputy Attorney General Joy Vega, worked on the terms and renewal for this next concession agreement. With the subcommittee's direction and approval, a new concession agreement for Gateway Parks, LLC's winter sports venue operation has been drafted. Changes to the terms of this next contract include:

1. A 2-year duration. By limiting the contract to 2 years, IDPR will come into alignment with Board Policy #6020 "Concession Leases" while enabling the Concessionaire's operation to continue during the RFP process. (Page 4, Section 3.1).
2. No right to renewal or first acceptance. If the Board decides to continue a winter sports venue at Eagle Island State Park, a request for proposal process will be utilized that the Concessionaire can choose to participate in. (Page 4, Section 3.2). An annual rent of 11% of gross receipts up from 7%. Concessionaire's annual rent has always been 7% without increase during the current contract's 10-year duration. Other long-term concessions currently pay between 8%-15%. (Page 4, Section 4.1).
3. The required and optional concession services, listed in Section 5, are expanded with detail to expressly allow, with limitations, the operations that the Concessionaire has developed since

2014. Expectations of the Park related to Concessionaire's post-season repair and replacement of damaged Park resources have also been included. (Pages 5-15, Section 5).

4. Subject to approval by Idaho Department of Water Resources or Water District 63, use of water from the Park's Pond for snow making is expressly allowed. The required coordination of efforts between IDPR and the Concessionaire to secure temporary water use is explained in Section 5.6(c) at pages 12-13 of the proposed contract.
5. No off-season storage will be permitted outside of the existing office area. (Section 5.1(c)). Concessionaire has previously stored personal property at the Warden's House during its off-season. However, during the 2-year duration of the next contract, the Park will begin cleanup and deferred maintenance at the Warden's House.
6. No sub-concessions, sub-leases, assignments, or leasehold mortgages are permitted during the 2-year duration of the next contract. (Page 20, Section 9, *see also* §§ 5.2(j) and 5.8(g)).

Mr. Elmore had enclosed Concession Contract No. 24-001-EAG-LCA-2026 and explained that this the lease agreement that the subcommittee had reviewed and approved for submittal, discussion, and use by the Board. If accepted as proposed, or following any Board changes, the contract will be provided to Gateway Parks, LLC, for acceptance or rejection. If accepted by the Concessionaire, the only input required from Gateway Parks, LLC, will be its designated On-Site Manager (*see* Page 8, Section 5.1(i)) and the name and position of the company's authorized signatory.

Mr. Elmore provided the Concession Contract No. 24-001-EAG-LCA-2026 which is the lease agreement that the subcommittee has reviewed and approved for submittal, discussion, and use by the Board. If accepted as proposed, or following any Board changes, the contract will be provided to Gateway Parks, LLC, for acceptance or rejection. If accepted by the Concessionaire, the only input required from Gateway Parks, LLC, will be its designated On-Site Manager (*see* Page 8, Section 5.1(i)) and the name and position of the company's authorized signatory.

Mr. Elmore and the IDPR staff recommend that the Board approve the proposed concession lease agreement 24-001-EAG-LCA-2026 as presented.

Mr. Roach moved to approve the proposed concession lease agreement 24-001-EAG-LCA-2026 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fatkin. The Chairman called for a roll call on the motion.

- Chairman Beckley - Yes
- Board Member Fatkin - Yes
- Board Member Cooke - Yes
- Board Member Manning - Yes
- Board Member Roach - Yes
- Board Member Rody - Yes

Motion carried.

Ashton Visitors Center Purchase Agreement

Mrs. Burks introduced herself and gave a brief overview of what her job responsibilities are for IDPR. Mrs. Burks provided a brief review of the Ashton Visitors Center as well as a copy of the May 2023 board minutes that showed the IDPR Board authorizing the Director to sign the Lease Agreement with Option to Purchase the Ashton Visitors Center. The lease agreement was signed and IDPR began operations on July 1, 2023. Mrs. Burks stated that the IDPR has developed a good relationship with the City of Ashton, Ashton Chamber of Commerce, and the local community with the proposed year-round operation of the Visitors Center. The IDPR staff has completed its due diligence, including an environmental phase 1 report,

property appraisal, and preliminary title report. Prior to major capital expenses to operate the facility year-round by IDPR, staff is proposing to offer the city the following purchase price:

- Appraisal \$430,000
- Less Due diligence costs: \$7,000 (Appraisal and Environmental)
- Less Capital investment for basic heating upgrades:
 - Roofing and Insulation: \$77,000
 - Heating Systems: \$10,500
- Less Six months of rent: \$3,000 (assuming thru December 2023)
- *Purchase Price: \$332,500.00*

Mrs. Burks said that the IDPR staff is prepared to offer a purchase price of \$332,500.00 at the Ashton City Council meeting December 13th, 2023. The City staff have informed IDPR that they intend to use the funds from the sale to improve the City parks.

Mrs. Burks and the IDPR staff recommend that the Board authorize the staff to exercise the option to purchase the Ashton Visitors Center for a purchase price of \$332,500.00.

Mr. Fatkin moved to authorize the staff to exercise the option to purchase the Ashton Visitors Center for the purchase price of \$332, 500.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. The Chairman called for a roll call on the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Development Leading Idaho Projects Update

Melanie Schuster provided information regarding the work on the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) and the Leading Idaho Surplus funding projects. Between the two funding programs, approximately \$140 million has been appropriated to IDPR to address the agency’s maintenance backlog and capital expansion needs which will take 5 to 10 years to process. Schuster provided the ARPA project lists and Capital Improvement plan for the board to review, in addition she provided a detailed list of the current active projects.

2024 Board Meeting Dates & Locations

The Board was presented Board Meeting Dates and locations from Joanna Hiller. The dates are subject to possible changes by the Director.

February 21 & 22, 2024	Boise, ID	Eagle Island Construction Tour
*May 13, 2024	CDA, ID	Heyburn
August 7 & 8, 2024	Island Park, ID	Harriman/Henrys/Ashton Tetonia Trail
November 6 & 7, 2024	Burley, ID	Castle Rocks/City of Rocks/Walcott/Massacre

Mr. Cooke moved to set coming IDPR Board Meeting dates and locations for February 21 & 22, 2024 in Boise, May 12 & 13, 2024 in Island Park, August 7 & 8, 2024 in Island Park, and November 6 & 7, 2024 in Burley the dates are subject to amend or changed. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roady. The Chairman called for a roll call on the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Program Reports

Communications

Quintana provided information in the report regarding working with ISDA to get the word out about the quagga mussel issue in the mid-Snake River, Eagle Island State Park construction project for the 50-space campground and related improvements, social media engagement, interpretation and environmental education, sponsors, and partners.

Development

Melanie Schuster provided a general update on projects by phase and by funding source. Eagle Island RV Campground, and Ponderosa Blackberry Water & Electric upgrades.

Fiscal

Steve Martin provided information on the preliminary first quarter financial reports for fiscal year (FY) 2024.

Human Resources

Jennifer Quinno-Miller provided information on job fairs, ranger roundup, LUMA, Volunteer Services Coordinator recruitment, seasonal layoffs, new hires, and current openings.

Management Services

Adam Zaragoza provided information on major tasks; Herrick Reservoir, ITD board meeting regarding Farragut/Brig Road intersection, Eagle Island Campground preconstruction meeting, City of Eagle walk through house the city was giving away for potential staff housing, met with IT to discuss broadband for state parks, met with tribe repos regarding joint projects, met with Tamarack regarding the marina contract, met with administration regarding FY2025 budget, Friends of Harriman annual meeting, attended IDL's monthly meeting, and prepared the Director for the Permanent Building Fund presentation.

Natural Resources

Keith Jones provided information regarding aquatic herbicide treatment. Jones visited PacifiCorp Oneida Narrows recreation area with Bear Lake Park staff, worked with Southern Idaho Timper Protection Association, IDL, and Ponderosa State Park and conducted a prescribe burn on 75 acres in the park (weather did not permit so they will try again in the fall), collaborated with IDL to facilitate the future

success of the State forestry, worked with Eagle Island to address invasive pond weeds in the lake, set up two new direct timber sales for Heyburn State Park, visited proposed shelter site at sublime point in McCroskey.

Operations

Troy Elmore provided information on monthly manager meetings, weekly manager calls, participated in IDPR staff meetings, attended the IDPR quarterly board meeting in Lewiston. Mr. Elmore continued to work on Lake Cascade Marina proposal, logistics and the operation of the proposed marina at the Poison Creek unit of the park. Elmore worked with IDPR Attorney General's Office, Tamarack Resort, and the IDPR Management Services to develop a contract to submit to the Bureau of Reclamation for their review, toured Lake Cascade with Bureau of Reclamation staff to identify potential park housing sites/solutions. Mr. Elmore discussed that the IDPR Development Bureau is working on a proposed site plan to share with BOR. Elmore participated in interviews for Lake Walcott Manager position and participated in sage grouse discussion at the state capitol. Elmore also attended the Bear Lake County Commissioners meeting with the Director, NASPD Conference in Lake Tahoe, ORFAC meeting at HQ, a critical infrastructure meeting with Idaho Office of Emergency Management, invasive species quagga mussel media event in Twin Falls, and Idaho Energy & Mineral Resources Hells Canyon information meeting.

Rec Bureau

Dave Claycomb provided a list of activities on the Boating program that have been completed with routine tasks of answering questions from the public and county marine deputies, grant administration, preparation for various training courses, attending county waterways committee meetings, and ordering of equipment and supplies. IDPR held the 2023 Marine Tactical Advantage training with our marine law enforcement partners in September. The Minidoka County Sheriff's Office hosted the training. 10 students representing 6 different counties successfully completed the training. IDPR also presented Minidoka County Deputy Robert Higen with the 2023 Marine Educator of the Year Award. Deputy Higen taught the most Boat Idaho courses of any of our county partners in 2022 and 2023. The program supervisor attended the NASBLA 2023 Annual Conference and was recognized for successfully completing the NASBLA leadership academy. Chief Deputy Mike Gladhart from Clearwater County also attended and was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution to boater safety in Idaho throughout his 30-year career in marine law enforcement. Program staff submitted the 2024 application for the Recreational Boating Safety Grant administered by the U.S Coast Guard. The estimated 2024 allocation to Idaho is \$1.3 million. The program's regional education staff held many boat safety outreaches and taught Boat Idaho and Paddle Sports courses throughout the state. Some of the events included Cascade Safety Day, Water Wise Paddle Safety at Malad Gorge, Cassia County Fair, and the Ritter Island Festival. Program staff installed seven life jacket loaner stations around the state including 2 on the Port Neuf River, 3 on the Salmon River, 1 at Lake Walcott, and 1 at Lake Lowell. Program staff participated in the kick-off meeting for the South Boise Watershed Collaborative and will continue to attend meetings of their Recreation subcommittee to represent boaters in the area.

Reservation Registration

Seth Hobbs reported that all sales are on par with the previous year's sales. He stated that the Governor signed the S1017 and that IDPR will work with our stakeholders and vendors to add the option of selling two-year boat registrations. Mr. Hobbs said the three percent card service fee was implemented on October 11, 2023, for all card transactions. This fee is being passed on to the customers and only used to cover the amount billed to IDPR for these fees. In FY23, the card service fee billed to the department was \$284,688.29. Customers are still able to pay with cash, check, or money order for their purchases without the three percent passalong fee. Hobbs said that IDPR has been working with the Department of Purchasing on finalizing the RFP for the Recreational Management System contract which is currently held

by Aspira. It is anticipated that the RFP will be out for bid in November and finalized in December/January. The current contract is set to expire on December 31, 2024. During the August board meeting, the board requested information on the utility increases to the department for justifying the rate increases. Below are the historical utility charges since the last overall camping increase in 2020. The parks utility charges in total have increased by over \$159,000 in the last three years and are continuing to rise. The overall park operating expenses have increased by over \$756,000. Hobbs also provided a report on the Annual Aspira Account Review.

East Region

Ryan Buffington provided information on staffing updates which include the following:

- Filling the Lake Walcott manager position with Trenton Durfee. Trenton has been with the department for 14 years and moved into the position from the City of Rocks/Castle Rocks where he was the maintenance foreman.
- Filling the CIRO/CRSP maintenance foreman vacancy with Michelle Jones. Michelle has been at CIRO/CRSP for years as their maintenance lead.
- The following full-time positions have been filled:
 - 2 rangers at Harriman
 - 1 ranger at Bear Lake
- There are full-time vacancies at:
 - 1 ranger position Bear Lake
 - 2 ranger positions City of Rocks/Castle Rocks
 - 1 admin assistant at Harriman

Buffington held interviews for the East Region maintenance foreman position, but we were not able to settle on an acceptable salary rate with the selected candidate and have gone to a second round of interviews. For operations Buffington visited all the parks in the East Region multiple times and familiarized himself with their operations and individual needs. Throughout the quarter, they saw visitation across the region slow at most of our parks as summer wrapped up, schools came back into session, and the public anticipated cooler temperatures. LUMA caused several hurdles throughout the quarter, but most notably the inability to track budgets. Park managers are getting increasingly frustrated and concerned that they cannot track their budgets to prepare for upcoming expenses. Buffington attended a tour of the Formation Springs site and met with representatives of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the BLM on moving forward with the transformation of the site to a state park. We developed an initial site plan and an assessment of the work that would need to take place. The representatives from both the TNC and the BLM were happy with the direction. Massacre Rocks was decided for the location of the new maintenance crew headquarters and selected three potential sites at the park for the facility. We agreed that using the same plans as the forthcoming shop building at the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's would be the best way to proceed. The shop space would satisfy the crew's needs and provide additional housing options for the region. We submitted purchase requisitions for some of the East Region crew's equipment/vehicles but are waiting until the foreman position is filled to move forward with selecting and submitting the full list of seeding equipment. East Region has resumed monthly update calls for all managers. Increasing coordination between East Region parks is something that everyone is excited to see. I attended the Friends of Harriman State Park board meeting and the Wine in the Woods event. It was a great opportunity to meet with this organization to discuss plans and upcoming projects in the Harriman area. We completed the plans and organization for an in-person park manager's meeting at CIRO/CRSP in November. The region managers and I met with the development bureau and worked through the steps for rolling out the supplementary minor maintenance program. This program will funnel \$2,000,000 of state surplus funds directly to the parks for minor maintenance projects below \$25,000. The East Region office worked closely with parks and the development bureau to develop supplementary minor maintenance project lists for each park unit. We hold regular team meetings with park managers

to implement the most effective distribution of these funds throughout the region. In the East Region, the Quagga Mussel discovery has so far only impacted Lake Walcott State Park. We agreed with the National Wildlife Refuge and BOR managers that closing the lake to boating one month early was a precautionary action that was worth the recreational impact.

North Region

David White provided information regarding the Coordination 2024 RMSPEC Planning Team Meeting and NR Manager Monthly Video/Teleconference Call. Participated in the CdA Regional Chamber of Commerce Natural Resources Committee Meeting; OPS Parks Region Manager meeting in Boise, Heyburn Marina Operations Meeting and Marina Replacement scoping meeting; Statewide Minor Maintenance funding discussion, and Land folio demo for lease management. Mr. White reported that they reviewed OM/TOC potential residences. They conducted walkthroughs of residences at FAR with Park Manager to identify any maintenance that needs to be done, assisted with Hells Gate Park Ranger and Old Mission/TOC Admin Asst 1 interviews. Discussed seasonal housing with Development and Region Managers. Hosted and attended the Idaho Heritage Trust Directors Meeting at the IDPR NR Service Center.

South Region

Theresa Perry provided information on the new LUMA system required staff to complete a variety of training modules this quarter to understand time-entry, invoice and p-card management, and new employee onboarding. Staff assisting one other with training and troubleshooting provided the most benefit in learning this new software and the numerous challenges it presented. As a result of the changes with LUMA, park staff were not able to view their seasonal and worked closely with the Development Bureau staff and park staff regarding details of the Eagle Island campground, the future of the Eagle Island water slide, the Three Island history center audio visual system, employee housing priorities, and the Kokanee Cove redevelopment. Continued efforts on the Lake Cascade Marina proposal included the specific development features proposed and review of contract agreement terms. Filling permanent vacancies is an ongoing process as new staff join the agency, and others transfer to different positions within the agency or leave. The following vacancies were filled this quarter: administrative assistants for Eagle Island, Lucky Peak, and Lake Cascade, two ranger positions at Three Island and one at Eagle Island, and the vacancy for the assistant manager position at Ponderosa was filled. Supported Park Managers with a wide variety of operational needs and challenges, especially related to peak visitation demands within the parks. The details related to group use permits, special use permits, and concession agreements continued. Continued to have almost weekly operations conference calls with the other region managers and the operations chief. Monthly manager's conference calls continued, and an in-person manager meeting was held in August. These efforts provide an opportunity to share operational trends and solutions to challenges, review policy, and meet with other agency staff. Participated in the IDPR board meeting held in August in Lewiston via zoom. Provided support to park rangers in the planning and development of the south and east region Ranger Roundup. This training opportunity will be hosted at Ponderosa State Park in October and targets the ranger staff within the south and east regions. The goal of the 2023 training is related to communication, maintenance skills, natural resource management, and networking opportunities for ranger staff. Participated in two disaster planning meetings with community partners, Valley Co. Sheriff Office, U of I Extension, Horizons, USFS – Cascade Ranger District, and staff from Lake Cascade State Park. Additional dialogue and community actions plans are planned for early winter.

Old/New Business

Board Elections

Mr. Fatkin announced he was leaving the Board this year, and this would be his last quarterly meeting.

Ms. Manning motioned that Brian Beckley serve as Chairman and Mike Roach for Vice Chairman for the coming year and. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roady The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none the Chairman called for a vote on the motion.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Challis/Hot Springs Operation Update

Ryan Buffington reported on Challis Hots Springs and how its not on the reservation system for the first year. Staff are helping with the burden of opening the pools every morning. It's going very well; the campground needs some work as well as the shower houses.

Public Comment

The Chairman asked for public comment.

Executive Session

Mr. Roady moved that the Board convene in executive session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206 (b) and (c), to move into Executive Session to evaluate a public office and to discuss the acquisition of real property not owned by a public agency; to discuss pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. 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, and the Board commenced the executive session at 1:59 PM.

Action Items from Executive Session

The Board resolved out of Executive Session at 3:05 P.M.

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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:10 P.M.

Chairman Brian Beckley
Idaho Park and Recreation Board

Susan E. Buxton, Director
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

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COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

6:00 p.m.

714 Main Street

*The purpose of the Agenda is to assist the Council and interested citizens in the conduct of the public meeting. Careful review of the Agenda is encouraged. Testimony from the public will be solicited for any item or issue listed under the category of **Public Hearings**. The Mayor will not normally allow audience participation at any other time. Idaho Law prohibits council action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Questions concerning items appearing on this Agenda or requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meetings should be addressed to the Office of the City Clerk or call 208-652-3987*

PRAYER OFFERED BY: John Kaelberer

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

PLEDGE LED BY: Tom Mattingly

In Attendance: Tom Mattingly, Teresa Hansen, John Scafe and John Kaelberer.

Also, in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, P&Z Administrator Bowersox, Chief Griffel, Deputy Clerk Warnke, Tyrel Clark, Jaden Jackson, Kyle Jones, Nate Finley, Andrew Hood, Heidi Burke, Abbie Rossman, Adam Zaragoza, Kurt Eidam and Rachel Hatton.

Mayor Mattingly welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

1. CONSENT AGENDA: **ACTION ITEM**

Being considered routine by the City Council, these items will be enacted by one motion unless requested by a Councilman or a citizen that one or more items be removed for later discussion.

- A. **Minutes** – Approval of Meeting Minutes 11-8-2023
- B. **Treasurers Report** - As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted

Councilman Kaelberer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Scafe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Business:

Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.

1. 2023 Election Results – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the Fremont County Board of Commissioner's canvas of the votes from the November 7th election.

Councilman Scafe made a motion to accept the Fremont County election results for the City of Ashton. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Visitor Center Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Abby Rossman, Heidi Burks, Adam Zaragoza **ACTION ITEM**

Adam Zaragoza is here to speak to the City Council about the Visitor Center lease to purchase. He talked a little about working with the City for the past 2 years looking forward to the possible purchase of the Visitor Center. The Idaho Parks & Recreation Department has completed the preliminary engineering and have construction cost estimates. They have gone to their board received approval to offer a reduction in price for the Visitor Center. Councilman Scafe discussed having a separate contract with the City during the time that they want the City to manage the dump station. In the future, the City may make some changes to allow for a different way of processing the sewage from the Visitor Center. Councilman Kaelberer made the argument that the appraisal was completed with the building as it is now. He does not want the City to take a loss so that Parks & Rec can make improvements. The

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appraised value is a good amount that the City could use. Also – the property and the building are in a good location for Idaho Parks & Rec. Adam said that the intention was not to low ball the price but to come up with a price that would allow Idaho Parks & Recreation some ability to fix up the problems of the property. City Attorney Angell explained that the City could come back with a set price and then go from there. Mayor Mattingly is comfortable in asking \$350,000 as a counteroffer. The Council agreed. Adam said he would bring that offer to the Idaho Parks & Rec board and get back to the City.

Councilman Kaelberer made a motion to extend a counteroffer at \$350,000 for Visitor Center property. Councilman Scafe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Mattingly went out of agenda order and the Council heard agenda item 5 and then came back to agenda item 3.

3. Public Hearing - Ashton City Ordinances 507-23 & 508-23 – Update to 17.32 & 17.44 – City Clerk Stegelmeier, P&Z Administrator Bowersox

City Attorney Angell opened the public hearing. He asked City Clerk Stegelmeier whether the proper notice had been given. She replied it had and that there is a copy of the affidavit of publication included in the Council packets. He then asked the Council if any of them had a conflict of interest. Each answered that they did not. City Attorney Angell then asked P&Z Administrator Bowersox to give her report on the proposed amendment to the Ashton City Code

Administrator Bowersox explained that as she and the P&Z Commission have been working on the comp plan it came to their attention that in the definition of the Highway Commercial Zoning District (HCZD) highway 20 is specifically listed. They had discussed that the district should not be limited to HWY 20 as there are other highways near Ashton. In the future, these highways may also begin to attract commercial uses. This change would be a simple definition change and would have no effect on any property at this time. The second ordinance is necessary to go along with the first to make sure that there are buffers put in place. There are buffers between zones but there will need to be a way to provide a buffer between residential and commercial uses if the zone is changed in the future. Again, this is if the zone is changed in the future and does not affect any business who is in operation currently. Councilman Scafe asked how this will affect anyone on State Highways 47 and 32. Administrator Bowersox said it will not affect them unless the zone is changed in the future. There are no plans to change the zone now.

City Attorney Angell then went on to ask for the sign-up list. When it was received at his desk, there was no one signed up to comment.

City Attorney Angell closed the public hearing at 6:36 pm and explained that the Council could decide in the next order of business on the agenda or they had 60 days to decide.

4. Ashton City Ordinances 507-23 & 508-23 – Update to 17.32 & 17.44 – City Clerk Stegelmeier, P&Z Administrator Bowersox *ACTION ITEM*

Councilwoman Hansen thanked Administrator Bowersox and the Commission for thinking ahead. Councilman Scafe just wants to be sure the people who live on the highways are protected in the future.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to read the City of Ashton Ordinance 507-23 by title only and dispense with the second and third readings. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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Councilwoman Hansen read the ordinance into the record by title.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to that Ashton City Ordinance 507-23 be approved and published. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to read the City of Ashton Ordinance 508-23 by title only and dispense with the second and third readings. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hansen read the ordinance into the record by title.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to that Ashton City Ordinance 508-23 be approved and published. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Conditional Use Permit – Tyler Teske – P&Z Administrator Bowersox *ACTION ITEM*

P&Z Administrator Bowersox reported that at the November 16th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting they held a public hearing on a conditional use permit for Tyler Teske on the property he owns on the corner of 6th and Pine Street. Tyler is hoping to build open storage units which would require a Conditional Use Permit. It will be open storage for RVs and campers. He can manage the snow on his own property. He rents the parking to Blair Dance for the apartments in the old movie theatre and will still provide that to the west of the storage unit. Councilman Scafe has some concerns about a flat roof in Ashton and Tyler explained that it is built for a heavier load. He also explained that he has already has several roofs that are shoveled if needed each winter so this will just add to the fun. They then discussed the setbacks and room for backing the trailers in, etc.

Councilman Kaelberer made a motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit for Tyler Teske. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. P&Z Report – P&Z Administrator Bowersox *ACTION ITEM*

Administrator Bowersox again reported that the P&Z Commission is working on the comprehensive plan. The Commissioners are coming up with a set list of questions so that they can bring the conversations to others. They want to try to reach more people to have public input. They have continued to have some conversation on short-term rentals. It seems that the commission hears a lot of concern about the rentals. Administrator Bowersox explained to them that whatever is put into place cannot conflict with state law so it cannot be regulated as a commercial use because the state has ruled that short-term rentals are a residential use. She then told them that the rentals are not a P&Z concern but something that the City Council would have to decide to enforce through new ordinances. Administrator Bowersox suggested that in the next year maybe there could be a put together a subcommittee of members from the Commission and the Council. Councilman Kaelberer said that is a good idea. They also discussed the possibility of an amendment to the equivalent user lists that would make sure that these rentals are paying their fair share of water & sewer costs.

7. American Dog Derby Discussion – Councilman Scafe *ACTION ITEM*

Councilman Scafe explained that the race is in the preliminary planning season. The race dates are February 16th and 17th. They have already gotten some high-quality mushers coming to the race. The permits are in the planning. They will decide two weeks prior to the dates whether the race will begin in town or out at Bear Gulch. He explained that Ashton is well known for the dog sled race.

8. Land Ap Site Lease – City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell *ACTION ITEM*

City Clerk Stegelmeier and City Attorney Angel explained that they negotiated with the Nielsons to change the lease term down to 8 years from 20 as well as charging more for the rent. Councilman Scafe asked if the wheel ruts, etc. had been discussed. City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that it was and they agreed it could be handled through the maintenance section of the contract. Councilman Scafe pointed

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out that there was a clerical mistake in the lease concerning the lease term and City Attorney Angell said it would be fixed prior to the Mayor's signature.

Councilman Kaelberer made a motion to approve the land lease agreement with the change as noted. Councilman Scafe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Utility Fees at 161 Park Avenue – City Clerk Stegelmeier, City Attorney Angell, Dallas Hill *ACTION ITEM*

City Attorney Angel explained that it would cost more to fight this in court. He is also unsure that it wouldn't be a loss as this property was bought through a sheriff's sale which has different legal consequences. He then went on to say that he and City Clerk Stegelmeier will come up with a resolution to handle collections of this sort so that meters can be removed in the future if continually unpaid.

Councilwoman Hansen made a motion to approve a settlement of \$1,200 for 161 Park Avenue past utility bills. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. City Code Update Discussion – City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM*

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that this proposal was in the packets in November also. The company that does the City Code codification has a service where they go through our code and report back with any conflicts or other suggestions to improve the code. They can also give us draft language to fix the issues. City Clerk Stegelmeier had spoken with City Attorney Angell and he explained that it would cost a lot more to have his staff do the update. He said it would be a good idea to complete this project. Councilwoman Hansen expressed her opinion that it needs to be done. Councilman Kaelberer thinks it will help the City avoid future litigation.

Councilman Kaelberer made a motion to accept the American legal Publishing contract for a City Code Update. Councilman Scafe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Surplus Sale – City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM*

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that there was only one bid for the merry-go-round and no bids on anything else. It was discussed whether to run the sale again but Councilman Scafe explained that he thought it would be better in the spring as people would be more interested in the sprinkler pipe as well as an inexpensive car for their kids. City Clerk Stegelmeier will set it up for April/May.

Councilman Scafe made a motion to approve the sale of the merry-go-round to Sue Bollinger. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Fremont County Support Letter – City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM*

City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that Fremont Search and Rescue has asked for a new letter as they are going to be applying for a grant.

13. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier *ACTION ITEM*

City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the schedule with the Council.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Kaelberer made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Kaelberer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 7:15 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest



Cathy Stegelmeier

City Clerk



Tom Mattingly

Mayor

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

AGENDA ITEM
Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting
February 21-22, 2024
Boise, ID 83716

AGENDA ITEM: Right-of-Way Agreement (ROW) with Veolia Water Idaho, Inc.
Eagle Island State Park

ACTION REQUIRED: Authorize Director to Sign ROW

PRESENTER: Melanie Schuster, Development Bureau Chief

PRESENTATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Eagle Island State Park’s potable water supply is currently being served by two existing wells. With the construction of a new 50-unit campground major infrastructure upgrades were planned to connect the park to a public water supply system. The initial design included installing a water line to the west of the park to connect to the City of Eagle. Water would temporarily be provided by the existing well until the new connection to the City of Eagle could be completed. Through the design process it was discovered that the City of Eagle could not commit to providing water service to the park as there are still major improvements needed along Linder Road with no estimated time frame. The unknown timeframe has made the water supply from the existing well not temporary in the eyes of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Using the existing well as a permanent water supply has many problems associated with it such as the continuous water quality testing required, extensive improvements needed to the well and associated fixtures, new water rights application required with public comment, the potential for the well not meeting supply needs, and the potential for failure which could shut down the water supply for the entire park.

To work around this problem IDPR approached Veolia to see if an alternative public water supply was possible. The park boundaries lie within the service areas of both City of Eagle and Veolia. Veolia has agreed to provide water service to Eagle Island State Park. IDPR will design the water lines to meet Veolia standards and the water lines will be constructed under the Eagle Island RV Campground project. After construction of the water lines, they will be turned over to Veolia to provide water service to the park and the maintenance of the water lines will be Veolia’s responsibility. The ROW is necessary so that Veolia has access to service and maintain the water lines. These water lines will only serve Eagle Island State Park. If IDPR ever decides to cancel water service from Veolia the ROW can be revoked.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the Board authorize the IDPR Director to sign the Right-of-Way Agreement with Veolia Water Idaho, Inc to provide water service to Eagle Island State Park.

Enc: ROW Agreement 1-24-24

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 BOARD POLICY INFO ONLY, NO ACTION REQUIRED

AGENDA ITEM
Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting
February 21-22, 2024
Boise, ID 83716

AGENDA ITEM: Land & Water Conservation Fund Project Selection
ACTION REQUIRED: Authorize Director to request additional LWCF funding
PRESENTER: Melanie Schuster, Development Bureau Chief

PRESENTATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funding is available for immediate project use. Older LWCF funds need to be obligated so the funding cannot be reapportioned by the National Park Service (NPS) who administers the funds, as new funding comes in. Currently Idaho has \$2 million unobligated in the LWCF program. 2024 is the year to obligate funds to a state project. While there are many IDPR projects that could use additional funding, project selection should consider the ability to spend funds quickly, such as a “shovel ready project”, and the project being able to meet the extensive and time consuming LWCF prequalification process.

The Development Bureau and Grants Management propose Eagle Island RV Campground as the best choice for the current LWCF funds available. Reasons include: the project is currently under construction and therefore even past the “shovel ready” stage; The project requires additional funding which could be spent within the year; the project currently includes LWCF funding so all NPS prequalification procedures have already been completed for the project; the approval process with NPS for the additional LWCF funding would just be an amendment requesting additional funding, not a new project request.

As an illustration of the complex process of getting LWCF funding through the NPS approval processes, prequalification work started for the Eagle Island RV Campground in April of 2022, final NPS approval to start construction was not received until November of 2023. The process took such a long time that outside funding had to be brought into the project to pay for the bills that were coming in while the LWCF funding was still in the approval process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the Board authorize the IDPR Director to request additional LWCF funding for Eagle Island RV Campground.

COLLEGE OF NATURAL
RESOURCES



Nov 2023 – Jan 2024 Dual-Appointment Report

Winter Work

Given the weather, it's tough to call the period between November and February winter. Regardless, these past three months have been all about getting winter work done. In December, I traveled to the **Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association** annual meeting in Idaho Falls to share information about the new Natural Resource Enterprise Management degree. From there, I stopped in with Travis Taylor and his staff at **Massacre Rocks** and then with Wallace Keck and Sophia Bates at **City of Rocks/Castle Rocks**.



In January, Anna Medlin and I traveled to the Manager's Meeting in Boise to share more about her thesis focused on interpretative theme development. She crushed her presentation and taught several IDPR staff how to use the .5 feature on an iPhone.

Dr. Greg Latta, Rebecca Honsinger, and I have been diving into data from Tier A parks subject to Idaho House Bill 93 (2021). We recruited Dee Matthiesen, a UI undergraduate student, to work with our team. Dee and Greg are beginning travel cost modeling analyses to understand how the Bill impacted visitation.

NRS 125 students finished their interviews of **McCroskey** stakeholders. Anna, Jacqueline Snow, Shahriar Rahman, and Jenine Estlick picked up their transcripts and been hard at work analyzing findings for a forthcoming technical report in early March.

Shahriar and the 'Smoke on the Water' research team are nearing the end of our interviews with Idaho river-based commercial outfitters and guides. We're poised to dive into analysis of how wildland fire smoke impacts their business.

And, just today, Jacqueline finished her slog through 72,000+ sources for her systematic literature review of recreation impacts on rangelands environments in support of Rinker Rock Creek and the UI Rangeland Center. Congrats to her on completing that milestone!

Grant Applications

Sloan Foundation

- Dr. J.D. Wulforst, the Salmon River Basin project team, and I submitted a ~\$750,000 application to further support our work in the Basin, including at Land of the Yankee Fork and Challis Hot Springs.



Spencer Foundation

- Dr. Erik Luvaas, Chelsea Chambers, Jeremy Maxand and I submitted our application to the [Spencer Foundation](#) to focus on accessibility in interpretation training and development. If awarded, the ~\$400,000 grant would fund UI graduate students and 12 summer park interns focused on accessibility in Idaho State Parks.



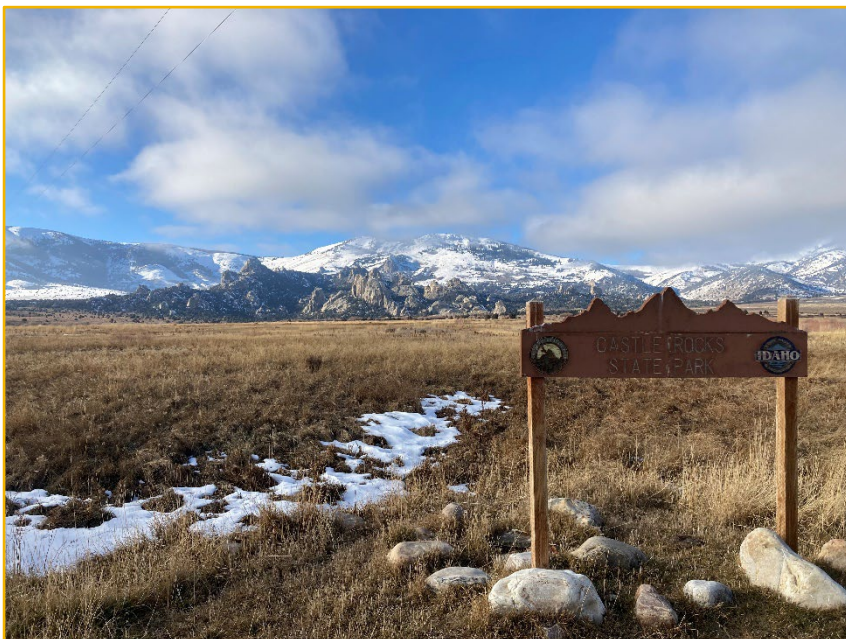


Our University of Idaho Parks and Recreation Lab (PRL) now has a website. A huge thanks to PRL Graduate Student, Maddie Newton Cottrell, for her persistence and patience... especially, with me. We'll be regularly updating this as our public-facing presence for the work stemming from this dual-appointed faculty position.

Past and Future Site Visits

Park	Date
Massacre Rocks State Park	December 13 th
City of Rocks State Park	December 13 th & 14 th
Thousand Springs State Park	February 19 th & 20 th
Lake Walcott State Park	February 20 th

- Trish Hendrickson, Lupe Artega, and I continue to work on connecting students with Summer IDPR opportunities. Two UI undergraduate students, Anna, and I are developing their Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship applications for interpretive theme development research at **Land of The Yankee Fork State Park** and **Eagle Island State Park**.



- Along with the deer, our family enjoyed a weekend at **Ponderosa State Park** in late January. Wonderful to be reminded what an incredible visitor experience IDPR provides!

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Initiatives

Teacher Education

- Over the past three months, UI faculty and staff from the College of Health, Education, and Human Sciences, MOSS, and I met with Idaho State Park staff and Chris Gertschen from Friends of Idaho State Parks to plan for Fall 2024 teacher trainings at **Ponderosa**, **Farragut**, and **City of Rocks**. Were excited to re-start this training and outreach effort discontinued since the pandemic.



Massacre Rocks Interpretive Sign Development

- This Spring semester, **NRS 387** students are engaged in a semester long project with Travis Taylor at **Massacre Rocks** and Chelsea Chambers to revise and re-create 23 interpretive signs. This project-based learning provides students direct engagement and practice with environmental and cultural communication skills through interpretation.





Communications Memo

February 2024 Program Report

Craig Quintana, Public Information Officer, Sr.

Accomplishments & Tasks Underway

Media/Marketing/Advertising/Outreach

- Communications worked with Director Buxton for the January 29th presentation to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, which seemed to go well. JFAC has a new system for the 2024 session, and we had to amend our material to fit the mold. A more traditional presentation was given to the House Resource-Conservation Committee on February 5th, which again seemed to play well for the committee.



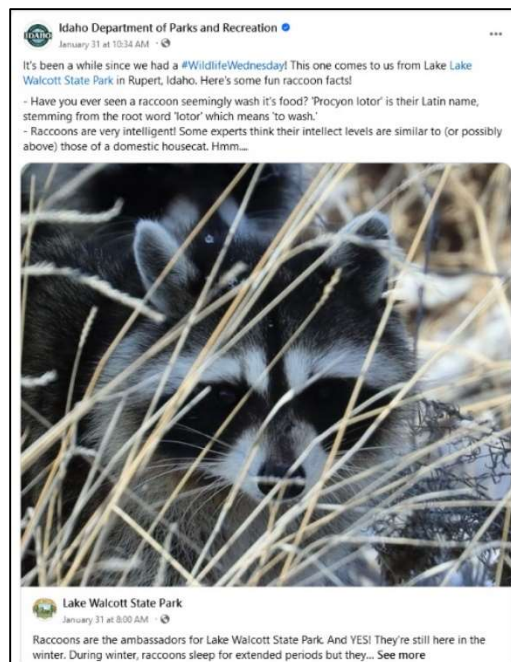
- In November, Director Buxton, Troy Elmore, Adam Zaragoza and others participated in the Idaho Legislative Showcase for the 2024 Session, talking with participating lawmakers about the upcoming session and the department. Communications provided briefing materials for the meetings.
- In early January, a team worked on the final cut of three, 30-second videos that will be the opening public service announcements for the Ride Responsibly campaign for Off-Highway Vehicle riding. The spots respond to requests from the public and land managers to reach out to the riding community about the need to ride safely and legally while enjoying the backcountry. Communications supported the Recreation Bureau in this project, and several IDPR employees model good behavior on camera. The spots will air this spring and summer on television, Facebook, YouTube, among other media.



- Chelsea Chambers, who is president of the Idaho Environmental Forum, organized and led the group's January 18th Policy Forum, which included discussions with legislators, land managers and policy experts. She represented IDPR well.
- Met in December with the firm OuterSpatial, a leading provider of recreation-focused mobile device applications, a capability requested by IDPR board members and staff. While the study team was highly impressed by what the company has to offer, the project has been put on hold pending the outcome of the Request for Proposals for IDPR's Recreational Management System that the Reservations & Registrations Program currently has before the public. The request calls for a mobile app, so the winning vendor will be asked to provide one. OuterSpatial may remain in the mix, depending on the winner.
- Several of our news releases generated coverage, advising the public about construction impacts, upcoming events, and public comment opportunities.
 - January 4, 2024 - [Main Entrance to Eagle Island State Park to Close Monday, January 2024; Visitors Can Access Park Off Linder Road/Hatchery Road](#)
 - December 15, 2023 - [Upcoming Winter Events with Idaho Parks and Recreation](#)
 - December 6, 2023 - [Idaho Parks and Recreation Accepting Public Comment on Replacement of Two Heyburn State Park Marinas](#)



- Communications worked with Eagle Island State Park and the Development Bureau to notify the public of a relatively quick change in the park access due to the campground construction needs. Public access was moved from the main entrance off State Highway 44/State Street to Hatchery Road, off Linder Road, the old park entrance. More than 75 people now subscribe to our construction e-newsletter, and this schedule change may have provided more incentive for others to sign up.



- **Social Media Engagement** – Between all park and recreation pages, the agency has 185,211 followers on Facebook. This is an increase of 9,262 since our last board update. The agency also has 108,705 followers on the combined Instagram accounts.
 - The End-of-Year Social Media Digital Dashboard for 2023 has been completed and is available for review. Some of the highlights include:
 - 1.15 million website visits
 - 7,021,758 people reached on Facebook alone.
 - 334,777 followers across all platforms, an increase of 71,097 since 2022. This includes an impressive 76 percent increase on LinkedIn and

nominal increases on all other platforms, including 14% growth on Facebook, 9% on Instagram, and 14% on YouTube.

- The redesigned park-and-program guide is about to go out to print. Ward Hooper, who has been IDPR's resident artist and creator of our park logos and posters, designed the new guide. Its focus has been expanded to include information about our rec programs, giving the public the basics on boating, off-roading, snowmobiling and non-motorized trail use as well as the information about the parks and the activities to be found at each.



Old park guide

- The Communications Department is helping plan the upcoming May 2024 Rocky Mountain State Park Conference (RMSPEC), which rotates throughout the northwest and this year will be in Coeur d'Alene.

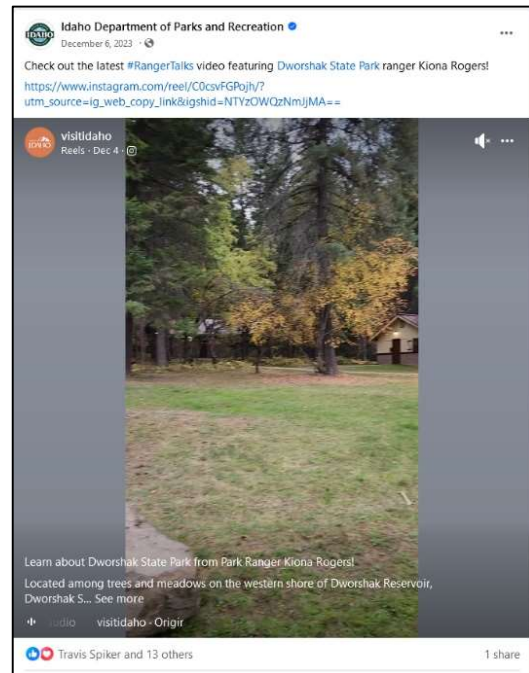
Interpretation and Environmental Education

- The Interpretation Team met in October 2023 at Dworshak and will be meeting again in March 2024 at Thousand Springs. The main goals of these meetings are to organize information distribution for the rest of the agency, identify resources and partnerships to stretch funding, evaluate current programming, and to plan cultural and natural resource inventories.
- The group is currently working on restructuring the Junior Ranger program. Their aim is to simplify the program as cut down on costs. They found a vendor at the National Association of Interpretation Conference that designs projects like these for free, which ultimately saves the agencies thousands of dollars in graphic design costs.
- The agency continues to leverage partnerships to expand educational programming across the state. Some invaluable partnerships include Project Learning Tree, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Project WET, McCall Outdoor Science School, the University of Idaho, and more.
- Both Boise State University and the University of Idaho are hosting a course in which their main project will be interpretation within Idaho State Parks. U of I's course is focused specifically on re-doing the interpretative signage at Massacre Rocks, while BSU's is more open-ended, and students can decide to craft a program, sign, or other interpretive resource.
- Chelsea developed—with the help of HR's Lupe Arteaga, and continues to improve upon, the [IDPR Interpretation Sharepoint page](#), which houses a wealth of resources including pre-made programming, free/low cost trainings, educational contacts, and the meeting minutes and agendas.

Sponsors and Partners

- Communications continues to talk to and work with [Together Outdoors](#), a coalition of land managers and other recreation partners that champion diversity and inclusion, about partnering to become more welcoming to under-represented communities. Chelsea and Lupe Arteaga (IDPR HR) completed their introductory course this October 2023, entitled Elevate Outdoors.

- Continuing to work with the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) on the Summer Reading Program passes. More than 60,000 passes are distributed through the state library system. They plan to expand the program in summer 2024 as the theme for ICfL this year is “Adventure Beyond...”
- Department of Commerce/Tourism and IDPR’s Ranger Talks social media series. Seven videos have been put out so far, totaling more than 100,000 plays. A few recent examples include [Three Island Crossing](#) and [Ponderosa](#). Chelsea and her colleague at Commerce, Cristin Wondergem, plan to visit and highlight all parks within two years.
- ITD and IDPR *Roads to Recreation* social media campaign, which makes a link between our parks and the transportation system that connects them to visitors. Some of those include [Farragut State Park](#) and [Lake Cascade](#). North Idaho is in the works.
- The Idaho Fish and Game Loaner Fishing Rod program continues to grow into more parks. Chelsea will be presenting information about this valuable partnership in May 2024 at the National Outdoor Recreation Conference for the Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals.
- IDPR will be teaming up with the City of Meridian Parks and Recreation Department to combine the efforts of RecFest and the Unplug and Be Outside Events. This will occur in May 2024.
- IDPR is in year 2 of the Governor’s Challenge for Suicide Prevention Among Veterans, Service Members, and their Families. This important work includes hosting relevant trainings for parks staff to be better equipped to handle the many crisis situations they encounter, including suicide attempts within their parks. The parks also serve as a community resource hub for information, especially in rural areas. A Veterans Resource Guide postcard in at nearly all park visitor centers.



Miscellaneous/Reminders/Follow-Up

- Continuing work with Idaho Commerce and Madden Media to produce a new educational video for the Old Mission, one we would like to finish in coming months.
- Seeking general fundraising and relationship building opportunities.
- Facilitating all agency-related information requests (Idaho Public Records Act) and serving as primary media contacts.

- Producing miscellaneous agency brochure revisions, news releases, web updates, and social media posts, etc.
- Handling special projects as needed – presentations, legislative needs, talking points, speeches, graphics, printing jobs, and web updates.
- The branded retail program continues and has prompted many additional bulk purchases across the agency, saving thousands of dollars in overall retail costs. Some of the branded products for this year included a Sasquatch koozie, patch, and stickers.



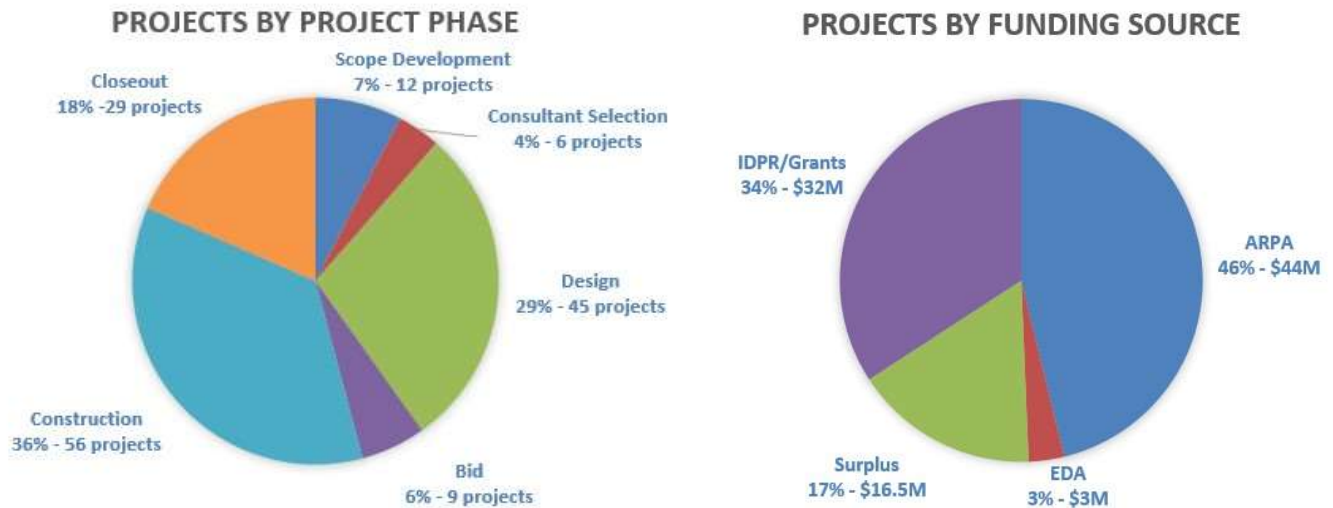
October – November - December 2023

DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

Bureau Chief – Melanie Schuster

GENERAL UPDATE

With more than 150 active projects the Development Bureau is busier than ever with no end in sight. Active projects now total over \$95.6 million with \$85 million more to be spent in the next few years. With \$15 million in additional ARPA funding anticipated next year project funding sources for specific projects may shift around to prioritize the spending of all ARPA funds by 2026. With the use of Design-Build contracting many projects can get a jumpstart on the construction process by starting urgent elements right away that do not need significant design. This shortens the overall schedule by being able to simultaneously build and design different parts of the project. The charts below illustrate where projects currently are in the development process by project phase and funding source.



After the initial evaluation of the historic structures at Harriman this summer, ten buildings have already been reroofed with roofing slated to start again in March. Several structures are having bat abatement done to remove damaged materials and seal the structures to keep bats from returning. Related to the bat abatement many more bat boxes are being built as well as a larger bat house under direction of the Fish & Game Wildlife Coordinator to deter bats from returning to the houses. Nathan Powers is doing a great job at keeping up with how much is going on at Harriman. The continued waterline breaks and sewer blockages at Heyburn State Park exhibits how important it is to address deferred maintenance. Fortunately, with the ARPA funding available these important infrastructure repairs can be made to prepare the park for continued operation. While it might seem that Erik Ryan and Lucas Wingert have a full-time job just dealing with Heyburn State Park that is just a small part of what they are responsible for.



IDPR ARPA TRACKING - July 2022 to December 2026

updated 2/02/24

Project #	Park	Project Name	Earmarked Budget	Allocated Budget	Obligated Budget	Expended as of 1/24/2024	Planned Start Date	Actual Start Date	Planned Completion	Actual Completion
300037	North Region	Minor Maintenance	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$135,074	\$132,009	July 2022	July 2022	Dec 2025	
300038	South Region	Minor Maintenance	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$187,240	\$164,005	July 2022	July 2022	Dec 2025	
300039	East Region	Minor Maintenance	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$47,754	\$54,154	Aug 2023	April 2023	Dec 2025	
300040	DWO/PRI	North Region Vault Toilets	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$0	\$0	Aug 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2024	
310112	Priest Lake	Priest Lake CG Elec & Water Upgrades	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	Sept 2022	Sept 2022	June 2023	June 2023
310333	Round Lake	Tree House Camping	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	Aug 2023	Oct 2023	Dec 2024	
310413	TCDA	TCDA Bike-in Campsites	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$49,920	\$42,813	April 2023	June 2023	Dec 2024	
310531	Farragut	Peterson Group Camp	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$242,881	\$138,912	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	June 2025	
310532	Farragut	Buttonhook Bay Improvements & Dock	\$700,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	Aug 2023		Dec 2024	
310611	Old Mission	Pathway Repairs and ADA Access	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Dec 2023	
310731	Mowry	Campground Development	\$1,000,000	\$200,000	\$20,224	\$20,224	Dec 2023		Dec 2025	
310815	Heyburn	Lakeview Cottage Renovations	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	Jan 2023	Jan 2023	May 2023	
310816	Heyburn	Rocky Point Lodge Parking Lot	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$131,291	Sept 2022	Sept 2022	Nov 2023	
310831	Heyburn	Wastewater Facility Repairs	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$1,445,093	\$1,360,700	Jan 2023	Jan 2023	Dec 2025	
310832	Heyburn	Replace Rocky Point Docks	\$2,000,000	\$200,000	\$37,618	\$87	April 2023	May 2023	Dec 2024	
310931	CDA Parkway	Higgins Point Improvements	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$2,000	\$1,611	March 2023	March 2023	Dec 2024	
320215	Dworshak	Freeman Creek Phase 2 Waterline Upgrades	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	April 2023	April 2023	Dec 2023	
320233	Dworshak	Surface Water Intake Replacement	\$1,800,000	\$200,000	\$219,305	\$29,148	May 2023	May 2023	Dec 2025	
320312	Hells Gate	Hells Gate Marina Restroom Upgrades	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$124,764	Jan 2023	Jan 2023	May 2023	
320392	Hells Gate	Marina Dock Replacement Ph 2	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$660,000	\$523,537	July 2023	July 2023	Dec 2024	
320396	Hells Gate	Bike-in Camping	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$18,900	\$16,377	April 2023	June 2023	Dec 2024	
320531	Winchester	New Yurts	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Dec 2024	
330133	Ponderosa	Kokanee Cove Renovations	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$479,542	\$373,059	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Dec 2025	
330231	Eagle Island	RV Campground	\$5,500,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$163,390	Jan 2023	Jan 2023	Dec 2024	
330233	Eagle Island	Calf Barn Reroof & Building Stabilization	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$381,062	\$362,812	March 2023	April 2023	Dec 2023	
330432	Idaho City	Backcountry Yurt System Expansion	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	July 2023		Dec 2026	
330513	Bruneau Dunes	New Observatory	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	Aug 2022	Aug 2022	May 2023	May 2023
340332	Thousand Sp.	Thousand Springs Vault Toilets	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$202	\$106	March 2023	April 2023	June 2024	
340333	Thousand Sp.	Replace Water Lines to Ritter Island	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$53,370	\$49,069	July 2022	July 2022	Dec 2023	
340542	Castle Rocks	Ranch Unit Bridge Replacement	\$300,000	\$300,000		\$33,293				
350133	Massacre Rocks	Sewage System Replacement	\$1,000,000	\$200,000	\$67,450	\$35,144	May 2023	May 2023	May 2025	
350134	Massacre Rocks	East Fork Campground	\$9,966	\$9,966	\$9,966	\$9,966		on hold		
350311	Bear Lake	East Beach CG Ph 2 Elec Upgrades	\$132,000	\$132,000	\$132,000	\$132,000	Aug 2022	Aug 2022	June 2023	June 2023
350321	Bear Lake	East Beach CG Water Upgrades	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	Aug 2022	Aug 2022	June 2023	June 2023
350332	Bear Lake	Bear Lake Vault Toilets	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$181,397	\$181,397	Aug 2022	Aug 2022	June 2023	June 2023
350333	Bear Lake	East Beach Renovations	\$750,000	\$200,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	May 2022	March 2023	Dec 2024	
360132	Harriman	Water & Septic System Upgrade	\$2,000,000	\$200,000	\$158,800	\$78,587	March 2023	March 2023	Dec 2025	
360133	Harriman	Harriman Fish Pond Campground	\$1,000,000	\$200,000	\$44	\$44	May 2023		Dec 2024	
360231	Henry's Lake	Phase 2 Waterline Upgrades	\$528,200	\$528,200	\$528,200	\$528,200	July 2022	July 2022	Dec 2022	Nov 2022
360232	Henry's Lake	Sewer Connection	\$2,000,000	\$200,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	July 2022	July 2022	Dec 2026	
360233	Henry's Lake	Campground Expansion	\$3,000,000	\$200,000	\$107,390	\$39,632	Jan 2023	Jan 2023	Dec 2024	
360531	LOYF	LOYF Camping Improvements	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$2,561,971	\$2,561,971	June 2023	April 2023	Dec 2026	
	Statewide	Day Use Area Development	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Aug 2023	Dec 2023	Dec 2025	
300035	Statewide	Statewide Employee Housing	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$93,199	\$22,132	Aug 2023	Sept 2023	Dec 2025	
300036	Statewide	Road & Bridge	\$200,000	\$1,000,000	\$181,300	\$118,804	Jan 2023	Jan 2023	Dec 2025	
	Statewide	ARPA Contingency	\$158,834	\$8,708,834						
Project Totals			\$45,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$10,890,902	\$9,828,237				

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



IDPR SURPLUS TRACKING

updated 2/8/24

Project #	Park	Project Name	Earmarked Budget	Allocated Budget	Obligated Budget	Expended as of 1/24/2024	Project Start	Project Completion
3000247	North Region	North Region Minor Maintenance Program	\$666,667	\$666,667	\$159,348	\$18,417	Oct 2023	
3000248	South Region	South Region Minor Maintenance Program	\$666,667	\$666,667	\$77,828	\$18,200	Oct 2023	
3000249	East Region	East Region Minor Maintenance Program	\$666,666	\$666,666	\$62,674	\$21,082	Oct 2023	
	Ashton-Tetonia	AT Trailhead Planning	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
360432	Ashton-Tetonia	Visitor Center Upgrades	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$45,000	\$3,821	June 2023	
	Ashton-Tetonia	AT Bridge Repair	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Bear Lake	North Beach Gangways at Docks	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Bruneau Dunes	Repair Old Observatory	\$220,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Bruneau Dunes	Ranger Residence Repair	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
330512	Bruneau Dunes	Steele Reese Housing Conversion	\$17,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Sept 2023	
3305242	Bruneau Dunes	Install Planitarium in Observatory	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$189,434	July 2023	
330513	Bruneau Dunes	Landscape Upgrades at Observatory	\$99,500	\$99,500	\$99,500	\$99,500	May 2023	
330513	Bruneau Dunes	Paving throughout the park	\$1,250,500	\$1,250,500	\$1,250,500	\$1,250,500	April 2023	
340532	Castle Rocks	Lodge Deck Refurbishment	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$100,817	\$0	July 2023	
3405243	Castle Rocks	Bunk House Replace Siding & Concrete	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$79,085	\$0	July 2023	
	Castle Rocks	Graham Canyon Unit Trailhead Amenities	\$430,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Castle Rocks	Remodel Staff Housing	\$170,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Dworshak	Upgrade/Replace Wastewater System	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
3202243	Dworshak	Evaluation/Design of Wastewater System	\$200,000	\$200,000			June 2023	
320241	Dworshak	Big Eddy Lodge Exterior Restain	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$138,696	\$102,786	June 2023	
320234	Dworshak	Big Eddy Lodge Replace Deck	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$7,309	\$7,309	April 2023	
3202244	Dworshak	Volunteer Sites Upgrade and Expand	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$0	\$0	June 2023	
320232	Dworshak	Big Eddy Lodge Flooring - Additional Funding	\$13,209	\$13,209	\$13,209	\$0	Nov 2023	
	Eagle Island	Slaughterhouse Demo & Abatement	\$250,500	\$0	\$0	\$0		
3302243	Eagle Island	Dormitory Partial Demo & Abatement	\$109,500	\$109,500	\$109,500	\$0	Oct 2023	
	Eagle Island	Reconfigure Main Parking Lot	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
3302242	Eagle Island	Reroof Maintenance Yard Shop	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$15,985	\$15,186	Oct 2023	
3302241	Eagle Island	Dairy Barn Reroof	\$114,600	\$114,600	\$114,600	\$108,870	Sept 2023	
	Farragut	Snowberry Shower House Replacement	\$700,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Farragut	Eagle Boat Launch Road Grind and Pave	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Farragut	Eagle Break Water Repairs	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Farragut	New Central Entrance Complex	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Farragut	Residence #2 Remodel	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$71,034	\$71,034	May 2023	
	Farragut	Waterline Repairs	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Farragut	New Visitor Center	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Farragut	Peterson Group CG Additional Funding	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Harriman	Historic Building Reroof & Chimney Repairs	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,047,279	\$1,156,178	July 2023	
	Harriman	Manager House Repairs	\$117,441	\$117,441	\$117,441	\$16,590	July 2023	
	Harriman	Assit. Manager House Repairs	\$117,591	\$117,591	\$117,591	\$16,590	July 2023	
	Harriman	Replace HVAC/Remove Fuel Tanks	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$153,250	\$10,101	July 2023	
	Harriman	New Welcome Center Design	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$210	\$210	Oct 2023	
	Harriman	Paving John Muir Trail	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$31,000	\$6,618	June 2023	
	Harriman	Jones House Bathroom Remodel	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0	July 2023	
	Harriman	Ranch Office Remodel	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	July 2023	
	Harriman	Thurman Creeek Bridge Replacement - Design	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Headquarters	Fire Alarm System Upgrades	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$186,819	\$87,719	July 2023	
	Hells Gate	Table and Fire Ring Replacement	\$530,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
320397	Hells Gate	Camper Cabin Improvements	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$114,614	\$0	Sept 2023	
	Hells Gate	Marina Loading Dock Replacement	\$465,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Hells Gate	Marina Dock Replacement - C&D docks	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Hells Gate	Fueling Dock Upgrades	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Henrys Lake	Staff Cabin Repairs	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Henrys Lake	Boat Ramp Concrete Replacement	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$10,000	\$0	Oct 2023	
	Heyburn	Chatcolet Boat Ramp Replacement	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Heyburn	Plummer Creek Footbridge Replacement	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		



	Heyburn	Chatcolet Pave Parking & Install Runoff	\$1,720,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Heyburn	Plummer Creek Bridge Evaluation	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$49,972	\$11,499	July 2023
	Heyburn	Chat Marina & Parking Design	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	June 2023
	Heyburn	Replace Chat Marina	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Heyburn	Rocky Point Fueling Station Repair	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	June 2023
	Heyburn	Rocky Point Dock Replacement	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Heyburn	Bike Path Design from VC to TOCA	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Lake Cascade	Shoreline Erosion Huckleberry & Snowbank	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Lake Cascade	Upgrade Paving Blue Heron Campground	\$1,260,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0	Oct 2023
	Lake Cascade	Upgrade Communications System	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Lake Cascade	Buttercup & Sage Bluff Drainage Issues	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Lake Cascade	Provide Permanent Staff Housing	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3307242	Lake Cascade	Ridgeview Shower House Reroof	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$38,805	\$0	Nov 2023
	Lake Cascade	New Utility Building Additional Funding	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Lake Walcott	Parkwide Water System Upgrades	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Lake Walcott	Campground Electric Upgrades	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Lake Walcott	Pavement and Pathway Repairs	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	LOYF	Challis Hot Springs CG & Infrastructure	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	LOYF	Bayhorse Preservation	\$845,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	LOYF	Exterior Painting - Additional Funding	\$24,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Lucky Peak	Maintenance Shop/Storage Planning	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Lucky Peak	Replace Irrigation Pumps SS & Discso	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0	\$0	
	Lucky Peak	Elec Gates, Security Cameras, Kiosk Mods	\$140,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Massacre Rocks	Ranger Residence Repairs	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Massacre Rocks	Parking Lot Improvements	\$675,000	\$675,000	\$48,163	\$22,209	July 2023
	Massacre Rocks	East Region Crew Shop Housing	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	McCroskey	Skyline Drive Road Repairs	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Old Mission	Visitor Center Seurity System Replacement	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Old Mission	Repaint Old Mission - additional funding	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	July 2023
	Old Mission	Old Mission Pathway Repair	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Ponderosa	Ranger House Remodels	\$115,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Ponderosa	Two Double Vault Toilets at North Beach	\$450,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Ponderosa	Visitor Center Reroof	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$58,647	Nov 2023
	Ponderosa	Chockcherry Elec & Water Line Improvements	\$1,750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Ponderosa	Replace North Beach & Lily Marsh Bridges	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3301244	Ponderosa	Deluxe Cabins Sidewalks	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$28,120	Nov 2023
	Ponderosa	Kokanee Cove Additional Funding	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Ponderosa	RR Upgrade Activity Center - Additional Funding	\$64,000	\$64,000	\$64,000	\$64,000	May 2023
	Priest Lake	Paving Indian Creek & ADA Improvements	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$567,509	Sept 2023
	Priest Lake	Paint Indian Creek Buildings	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Round Lake	Vehicle Pole Buildng Replacement	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Round Lake	Install Tranfer Switches and Generators	\$210,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Round Lake	Visitor Center Design	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Thousand Springs	Remodel Manager House	\$125,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	
	Thousand Springs	Repaint Buildngs	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Three Island	Campgrounds Asphalt Repairs	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Three Island	Refurbish Old RV Dump Station	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Three Island	Trailside CG Host Site	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	TOC	TOC Vaults Interior & Exterior Painting	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
310414	TOC	TOC Boundary Survey	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$49,900	\$0	Oct 2023
	TOC	Replace Post & Chains	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	TOC	Repaint Bridges	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3205241	Winchester Lake	Staff House Repairs	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$11,577	\$9,422	July 2023
	Winchester Lake	Campground ADA Pathway	\$70,000	\$70,000			June 2023
	Winchester Lake	Appaloosa/Yurt Loop Waterline Replacement	\$250,000	\$250,000			June 2023
	Statewide	Future Park Acquisitions	\$5,000,000	\$2,860,000	\$4,500	\$4,500	Nov 2023
300035	Statewide	Statewide Employee Housing	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Sept 2023
300046	Statewide	Statewide Park Residence Repairs	\$1,296,000	\$285,968	\$0	\$0	May 2023
300047	Statewide	Statewide Natural Resource Protection	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$80,325	\$53,125	Aug 2023
	Statewide	Surplus Unassigned/Contingency	\$19,513,059				
Surplus Project Totals			\$90,000,000	\$15,704,909	\$7,269,130	\$4,149,173	
			Earmarked Budget	Allocated Budget	Obligated Budget	Expended as of 12/20/2023	

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

NORTH REGION

Project Number and Name Status

310112 – Priest Lake Campground Electrical Upgrades Closeout
Electrical upgrades are complete. Project is in the closeout process.



Priest Lake Campground Electrical Upgrades

3101242 – Priest Lake Campground and ADA Improvements Construction.
Defined living pads were built for all eastside sites (1-51). The west side of the campground was repaved and ADA access improved. This spring, new fire rings will be installed, existing paved areas will be seal coated, and restriped.

310132 – Priest Lake Replace Group Camp RR/Shower Building Design
A Design-Build team has been selected to deliver the project in combination with the Lionhead Entrance Station project. The team met onsite in October for the initial scoping meeting. The Design-Build team is now in the programming phase.

310141 – Priest Lake Lionhead Entrance Station Design
Design-Build team has been selected to deliver the project in combination with the Group Camp RR/Shower project. The team met onsite in October for the initial scoping meeting. The Design-Build team is now in the programming phase.

DPW23883 – Priest Lake Visitor Center Fire Sprinkler Design
This DPW Deferred Maintenance funded project is awaiting DPW admin approval. Design is complete and the project is scheduled for spring 2024 construction.

Project Number and Name	Status
DPW23883 – Priest Lake Visitor Center Re-Stain and Paint This DPW Deferred Maintenance funded project will be accomplished by a Design-Build team in Spring 2024.	Design
DPW23883 – Priest Lake Indian Creek Store Reroof This DPW Deferred Maintenance funded project will be accomplished by a Design-Build team in Spring 2024.	Design
310321 – Round Lake Campground Improvements The project is underway with a Design-Build team. Defined camping pads have been installed in the lower loop (Sites 8-24). Parking spurs in the upper loop will be realigned as needed and camping pads will be installed Spring 2024. Four campsites will be made accessible.	Construction



Round Lake Campground Improvements

310332 – Round Lake Electric & Water Upgrades Design-Build team is working on design to provide electric and water to Sites 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 40-51.	Design
310333 – Round Lake Treehouse Overnights– ARPA Design-Build team is working on design to build two treehouses overlooking the lake.	Design
310341 – Round Lake Reroof Park Residence Project will be added to existing Round Lake Design-Build contract. Construction is scheduled for Spring 2024.	Bidding
DPW23883 – Round Lake Visitor Center Roof and Chimney Repair This DPW Deferred Maintenance funded project will be accomplished by a Design-Build team in Spring 2024.	Design

Project Number and Name	Status
310412 – Trail of CDA Land Acquisition & Construct Maintenance Shop Design is complete and has been submitted to IDOPL for plan review with construction starting Spring 2024.	Design
310413 – Trail of CDA Bike-In Campsites - ARPA Design submitted for annexation into local sewer district and permitting review with IDOPL. Bidding method to be determined and construction is planned for Summer 2024.	Bidding
310414 – Trail of CDA Survey Trail Boundaries Surveyor is under contract to survey the trail heading west from the shop ten miles to the county line.	Design
310441 – Trail of CDA Install Crosswalk Indicator Signs Project in scope development.	Scope Development
310531 – Farragut Peterson Campground – ARPA Schematic design is complete, beginning work on design development.	Design
310532 – Farragut Buttonhook Bay Infrastructure Improvement– ARPA Working on Design-Build RFQ for dock replacement and other improvements.	Scope Development
310541 – Farragut Connect VC & Brig to Fiber Optic Development 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.	Bidding
310542 –Farragut Staff House 2 Remodel – Surplus Staff house #2 remodel is complete, close out documents are in place and project is ready to close out.	Close Out
DPW23883 – Farragut Brig Reroof and Ceiling Replacement On this DPW Deferred Maintenance funded project asbestos containing materials were found within the roofing system which will need to be abated, DPW will pay for abatement through a separate funding source. The Design-Build team is evaluating some of the minor structural issues and will soon issue a report of findings. Project abatement and construction is scheduled for Summer 2024.	Design
310611 – Old Mission Church Porch Repair, Path Repair & Lift Replacement Lift replacement and porch repair portion of project have been completed. The path repair has just received approval from the tribe and is being scheduled for Spring 2024 construction.	Construction
310731- Mowry New Campground – ARPA Request for Qualifications for a Design-Build team have been received. The selection Process is underway to choose the most qualified team for development of a camping area to serve Mowry House and any needed repairs and modifications to the house.	Consultant Selection
310741 – Mowry House Siding and Foundation Repairs See project 310731	Consultant Selection

Project Number and Name	Status
<p>310815 – Heyburn Replace Lake View Cottage Foundation Project is Substantially Complete, remaining punch list items will be completed as soon as weather allows. Working towards project close out.</p>	Close Out
<p>310816 – Heyburn Lodge Remodel - State Surplus The lodge remodel and furniture purchase are substantially complete. Site work for accessible access, drainage, and parking is scheduled for Spring 2024.</p>	Construction
<p>310824 – Heyburn Rocky Point Fuel Dispenser Replacement The project will be incorporated into the marina dock replacement project. The fueling station and marina store may be moved to the Chatcolet marina.</p>	Design
<p>310831 – Heyburn Wastewater Facility Repairs– ARPA Water main replacement from Plummer Creek to the Visitor Center is complete. Design basis memo and initial cost estimates are complete for repairs to the wastewater facility. Working on lift station replacement design and chlorination design. Emergency repairs complete for plugged sewer force main between Chatcolet and the treatment plant.</p>	Construction
<p>310832 – Heyburn Rocky Point Dock Replacement– ARPA Initial concepts have been received for the Rocky Point and Chatcolet marinas. Schematic design to continue with public input meeting in May.</p>	Design
<p>3108241 – Heyburn Plummer Creek Bridge Study - Surplus Feasibility study for the bridge replacement is complete. Replacement cost is estimated to be around \$4M.</p>	Design
<p>310924 – CDA Parkway Rehabilitate & Vault Toilets Project will be closed when all paperwork has been received.</p>	Close Out



CDA Parkway Rehabilitate & Vault Toilets

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
310931 – Higgins Point Improvements – ARPA Construction Trail work is complete. A Design-Build RFQ is being prepared to select the project team for dock related work.	Consultant Selection
320181- McCroskey Redtail Primitive Campground& Shelters Design is complete. University of Idaho will present their findings regarding site impact and public opinion in mid-March.	Design
320141- McCroskey Develop Group Shelter, Toilet, Parking See Project 320181.	Design
320215 – Dworshak Replace Freeman Creek Water Lines The project has been on hold pending Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approval. USACE has now provided a review timeline projecting that approval may be received in May. Working with Design-Build team to see if they can complete the work this year without receiving approval to proceed until May.	Design
320231 - Dworshak Water Tower Inspections The tanks have been inspected and park staff will complete needed repairs. Project is ready for closeout.	Close Out
320232 – Dworshak Replace Carpet Big Eddy Lodge (DPW Delegated Project) The flooring service contractor has completed flooring installation, and the project is Substantially Complete. Paperwork is being gathered for project closeout.	Close Out
320233 – Dworshak Surface Water Intake Replacement – ARPA Contracts have been signed with the engineer to get the project under design. The Preliminary Engineering Report has been received for review.	Design
320241 – Dworshak Big Eddy VC Re-Stain- Surplus The initial re-stain project is complete. A change order has been issued to add storage enclosure replacement, replace roof screws on metal roof, and paint metal stairs and landing. Weather has delayed completion of the project with remaining work to be completed Spring 2024.	Construction
320242 – Dworshak Big Eddy VC Deck Replacement– Surplus Structural design is complete; construction documents have been reviewed and approved. Waiting for the Corps of Engineers (USACE) approval to proceed with the project. Construction is scheduled for Spring 2024 if USACE approval is received.	Design
3202243 – Dworshak Wastewater Upgrades The Design-Build team is proceeding with wastewater system evaluation and recommendations for Freeman Creek and Three Meadows.	Design
3202244 – Dworshak Volunteer Site Expansion The Design-Build has started evaluation of the project.	Design
320311 – Hells Gate Repair & Resurface Trails Construction is complete and punch list is scheduled for early February 2024.	Construction

Project Number and Name	Status
<p>320321 – Hells Gate Sewer System & Facility Upgrade The Design-Build team is proceeding with non-ground disturbing activities and other parts of the project are in design.</p>	Design
<p>320392 – Hells Gate Marina Mooring Dock Replacement New marina docks installed. Working on change order to add two additional dock fingers and replace the loading dock near the concession building. Investigation is underway as to why static electricity is building up on the docks.</p>	Construction
<p>320396 – Hells Gate Bike-In Camping Design is complete. Waiting for the Corps of Engineers (USACE) approval to proceed with the project. Construction scheduling is pending per USACE approval.</p>	Design
<p>320397 – Hells Gate Camper Cabin Upgrades Project is under contract with a service contractor to replace the HVAC units. Construction is complete with punch list scheduled in early February 2024.</p>	Construction
<p>320531 – Winchester Additional Yurts – ARPA Design is underway with preliminary pricing from Design-Build contractor. Construction to start Summer 2024.</p>	Design
<p>3205241 – Winchester Staff House Repairs Staff house floor covering has been completed. Next phase of work is being contracted.</p>	Construction
<p>3205242 – Winchester ADA Pathway The project is in design with construction to start fall 2024.</p>	Design
<p>3205243 - Winchester Appaloosa Water Line Replacement The project is in design with construction to start fall 2024.</p>	Design
<p>300037 – North Region Maintenance – ARPA Priest Lake Indian Creek Entrance Station Floor Replacement and Upgrade will be completed Spring of 2024.</p>	Construction
<p>300037 – North Region Maintenance – ARPA Priest Lake Indian Creek Shower/Restroom building floor painting project has been completed and is in closeout.</p>	Close Out
<p>300040 – North Region Vault Toilets – ARPA Priest Lake Lionhead, double vault replacement with ADA parking and host site septic permit applications submitted. Working with Design-Build Contractor for proposal. Installation planned for Fall 2024 depending on lead time for vault.</p>	Design

SOUTH REGION

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
330113 – Ponderosa Shed Replacement This project is substantially complete as of December 2023. Roll-up doors are being added for building and vehicle security.	Close Out
330121 - Ponderosa Blackberry Loop Water & Elec Upgrades Blackberry loop is complete. We will be moving forward with the final phase by completing Chokecherry Loop next fall.	Construction
330131 – Ponderosa RR Upgrade Activity Center (DPW Delegated Project) Project is complete. Close out documents are being collected for project close out.	Close Out
330132 – Ponderosa New Utility Building See project 330113.	Close Out



Ponderosa Linen Storage Facility

330133 – Ponderosa Kokanee Cove Dev & Renovations– ARPA Tree clearing/natural mitigation is scheduled for winter 2024 for road access and water lines into the area. Water lines will start in Spring 2024 as soon as weather allows as will clearing the access road. The Seasonal House will restart as soon as the weather permits.	Construction
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<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
330141 – Ponderosa Reroof Ranger Residence A Project is complete, gathering close out documentation.	Close Out
330142 – Ponderosa Reroof Ranger Residence B Determining project scope.	Scoping
330142 – Ponderosa Visitor Center Reroof Project is complete, gathering close out documentation.	Close Out
3301442 – Ponderosa Cabin Sidewalks Project is complete, gathering close out documentation.	Close Out
330231 – Eagle Island RV Campground Construction began in October 2023. Mass grading, pond excavation, lift station and dewatering have taken place. Unforeseen site conditions have impacted the project on the campground side. Completion is anticipated in the late fall of 2024.	Construction



Eagle Island RV Campground – Excavating Pond

Project Number and Name

Status

330233 – Eagle Island Calf Barn Re-Roof & Stabilization– ARPA

Construction

The Calf Barn has been cleaned with all openings secured to prevent birds and unauthorized entry. The building has been stabilized and roofing completed. The area is being evaluated for further security measures to deter vandalism.



Eagle Island Calf Barn Reroof

Project Number and Name

Status

302241 – Eagle Island Dairy Barn Reroof

Close Out

The Dairy Barn has been reroofed and the project is in close out.



Eagle Island Dairy Barn Reroofing

3302242 – Eagle Island Shop Storage Building Reroof

Construction

The building has been reroofed and the project is in close out.



Eagle Island Storage Building Reroofing

Project Number and Name	Status
<p>3302243 – Eagle Island Dorm Abatement Work has started to clear the vegetation from around the building. The next step will be abatement and demolishing the roof and floor while saving the exterior walls as an interpretive feature.</p>	Construction
<p>330432 – Lucky Peak Idaho City Additional Yurts– ARPA The Rec Bureau is coordinating with USFS for approval of the new yurt locations. Approval for one yurt at the old Whispering Pines site is projected for February 2024.</p>	Consultant Selection
<p>330441 – Lucky Peak Sandy Point Erosion Control Working on getting the engineer under contract for design services.</p>	Consultant Selection
<p>330511 – Bruneau Observatory Parking & Pathway Repair See project 330513.</p>	Closeout
<p>330512 – Bruneau Staff Housing Pilot Program Interior demolition at the Steele-Reese Building is complete and renovations to create living space has started. Completion is planned for spring 2024.</p>	Construction
<p>330513 – Bruneau Dunes Observatory Replacement (State Surplus/ARPA) The new observatory was completed, and the public opening was in October 2023. The new observatory has seen significant visitation since opening and a planetarium was added. The project is now in the close out process.</p>	Close Out



Bruneau Dunes New Observatory and Planetarium

Project Number and Name

Status

330521 – Bruneau Observatory Repairs

Scope Development

Due to increased visitation since the opening of the new observatory IDPR is reviewing potential solutions to repair the existing observatory. The channel that tracks the casters has deteriorated to the point that it doesn't allow the observatory to rotate.



Bruneau Dunes Rail Deterioration at Old Observatory

330541 – Bruneau Dunes New Irrigation Well

Design

An engineer has determined that the well capacity is sufficient. Water quality and soil need to be investigated to come up with a solution.

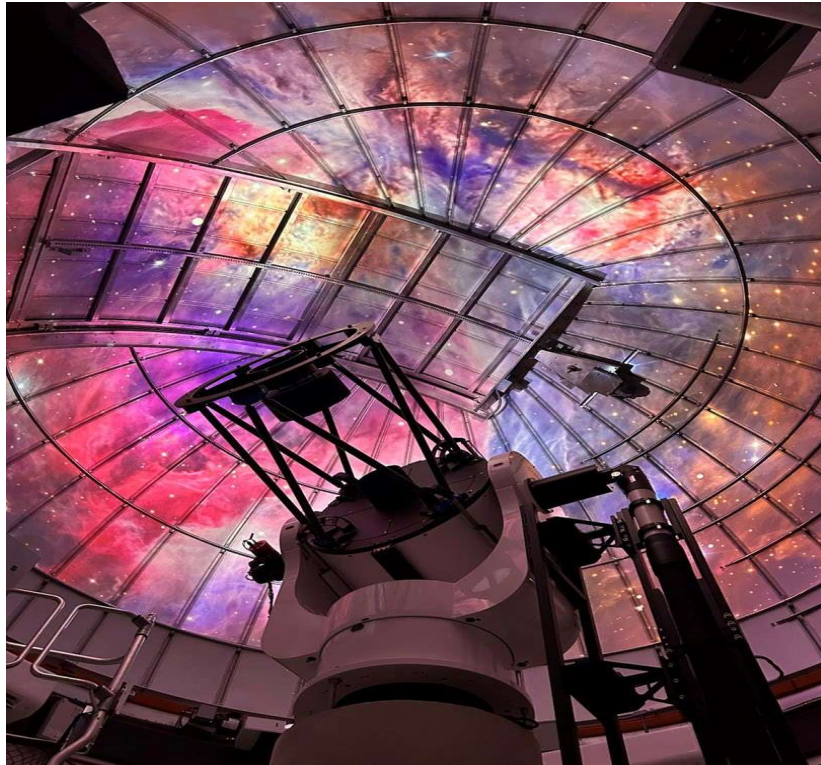
Project Number and Name

Status

3305242 – Bruneau Dunes Planetarium - Surplus

Close Out

The planetarium installation in the observatory has been completed and is in operation within the new observatory. Project is in the closeout process.



Bruneau Dunes Planetarium

330641 – Three Island Irrigation Pump & Control Upgrades

Bidding

Negotiating with a service contractor on pricing. Work to be completed Spring 2024.

330642 – Three Island Renovate Old VC Restroom

Design

Design contract is in place. Working on schematic design to deliver approved construction documents. Bid Spring 2024 for Fall construction.

3307241 – Lake Cascade Dock Replacements

Construction

The docks and concrete work have been completed. It was planned to have the entire Blue Heron Campground repaved due to deteriorated asphalt, During compaction of the subgrade, pumping of the soil due to ground water was evident. When conditions allow, the area will be excavated and have rock placed to bridge the soil and pavement applied.

3307242 – Lake Cascade Ridgeview CG Shower House Re-Roof

Close Out

Project is complete and contractor is gathering close out documents.

330733 – Lake Cascade New Utility Building

Bidding

The design package is awaiting approval from DOPL. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2024.

330764 – Lake Cascade Blue Heron & VanWyck Docks/Pilings

Close Out

This project is in close out, see 3307241 for continuation of the project.

Project Number and Name	Status
<p>330781 – Lake Cascade Crown Point Docks Crown Point has been completed. The docks, accessible path, paving and an added 15 parking spaces for enhanced day use have been installed. Project is in the close out process.</p>	Close Out
<p>330832 – HQ Fire Alarm System Upgrades Project is completed, we are waiting for final record drawings and Fire Marshall signs off.</p>	Close Out
<p>340322 – Thousand Springs VC Exhibits Project is in Design. Schematic Design 2 deliverable comments have been sent to the design team.</p>	Design
<p>340332 – Thousand Springs Vault Toilets- ARPA Project was awarded in January 2024. It is anticipated that construction will begin late summer 2024.</p>	Construction
<p>340333 – Thousand Springs Ritter Island Water System- ARPA This project will be re-bid in February 2024 with anticipated construction to begin in late Spring 2024.</p>	Bidding



Irrigation Line Break at Ritter Island

Project Number and Name

Status

340393 – Thousand Springs Billingsley Entrance Road
See project 340395.

Construction

340395 – Thousand Springs Billingsley Creek Campground

Construction

A contract has been issued to Winspear Construction to complete the campground.
The anticipated completion is June 2024 and the campground to open shortly thereafter. The legal issues with the original Contractor and Surety have been resolved.



Billingsley Creek Campground

340399 – Billingsley Creek Dev Phase 1
See project 340395.

Construction

EAST REGION

Project Number and Name	Status
<p>340531 - Castle Rocks VC Water System Upgrade Initial construction documents have been completed and are ready to put out to bid for Summer 2024 construction. Recently the south well has failed. We are currently working toward a solution. We are also looking into the water that will be required to supply the new seasonal housing. Once determined we may amend the contract to add new seasonal housing water demand to this project.</p>	Bidding
<p>340532 - Castle Rocks Lodge Improvements- Surplus Construction proposal requests have been received for the deck and HVAC replacement. The work will be completed under a service contract starting in March 2024.</p>	Construction
<p>340541 - Castle Rocks Fish Pond ADA Improvements Design contract is in place. Construction documents are nearing completion and are ready for review. Project bids Spring 2024 with Summer 2024 construction.</p>	Design
<p>340542 - Castle Rocks Ranch Unit Bridge Replacement- ARPA The project is currently out to bid. Bid are due February 8, 2024. Construction is planned for September 2024.</p>	Bidding
<p>3405243 - Castle Rocks Bunk House Maintenance - Surplus Construction proposal requests have been received for concrete and siding replacement. Work will be completed under a service contract starting in March 2024.</p>	Construction
<p>350133 - Massacre Rocks Sewer System Replacement- ARPA DEQ has given direction to move forward with repairing existing septic systems. Due to new regulations DEQ states that the RV dump will need to be abandoned or routed to a storage tank that will require pumping. The design team is working towards alternate solutions for the RV dump system.</p>	Design
<p>350134 - Massacre Rocks E. Fork Campground- ARPA On Hold pending agreement with IDL.</p>	On Hold
<p>350135 - Massacre Rocks Parking Improvements- Surplus Design drawings are nearing completion. Bidding is planned for Spring 2024 with Construction in Summer 2024.</p>	Design
<p>350333 - Bear Lake East Beach Renovation - ARPA Feasibility study complete, well has sufficient capacity to service a new campground. Scoping will continue to determine campground design.</p>	Design

Project Number and Name

Status

3503241 – Bear Lake N. Beach Boat Ramp Replacement
New FY24 Project.

Scope Development

360102 – Harriman Scovel Center Winterization
Reviewing scope to include in Design-Build project at Harriman. HVAC upgrades will be coordinated with concrete repairs to be completed in September. Contractor to provide cost estimates in February 2024.

Bidding

360131 – Harriman Historic Ranch Office Rehabilitation
Project is under construction. Reroof has been completed and log repair scheduled for spring 2024. Design is underway for interior portion of remodel.

Construction



Harriman Historic Ranch Office Rehabilitation

360132 – Harriman Water & Septic System Upgrades– ARPA
The design team has started the schematic design phase. The design team is investigating recommissioning an old well and possibly adding a second well versus replacing the existing spring water system. Once water quality is determined the design path will be finalized.

Design

360133 – Harriman Fishpond Campground– ARPA
Investigating potential development options in area.

Scope Development

Project Number and Name

Status

360134 – Harriman Historic Re-Roofs– Surplus

Construction

The Manager’s House, Assistant Manager’s House, Maintenance Shop, Vehicle Storage, Gas Storage, Jones House, Harriman House, Boys House, Dining Cottage, and Ranch Foreman House have all been re-roofed. Reroofing remaining buildings will resume in the spring. Bat abatement has started in several buildings as well as constructing additional bat boxes to keep bats out of the newly cleaned and sealed buildings.

360135 – Harriman HVAC Upgrades– Surplus

Construction

The project will remove existing underground oil tanks and replace HVAC systems with propane. Service Contractor will start work in spring 2024.

360141 – Harriman John Muir Trail Upgrades

Design

Project is under design with surveying complete. 95% plans have been reviewed. Waiting on engineer to complete plans to consult with SHPO.

3601243 – Harriman Manager’s House Maintenance- Surplus

Construction

Siding replacement and one bathroom remodel are complete. Remaining work includes second bathroom remodel and flooring replacement.



Harriman Manager’s House Maintenance

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
3601244 – Harriman Assistant Manager’s House Maintenance - Surplus Siding replacement and one bathroom remodel are complete. Remaining work includes second bathroom remodel and flooring replacement.	Construction
3601245 – Harriman Shop Maintenance- Surplus Reroof complete.	Construction
3601246 – Harriman Vehicle Storage Maintenance- Surplus Reroof complete.	Construction
3601247 – Harriman Gas Storage Maintenance- Surplus Reroof complete.	Construction



Harriman Gas Storage Maintenance - Surplus

3601248 – Harriman New Welcome Center- Surplus Request for Qualifications period for architectural services has closed. Interviews with design teams have been scheduled for late February in Boise.	Consultant Selection
3601249 – Harriman Honeymoon Hotel Maintenance- Surplus Reroof scheduled for Spring 2024, bat abatement currently underway.	Construction
36012410 – Harriman Ice House Maintenance- Surplus Reroof scheduled for Spring 2024.	Construction
36012411 – Harriman Cattle Foreman’s House Maintenance- Surplus Reroof scheduled for Spring 2024.	Construction
36012412 – Harriman Ranch Manager’s House Maintenance- Surplus Reroof scheduled for Spring 2024.	Construction

Project Number and Name Status

36012413 – Harriman Tractor House Maintenance- Surplus Construction
Reroof scheduled for Spring 2024.

36012414 – Harriman Tractor Storage Maintenance- Surplus Construction
Reroof scheduled for Spring 2024.

36012415 – Harriman Cook House Maintenance - Surplus Construction
Reroof scheduled for Spring 2024.

36012416 – Harriman Cottage Maintenance - Surplus Construction
Reroof complete.

36012417 – Harriman Dining Cottage Maintenance - Surplus Construction
Reroof complete.



Harriman Dining Cottage Maintenance - Surplus

36012418 –Harriman Boys House Maintenance - Surplus Construction
Reroof complete.

36012419 –Harriman Jones House Maintenance - Surplus Construction
Reroof complete. Work started to investigate needed restroom repairs.

36012420 –Harriman Small Shop Maintenance - Surplus Construction
Reroof scheduled for Spring 2024.

Project Number and Name

Status

36012421 –Harriman Ranch Foreman’s House Maintenance- Surplus
Reroof complete.

Construction



Harriman Ranch Foreman’s House Maintenance - Surplus

36012422 –Harriman Sheep Barn Maintenance- Surplus
Reroof scheduled for Spring 2024.

Construction

360232 – Henrys Lake Sewer Connection– ARPA
See project 360233.

Design

360233 – Henrys Lake Campground Expansion– ARPA
Site master planning and programming phase for the new campground are complete. Design team is currently working on a schematic design fee amendment for schematic design phase.

Design

3602241 – Henrys Lake Boat Ramp Replacement– Surplus
Design in progress.

Design

360431 – Ashton-Tetonia Trail Upgrades– EDA
EDA has approved the contract with Forsgren Engineering. Surveying is complete, design and environmental review have started.

Design

360432 – Ashton-Tetonia Visitor Center– Surplus
Plans and specifications are at 95% and in the review process. Project bidding will commence after the property has been purchased.

Design

Project Number and Name	Status
<p>300036 – Ashton-Tetonia Trail Bridge Inspections - ARPA Bridges have been inspected and the final report has been received. Suggested bridge repairs will commence this spring through a Service Contractor.</p>	Design
<p>360513 – Land of Yankee Fork General Rehabilitation -Surplus Structural Engineer team surveyed structures in July. Structural report received and initial work started to shore up Dryer building and Stamp Mill buildings. Work will continue in Summer 2024 to stabilize and reroof buildings.</p>	Design
<p>360531 – Land of Yankee Fork Camping Improvements– ARPA Design team has been selected. Project kick-off meeting held with architect. Developing design scope.</p>	Design
<p>3605241 – Land of Yankee Fork Repaint VC, Shop & Manager’s House Contract signed with service contractor. Painting to begin in the spring 2024.</p>	Construction
<p>300036 – Land of Yankee Fork Bayhorse Bridge Replacement– ARPA Design is completed and 404 permit information has been submitted. Working with BLM to obtain a ROW permit.</p>	Design

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 BOARD POLICY INFO ONLY, NO ACTION REQUIRED

AGENDA
Idaho Park and Recreation Board Quarterly Meeting
February 21-22, 2024
IDPR Headquarters
5657 Warm Springs Ave.
Boise, ID 83716

AGENDA ITEM: **FY 2024 2nd Quarter Financial Reports**
ACTION REQUIRED: **Information Only**
PRESENTER: **Steve Martin**

PRESENTATION

Attached are the second quarter financial reports for fiscal year (FY) 2024. Much of our reporting remains disrupted by the transition to Luma and additional work is required to recreate, test, and verify new reporting tools. The information presented reflects our best effort to show our customary reports including an overview of the department’s revenues, expenditures, and cash balances along with a summary of the Passport Program.

- Page 2 – FY 2024 Financial Statement / Budget Status as of 12/31/2023
- Pages 3-6 – FY 2024 Y-T-D Park Operations Revenues / Expenditures
- Page 7 – FY 2024 Cash Balances as of 12/31/2023
- Page 8 – FY 2024 Y-T-D Passport Program Revenue

The revenue outlook for the first six months of FY 2024 has brightened considerably. Total Park revenue is down \$449,700, or 5.2% versus the prior year. Nearly all of this variance is attributable to the previously discussed timing variance from June 2022 (FY 2022) that caused July 2022 (FY 2023) revenue to be overstated by approximately \$380,000.

Passport transfers from ITD are down \$20,840 (-0.9%) versus FY 2023.

Year-to-date expenditures are up consistent with increases in our budget appropriation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

This item is for information only.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
FY 2024 Financial Statement / Budget Status
as of December 31, 2023**

Program/Object	Appropriation ¹	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Balance	% Remaining
Management Services					
Personnel Costs	\$ 3,075,600	\$ 1,441,769	\$ -	\$ 1,633,831	53.1%
Operating Expenditures	3,279,400	1,173,107	-	2,106,293	64.2%
Capital Outlay	100,000	55,471	-	44,529	44.5%
Trustee & Benefit	25,899,324	5,273,942	13,293,855	7,331,527	28.3%
Subtotal	\$ 32,354,324	\$ 7,944,289	\$ 13,293,855	\$ 11,116,180	34.4%
Park Operations					
Personnel Costs	\$ 15,003,800	\$ 7,315,809	\$ -	\$ 7,687,991	51.2%
Operating Expenditures	7,638,432	3,813,578	55,834	3,769,020	49.3%
Capital Outlay	4,197,983	1,021,657	92,354	3,083,972	73.5%
Trustee & Benefit	2,277,500	887,799	-	1,389,701	61.0%
Subtotal	\$ 29,117,715	\$ 13,038,843	\$ 148,188	\$ 15,930,684	54.7%
Capital Development					
Personnel Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Operating Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	147,595,455	9,014,386	-	138,581,069	93.9%
Trustee & Benefit	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 147,595,455	\$ 9,014,386	\$ -	\$ 138,581,069	93.9%
Total	\$ 209,067,494	\$ 29,997,518	\$ 13,442,043	\$ 165,627,932	79.2%

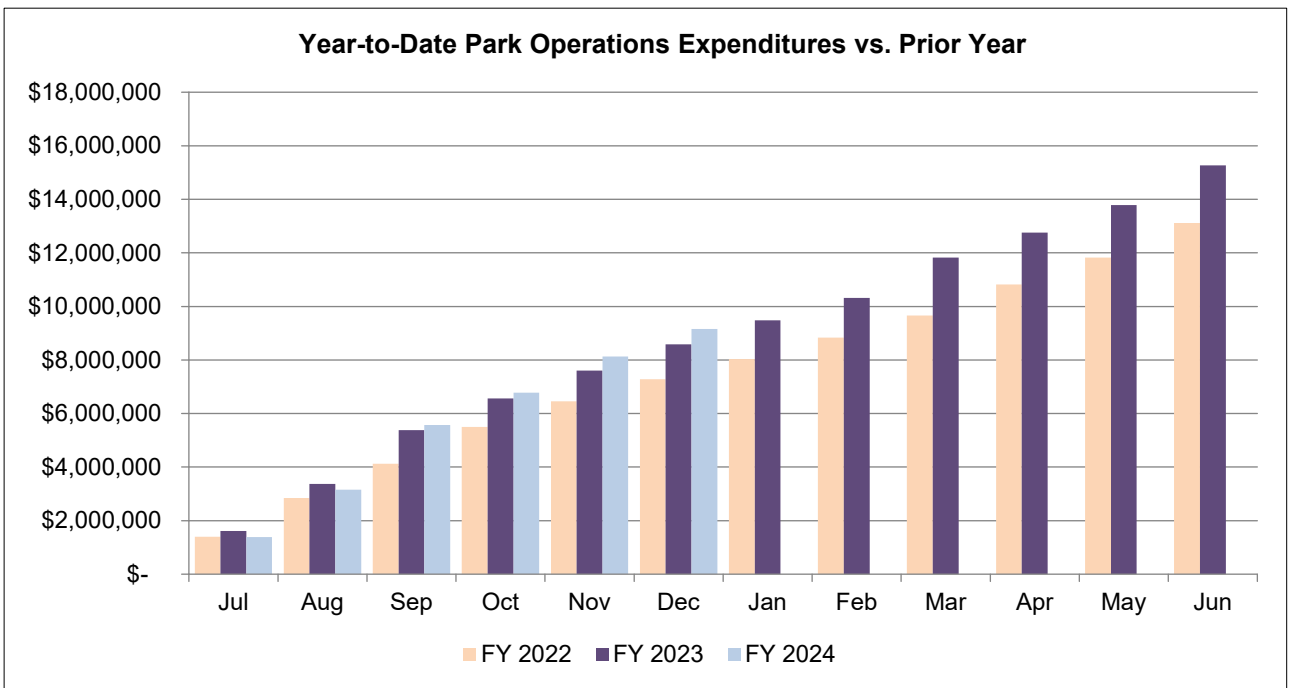
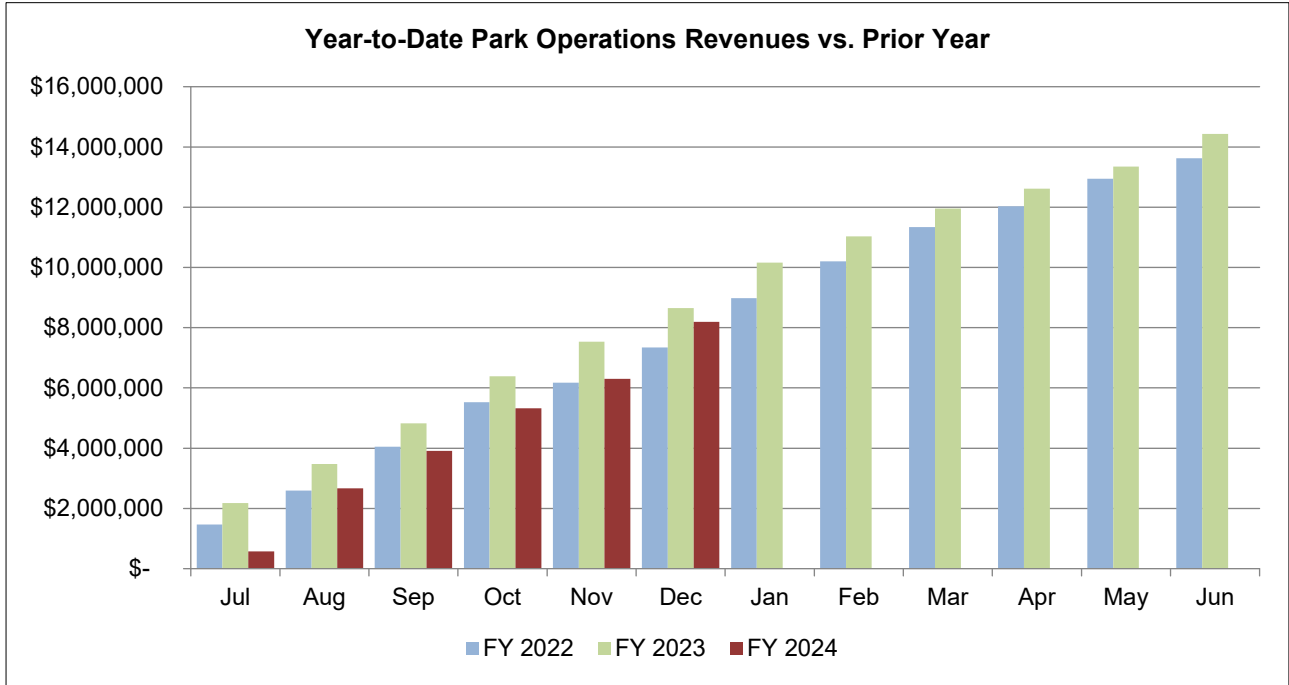
¹ Appropriation Includes:

Original Appropriation	78,901,100
ECF Grants	10,707,524
ECF Purchasing	743,415
Capital Reappropriation	118,715,455
Receipts to Appropriation	-
	209,067,494

² Encumbrances Includes:

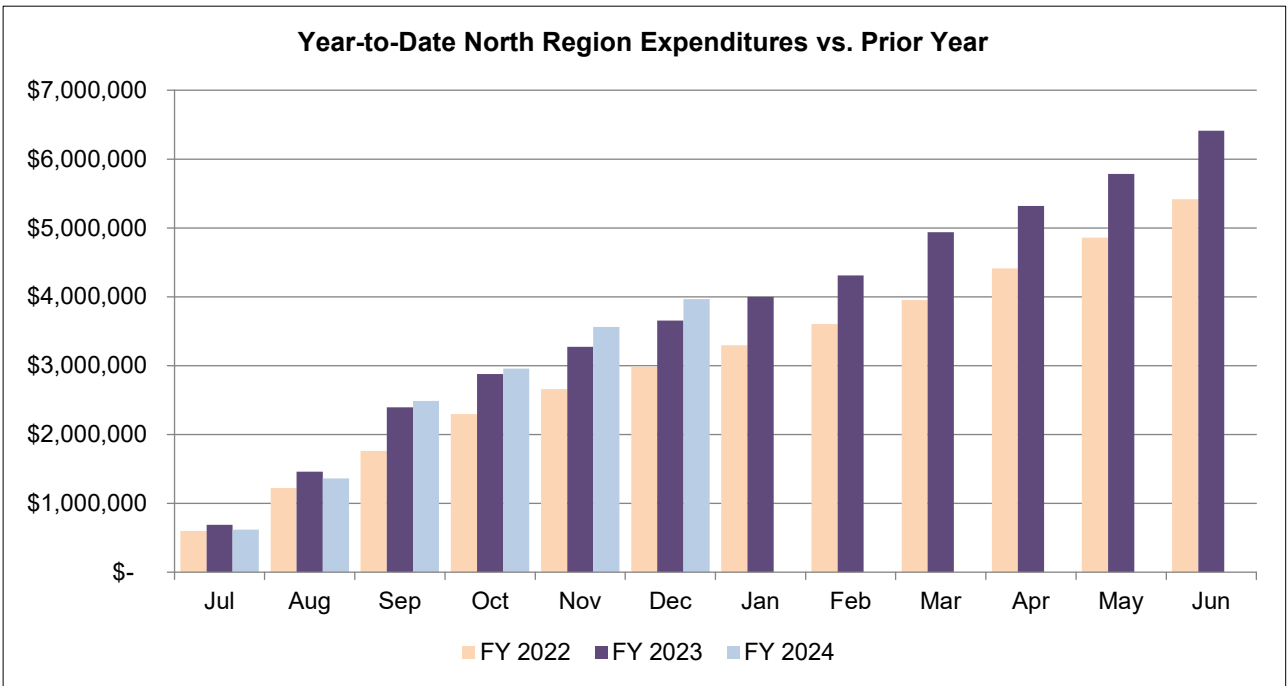
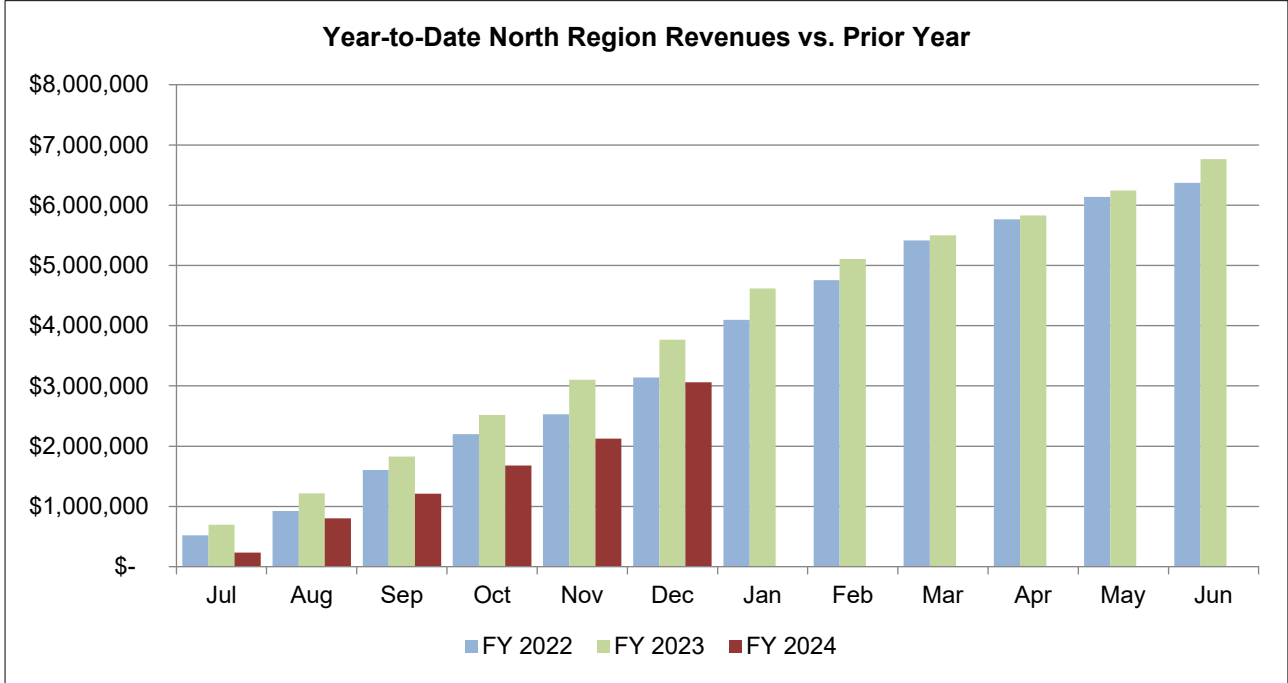
Grant Contract Balances	13,293,855
Open Purchase Orders	148,188
	13,442,043

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Park Operations - All Funds
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures
December 31, 2023**



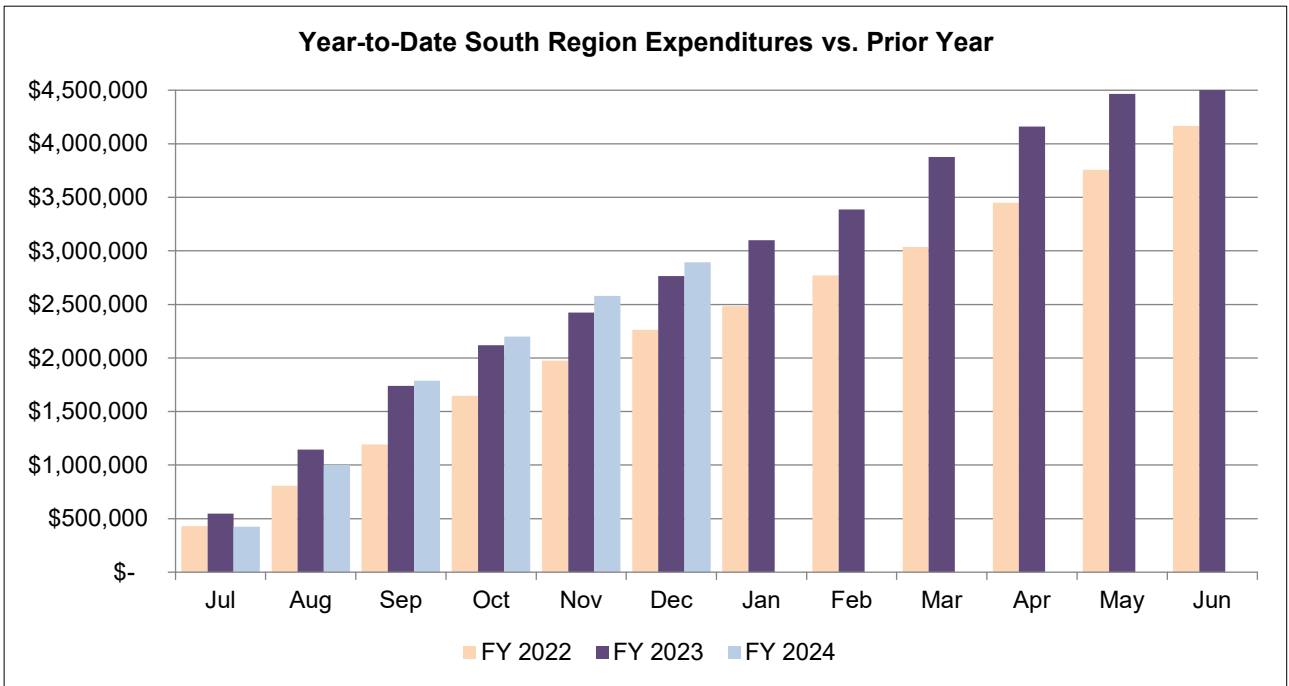
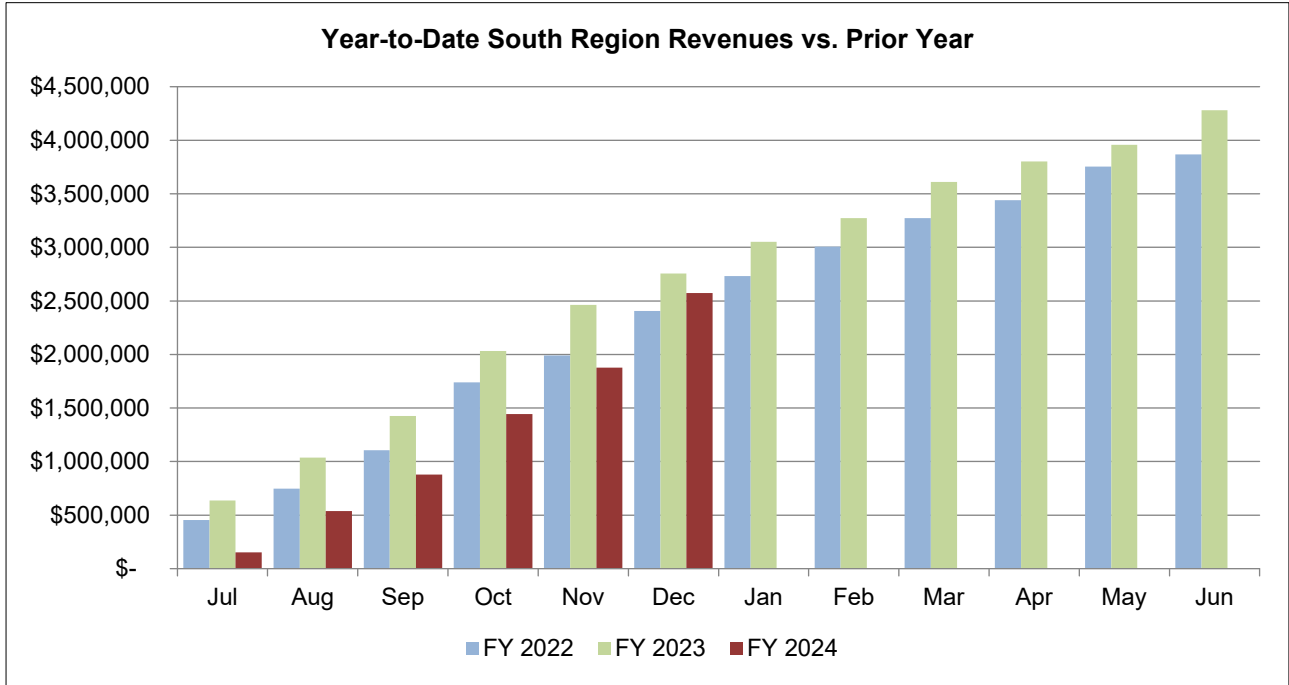
- All Park Operations fiscal year-to-date revenues are down \$449,700 (-5.2%) compared to FY 2023.
- All Park Operations fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$570,900 (6.6%) compared to FY 2023.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
North Region - All Funds
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures
December 31, 2023**



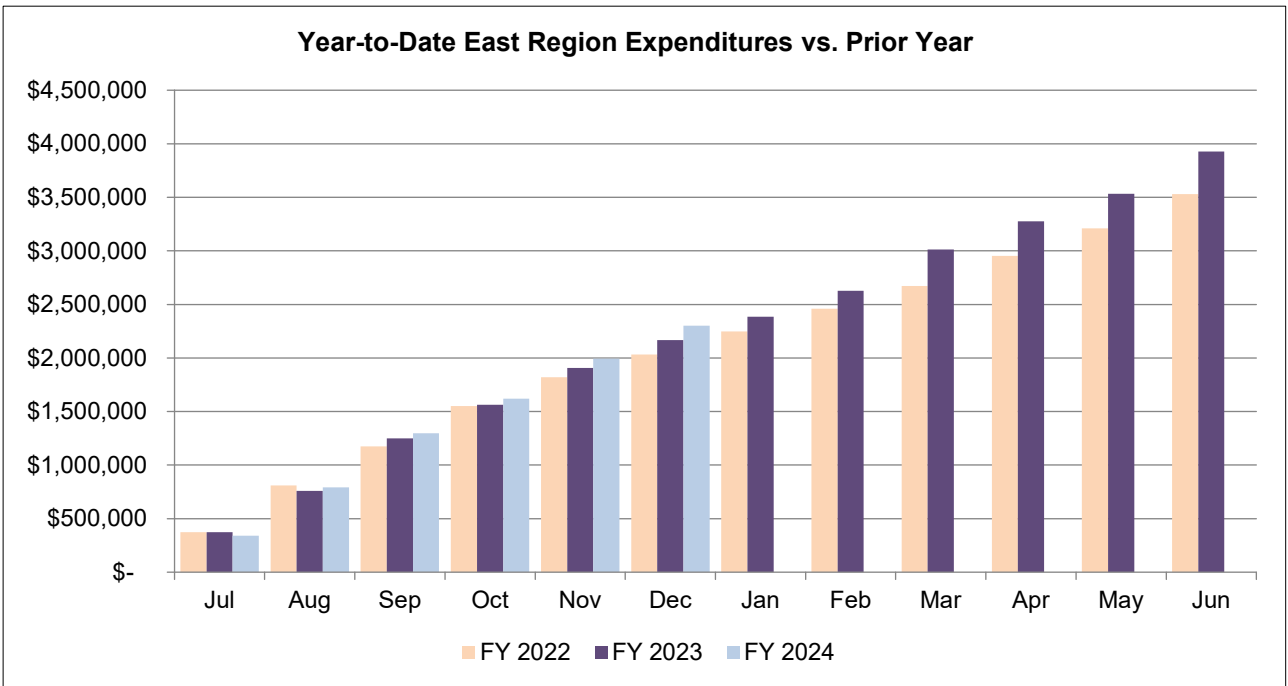
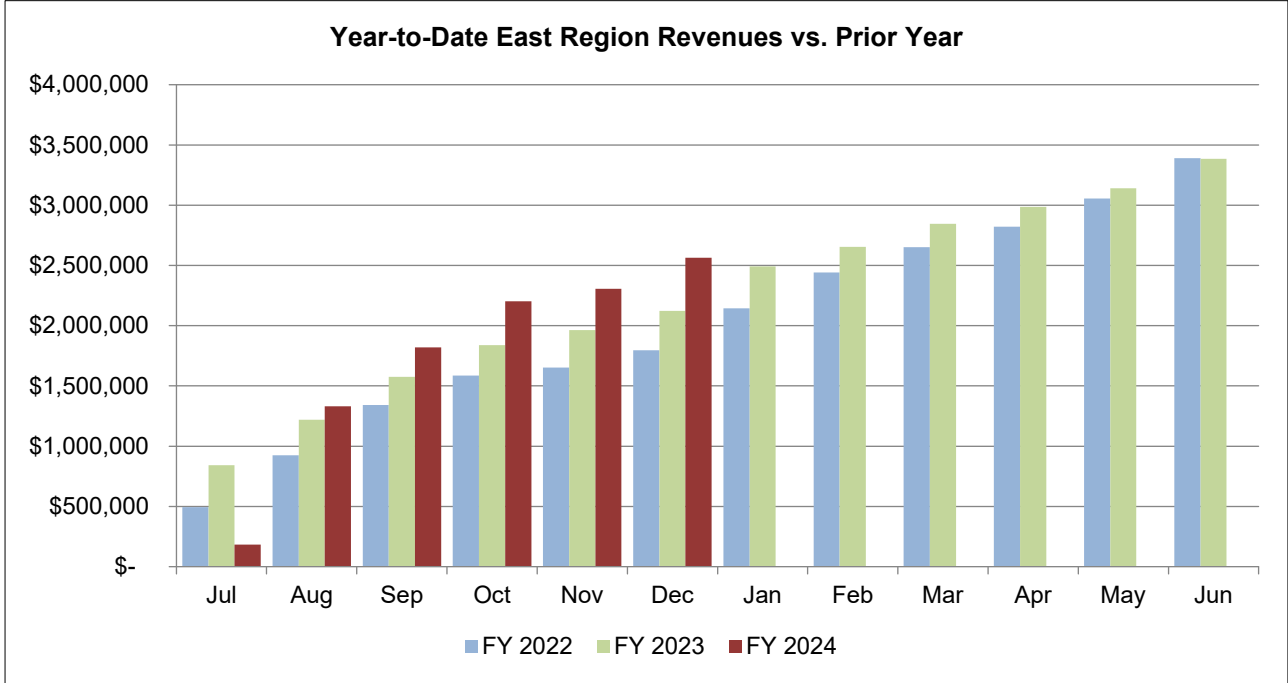
- North Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are down \$708,700 (-18.8%) compared to FY 2023.
- North Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$309,600 (8.5%) compared to FY 2023.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
South Region - All Funds
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures
December 31, 2023**



- South Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are down \$182,100 (-6.6%) compared to FY 2023.
- South Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$129,200 (4.7%) compared to FY 2023.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
East Region - All Funds
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures
December 31, 2023**



- East Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are up \$441,200 (20.8%) compared to FY 2023.
- East Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$132,100 (6.1%) compared to FY 2023.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Statement of Cash Position By Fund - FY 2024
as of December 31, 2023**

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Cash Inflows	Cash Outflows	Cash Balance	Grants / Capital Obligations	Unobligated Fund Balance
12500	Federal Indirect Cost Recovery	\$ 77,025	\$ 12,607	\$ (153,029)	\$ (63,397)	\$ -	\$ (63,397)
24300	Parks and Recreation Fund	102,136,894	19,744,191	(13,107,749)	108,773,336	95,096,008	13,677,328
24302	Parks & Rec - Registration Administration	3,851,368	1,456,036	(2,180,416)	3,126,989	-	3,126,989
24303	Parks & Rec - Sawtooth License Plate	16,480	54,736	(68,744)	2,472	-	2,472
24304	Parks & Rec - Cutthroat Wildlife Plate	73,444	35,118	(15,357)	93,205	35,591	57,615
24305	Parks & Rec - Mountain Bike	220,832	35,087	(27,628)	228,290	9,452	218,839
24701	Recreational Fuels - Capital Improvement	3,395,214	811,897	(467,310)	3,739,800	2,677,605	1,062,196
24702	Recreational Fuels - Waterway Improvement	3,033,973	811,896	(540,704)	3,305,165	2,011,840	1,293,325
24703	Recreational Fuels - Off-road Motor Vehicles	4,936,150	811,896	(461,532)	5,286,515	866,078	4,420,436
24704	Recreational Fuels - Road & Bridge	1,990,295	422,866	(32,426)	2,380,735	806,548	1,574,187
24706	Recreational Fuels - Administration	184,256	384,129	(289,131)	279,254	-	279,254
25001	Registration - State Vessel	-	1,487,128	(1,350,304)	136,824	-	136,824
25002	Registration - Cross Country Ski	200,519	14,123	(27,636)	187,006	-	187,006
25003	Registration - Snowmobile	2,707,022	327,198	(1,905,576)	1,128,644	-	1,128,644
25004	Registration - Motorbike	3,041,282	820,700	(745,709)	3,116,274	-	3,116,274
25005	Registration - Recreational Vehicle	23,864,198	3,634,694	(1,999,660)	25,499,232	11,187,129	14,312,103
25006	Registration - State Avalanche Fund	97,576	6,551	(33,020)	71,108	-	71,108
34000	Federal ARPA ¹	-	1,500,000	(10,321)	1,489,679	3,006,079	(1,516,400)
34430	Federal ARPA - SLFRF	13,118,875	1,881,125	(2,494,316)	12,505,684	25,624,559	(13,118,875)
34800	Federal Grant Fund ¹	(680,611)	3,506,528	(2,732,587)	93,330	8,655,196	(8,561,866)
34900	Miscellaneous Revenue	65,347	-	(7,209)	58,138	-	58,138
41001	Enterprise	6,148,734	1,463,554	(781,435)	6,830,853	58,849	6,772,004
49601	Expendable Trust - Park Donations ²	382,044	33,804	(18,731)	397,117	50,000	347,117
49602	Harriman Trust	1,334,679	144,847	(174,218)	1,305,308	193,383	1,111,926
49603	Park Land Trust	3,496,126	87,770	(58,137)	3,525,760	696,013	2,829,746
49605	Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes	680,754	4,011	(59,486)	625,279	-	625,279
Total		\$ 174,372,477	\$ 39,492,493	\$ (29,742,370)	\$ 184,122,601	\$ 150,974,331	\$ 33,148,270

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 2024
as of December 31, 2023**

Gross Revenue	FY 2023 November	FY 2024 November	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
1-Year Registrations	\$ 168,840	\$ 140,710	\$ (28,130)	-16.7%
2-Year Registrations	181,460	161,880	(19,580)	-10.8%
Total	\$ 350,300	\$ 302,590	\$ (47,710)	-13.6%

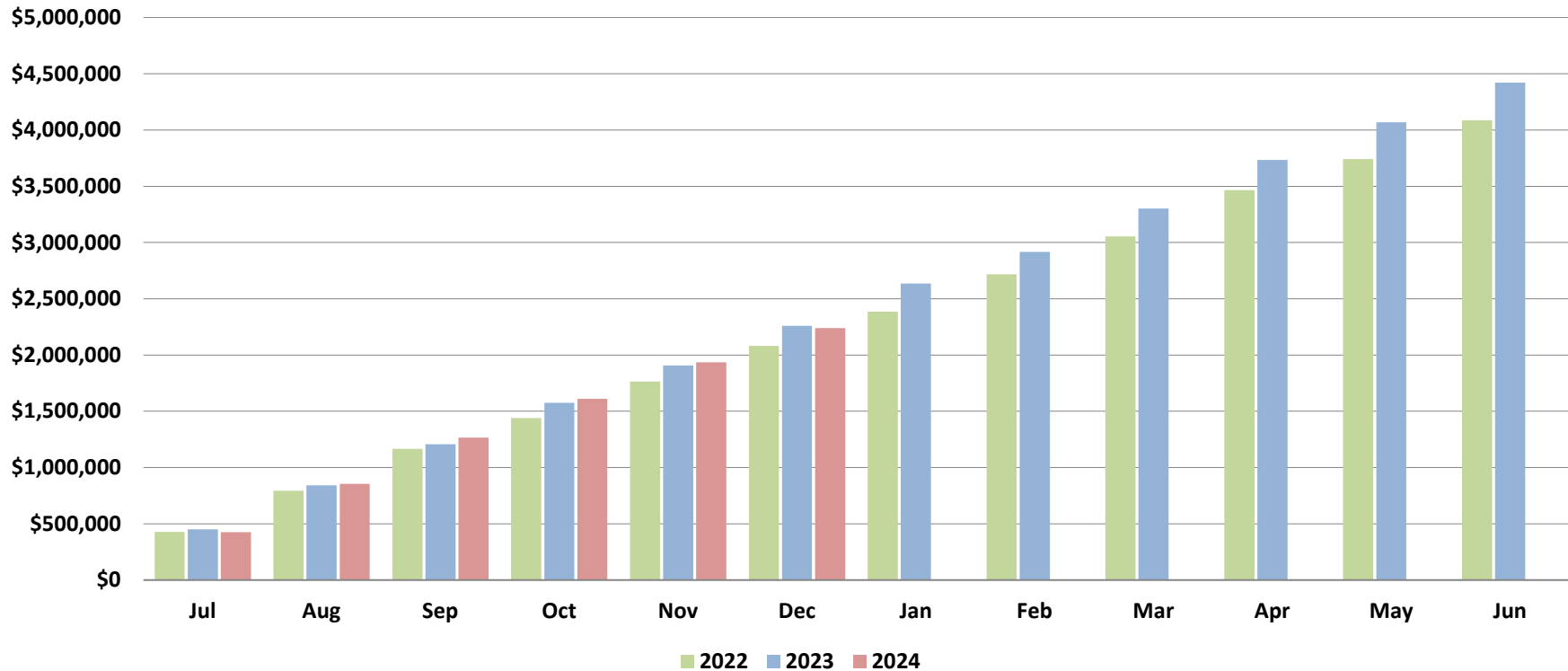
FY 2023 Y-T-D	FY 2024 Y-T-D	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
\$ 1,003,350	\$ 985,990	\$ (17,360)	-1.7%
1,255,280	1,252,040	(3,240)	-0.3%
\$ 2,258,630	\$ 2,238,030	\$ (20,600)	-0.9%

Transactions

1-Year Registrations	16,884	14,071	(2,813)	-16.7%
2-Year Registrations	9,073	8,094	(979)	-10.8%
Total	25,957	22,165	(3,792)	-14.6%

100,335	98,599	(1,736)	-1.7%
62,764	62,602	(162)	-0.3%
163,099	161,201	(1,898)	-1.2%

Revenue Trend by Fiscal Year



**SOUTH REGION QUARTERLY REPORT
OCT-NOV-DEC 2023**

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.
- Patrol parks ensure user needs, user safety, and resource protection.
- Assess operations and opportunities to ensure quality experiences are provided.

SOUTH REGION SERVICE CENTER – THERESA PERRY, SOUTH REGION BUREAU CHIEF

- The new LUMA system continued to require additional staff training time and support. Park staff are now able to see operation budget balances and allocations, which is an important step. However, viewing the same information for seasonal balances, especially with expenditures, is a complex mix of information. Extracting balance information is extremely difficult, which necessitates staff to continue to track seasonal expenditures through spreadsheets and individual calculations.
- Parks started a new program with the development bureau to complete maintenance projects under \$25,000. Park managers will work with the region manager and designated development bureau construction manager to determine priorities and follow requirements for managing the contracts and projects appropriately. This Surplus Minor Maintenance Program will provide the funds needed to complete many smaller scale, long overdue projects.
- Continued work with park staff and development bureau regarding details of several projects in the region; for example, the Eagle Island campground, the Three Island history center audio visual system, and employee housing priorities. Employee housing efforts included meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss the NEPA requirements for building housing at Cascade. Also started this quarter is the ISP housing project located within Three Island Crossing.
- Filling permanent vacancies is an ongoing process as new staff join the agency, and others transfer to different positions within the agency or leave. The following vacancies were interviewed for or remain unfilled this quarter: Ponderosa one ranger position filled, Bruneau Dunes one ranger position filled, and at Lucky Peak (one ranger vacancy) and Cascade (two ranger vacancy) remain open but interviews are scheduled in these parks for the new year.
- In 2021, a request for proposals to develop marina facilities at Lake Cascade State Park was initiated. For the past two years staff (park manager, region manager, operations and administrative bureau chiefs, the AG office, and others) have worked to move this project forward. During the November board meeting IDPR signed the Concession Contract with Tamarack Resort for marina services at the Poison Creek unit of Lake Cascade. A second proposal for marina services at the Van Wyck unit of the park has been withdrawn by the applicant.
- The winter sports venue (snowhill) concession located at Eagle Island was set to expire in February 2024, after a 10-year concession agreement with Gateway Parks, LLC, at Eagle Island State Park. A new two-year agreement has been negotiated and signed with Gateway Parks, LLC. This shorter contract time will allow staff to prepare and move through an RFP process, while allowing the concessionaire's operation to continue.
- Continued to have almost weekly operations conference calls with the other region managers and the operations chief, as well as site visits and regular communication with park managers throughout the south region.

- A south region all-staff was conducted at the end of November. A variety of topics and training were completed during this valuable meeting which provided all staff the opportunity to share operational trends and solutions to challenges, review policy, and meet with fellow staff.
- Participated in two legislative tour meetings in Jerome and Nampa, as well as the IDPR board meeting held in November in McCall and Cascade.
- Provided support to parks for the south and east region Ranger Roundup. This important training was hosted at Ponderosa State Park in October and covered topics such as communication, maintenance skills, natural resource management, and networking opportunities for ranger staff.
- Continued to provide support and direction to the IDPR CEO (compliance enforcement officer) team as it began reviewing the CEO policy. One of the important topics being discussed is the policy related to body armor. Staff comments regarding this topic will be collected and summarized in January.
- As a result of the discovery of the invasive quagga mussel in the Snake River in September, staff worked with IDFG and Department of Agriculture to close the Thousand Spring units of Niagara Spring, Crystal Springs, and Box Canyon for several weeks. The closures were lifted in mid-December. It was also determined the downstream recharge intake for the lakes at Bruneau Dunes should not be impacted by this finding.

BRUNEAU DUNES – BRYCE BEALBA, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The planetarium was installed in the new observatory.
- Volunteers repainted the park vault restroom and replaced hitching posts at the equestrian campground.
- Repair of the original observatory is a priority as the park is expecting enormous crowds this year and running one telescope will not adequately serve demand.
- We are building a custom visitor center lobby desk to assist customers and maximize space.
- We have started designing custom stickers and postcards for sale in the park.
- Manager Bealba worked on creating interpretive signs and maps for the three trailhead signs donated by the Airstream volunteer group.
- Paving was completed with some roadside finishing to be completed in January.

Park/Program Usage

- The visitor center had 2116 visitors in October, 544 in November, and 130 in December.
- We rented 305 sandboards in October, 71 in November, and 14 in December.
- The car counter malfunctioned. We contacted the manufacturer for a replacement and have not heard back. We will likely be buying another counter from a different vendor.
- The park was busy until reservation season ended on October 22 and the domestic water was turned off.
- Cabin rentals did well on the weekends throughout the quarter.

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

Program Services

- The observatory program officially ended on October 15 for the season, however, the weather was cooperative, and we were able to hold one surprise “campers only” program on the 20.
- We held an IDPR staff observatory night, attended by 50 employees and their family members.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	8	1089
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- We turned on our lake recharge pumps the fourth week of October to fill the lakes.
- In October, we implemented fire restrictions in the equestrian campground.
- The Idaho Airstream club helped rebuild our equestrian campground coral and pulled weeds.
- We worked with Keith Jones to begin xeriscaping of the Eagle Cove campground chevron sites. This will decrease water use and increase shade tree and native vegetation planting.
- Our Dark Sky application was submitted, and we are awaiting a final determination.
- Development brought a contractor to assess the irrigation well and irrigation improvements.
- The addition of another irrigation well has been funded but there is a new Owyhee County Ground Water study done by IDWR that may prohibit an additional well.
- We continued to work with IDFG to rebuild the power station for our mutual river pump station.
- After hours off-roading continued and caused significant damage to the asphalt edges leading to further erosion of the park roads.
- Increased arsenic levels in the well were still a concern. We continued to work to install a filtration system for the ranger’s house.
- Sightings of large carp in the Small Lake are worrisome. The lake was treated around 2000 and has been a valuable fishery and resource.

Staff Training

- Ranger Hendrickson organized and attended Ranger Roundup at Ponderosa State Park.
- Staff attended the South Region meeting.

Manager’s Narrative

- Staff continued to work out the planetarium and observatory bugs with the contractors.
- We attended the Mountain Home Travel and Tourism meeting and Rotary each month this quarter and Manager Bealba was the guest speaker for Rotary in October.
- We hired Ranger Harman, previously one of the park astronomers, and Ranger Merick as Ranger Hendrickson took the volunteer coordinator position in headquarters.
- We have two winter volunteers to help with projects who previously spent the summer at Cascade.
- Park staff and Trish Hendrickson met with BSU staff to explore intern partnerships to bolster the observatory program.
- The slower visitation has allowed staff to start addressing several backlog maintenance projects.
- The increase in permanent staff and the proposed FY2025 ranger position will require more O&E funding going forward as the backlog projects get addressed.

- Despite offering a starting wage of \$14/hr., we continued to struggle recruiting seasonal help from the surrounding communities and are currently less than half staffed in maintenance.
- Demolition has begun for the intern housing project at the Steele-Reese building, but the dorm will be used for one to two interns but will not satisfy the park's staffing requirements.
- The addition of the new telescope will necessitate an increase in seasonal employee funding as we will need to hire at least two part-time astronomers. The observatory septic lift station was repaired, and a new electrical panel and high-water alarm was installed.
- All buildings and water systems were winterized for the season.
- We upgraded the exterior of the rental cabins by building tables and counters on the railings.

EAGLE ISLAND – JOHANNES GIESSEN, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Park staff have conducted extensive outreach for the campground construction project. New informative signage, including a QR code, have been placed throughout the park, directing visitors to an informative write-up on our website.
- Park staff received complaints about the campground development, the associated trail and field closures, and confusion from the traffic management plan. Roughly 30% of trails are closed.
- Staff made it a point to be visible to the public throughout their day to answer any concerns they may have regarding ongoing projects and the snow hill operation.
- Rangers did a lot of enforcement/customer education concerning people driving down the closed construction road despite heavy signage.
- Management and administrative staff spent a lot of time modernizing the shelter reservation process and updating fees and policies therein.

Park/Program Usage

- The traffic count was 13,958 in October, 12,214 in November and 14,437 in December.
- Visitations in October and November were down by 13% and up by 15% in December due to holidays and increased use associated with the tubing hill.
- Seven group use permits were issued in October, three in November, and one in December.
- The main activities in October and November were trail use, events, horseback riding, and disc golf with snow tubing and dog training being more popular in December.
- Shelter reservations remained consistent in October, declined in November, and none in December.
- The primary shelters being used are Kestrel and Osprey, which are facilitated by Gateway Parks.
- The natural resource concessionaire continued to work in the fields in October, the snow hill concessionaire set up his operation early December and hit record numbers with an increased capacity, and the nature preschool was operational all quarter.
- Park rangers did a guided nature walk with a local private school.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	11	9455
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit	4	Added to GUP
Other permits	2	4

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Nothing to report.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	1	6
Special Events	1	20
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The park received several compliments due to the lake cleanup efforts undertaken in September.
- Two maple trees by the staff house were professionally pruned by a local tree service company.
- Pesticide treatment in the east end of the pond resulted in a sharp decline in visible milfoil plants.
- Staff and volunteers removed generous amounts of puncturevine around the core recreation area.
- The old chicken coop was reroofed to prevent further water intrusion.
- People broke into the shed by the warden’s house and graffitied the outside of the house and the silos by the calf barn. There was an attempted break-in at the slaughterhouse.
- The first phase of the calf barn restoration continued. The contractors started to prepare the building for a new roof. Additionally, the perimeter construction fencing was reinforced.
- Park staff removed hazard trees from the trails.
- Franz Witte donated ten trees to the park and have been planted along the road and the shop yard.
- A lot of vegetation and trees have been removed around the old dormitory building to potentially lead it into the first phase of stabilization.

Staff Training

- All staff attended the mandatory Cyber Security Training on the new LUMA platform.
- Park Manager Giessen was scheduled to attend an in-person three-day supervisory course but had to cancel due to obligations associated with the November board meeting and the included agenda item concerning the winter concession at the park.
- Park Manager Giessen attended a fiscal training on creating expense reports in LUMA.
- All staff attended the South Region Meeting at headquarters.

Manager’s Narrative

- Two cross country races held in the park in October continued the legacy of positive resonance associated with these events.
- The newly hired Ranger Womack started on October 26, marking the first time in the park’s history to have five full-time staff members.
- The campground construction project broke ground on the second week of October to quickly learn that the water table is six inches below surface. The insufficiency of the submitted dewatering plan put the project on hold shortly thereafter. Trail and road closures continued to be opened by construction workers, even after several meetings with the head contractor. This is a major safety concern for park visitors.
- The irrigation system was winterized in the beginning of October. The process was tailored to the new system provided by the bathroom remodel last spring.
- LUMA continued to provide challenges to the efficiency of the park operations, such as time entering, budgeting, bill processing, hiring, and p-card processing.
- The historical farm buildings on site are an attractive nuisance to the public and are a safety concern. Progress has been made thanks to the ARPA money; however, it would be highly beneficial to stabilize and secure the lot of them as soon as possible.

- The park had a water break by the west bathroom. Due to the errors from the preferred vendor RM Mechanical, a simple fix turned into a week-long procedure. The water system in the park needs a complete overhaul. A lot of these issues could be mitigated during the connection process to public water.
- The future of the water slide remained unanswered.
- The operator of the snow tubing hill, Gateway Parks, has created areas of operational conflicts with the park staff. They vowed to help with litter and bathroom cleanup but did very little on their part despite several reminders to do so.
- The park designed a new logo to be more reflective of the natural and historical attributes of the park. The has received a lot of positive feedback from the public.

LAKE CASCADE – BLAKE PACKER, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Park staff removed the handling docks at Poison Creek boat ramp in early October.
- All the park dock systems and boat ramps were marked with snow pole markers to ensure that recreationalists are aware of potential obstacles near boat ramp areas and to prepare for winter snow removal.
- The park purchased additional resale items including informational guides, shirts, hoodies, and coffee mugs to keep up with the demand at the visitor center resale store.
- Snow removal was completed throughout the park. For the fifth year the park has continued to work in partnership with IDFG to provide an additional winter access area at Boulder Creek day use area.
- Park staff have continued to work with IDFG to adapt to the needs of the public and provide recommendations to IDFG on the new winter access area on Stonebraker Road.
- Park staff have not groomed the park’s three Nordic trails due to lack of snow this quarter.

Park/Program Usage

- The park saw a decrease in visitation while transitioning into the winter season. This includes the use of the parks group use area at Osprey Point.
- Park staff assisted the Mountain Community School with a Trout in the Classroom Program by providing program material and setting up the fish tank to start the program once they receive the trout eggs from IDFG and Trout Unlimited.
- Ice conditions were not safe for anglers to utilize snowmobiles and OHVs throughout the quarter.
- IDFG is now permitting ice fishing tournaments; currently two ice fishing tournaments are scheduled for February.

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

- Park staff planned and organized Idaho Free Winter Access Day scheduled for January 6.

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

- There were no significant issues with harmful algae blooms containing toxic cyanobacteria in the lake throughout this season.
- Park staff consolidated slash and tree material at the parks two burn locations.
- Park staff continued to install new “No Snowmobile” signs throughout park units. These signs were installed to address issues with recreationalists taking snowmobiles through campground areas that are closed for the season. Park staff have monitored park units for illegal access into closed units and reported several ATV and snowmobile tracks throughout closed units.

Staff Training

- Park staff attended the South and East Region Ranger Roundup in October.
- Ranger Katchmar attended the Certified Interpretative Guide Training and successfully completed DHR Supervisory Academy
- Park staff attended the South Region meeting on November 29-30.
- Training needs identified: Registration & Reservation System Training, Interpretative Training, Compliance Enforcement Officer (80 hour course), CEO Refresher, First Aid and CPR Training, First Aid/CPR Instructor Training, Snowmobile Training, PNW Field Preservation School Training, DHR Supervisory Academy, DHR Crucial Conversations, DHR Crucial Accountability, DHR Gettings Things Done, State Park Leadership School, SITPA Chainsaw Training, Valley County Weeds Department Training, NOLS Wilderness First Responder Training, Cyber Security Training, and Respectful Workplace Training.

Manager’s Narrative

- Park staff winterized the water systems.
- Park staff completed a large portion of the Boulder Creek fencing project.
- Park staff worked with development staff to move forward with roofing repair needs at the Ridgeview shower facility to address this maintenance issue prior to winter.
- Park staff completed significant portions of the Big Sage Day Use Shelter project.
- Park staff worked in conjunction with the development staff and contractors to ensure a majority of the Crown Point accessibility project was completed.
- Park staff navigated ever evolving scheduling conflicts with contractors related to the Blue Heron Repaving/Improvement Project. No significant work was completed in the unit since late September.
- The park transitioned into winter and accomplished many minor updates around the park.
- Park Manager Packer participated in the Valley County Waterways meeting and the Cascade Chamber of Commerce meetings.

LUCKY PEAK – SURAT NICOL, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Disc golf use slowed due to the weather.
- This quarter had the typical slow in users with the drop in temperatures.
- Lake levels rose enough to use Spring Shores boat ramp in November.
- Staff were active on social media to keep the public updated on activities and conditions.

Park/Program Usage

- Assistant Park Manager Sabin gave a program on animal adaptations at Riverstone International School.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	280
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Sandy Point hosted the annual cyclocross event.
- Assistant Manager Sabin and Administrative Assistant Rader organized Trim the Trees at Discovery
- Assistant Manager Sabin and Administrative Assistant Rader hosted a wreath building workshop at Sandy Point. For \$10, participants could make wreaths from materials sourced at the park. All 20 spots were filled.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	1	40
Special Events	4	170
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Met with bat biologist Bill Doering about bat interpretive program and expanding bat research sites at Lucky Peak and possibly more south region parks.
- Girl Scouts installed a beautiful pollinator garden at Sandy Point.
- Worked on a mapping project at Spring Shores that would show old historical sites before construction of the Lucky Peak Dam.

Staff Training

- Ranger Barney attended South and East Region Ranger Roundup
- Ranger Barney attended a refugee workshop.
- Assistant Manager Sabin attended the Interpretive Team meeting at Dworshak.
- Assistant Manager Sabin attended NAI conference in Arkansas.
- Staff attended the South Region Meeting.
- Park Manager Nicol attended ASIST suicide prevention training.

Manager’s Narrative

- Park Manager Nicol met with the CEO team to prepare for the upcoming CEO training.
- Assistant Manager Sabin and Manager Nicol met with Idaho Parents United to discuss ADA issues around the park. IPU shared insight and information on upgrading facilities and making things easier for families with special needs members.
- Park Manager Nicol and Region Manager Theresa met with Challenged Athletes Foundation and the Albertson’s Foundation about an all-access playground at Sandy Point.
- Assistant Manager Sabin and Administrative Assistant Rader attended a Girl Scouts STEM event at BSU. They met and talked to several Girl Scouts about STEM in the park.
- Minor maintenance reports were completed.
- Surat met with Southern Idaho Sailing Outreach about the sailing academy at Spring Shores.
- Ranger Hill was hired and has a background with NPS and as an engineer with the Air Force. (At the submission of this report Ranger Hill ultimately declined the position. Recruitment for this position will begin again in the new year.)
- Admin Assistant Rader and Manager Nicol attended the Idaho City High School Career Fair.
- Park Manager Nicol attended a legislative tour hosted at the IDFG facility in Nampa.
- Park Manager Nicol was a guest on a radio program to talk about IDPR and events at the park.
- Staff met with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss 2024 projects and water levels.
- New computers arrived at the park and are mostly functional.

PONDEROSA – MATT LINDE, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The entrance kiosk was closed, and the visitor center was open most of October.
- There were eight days this quarter when we were unable to open the visitor center.
- We had no applications for winter seasonal help.

Park/Program Usage

- Park visitation was seen from mostly locals with campground staying open until the 23 of October.
- One permit was issued for Nordic lessons to the Payette Lakes Ski Club.
- A record number of patrons walked on the hiking trails because of the lack of snow.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	2	349
Special Use Permit	1	16
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Programs were dominated by Roots preschool as they started back up late September. This preschool continues to be supported by the community and has only become a more popular option for parents looking for a different way to school their children.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	1	2
School Programming	125	1637
Special Events	2	341
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The cultural monitor found rock shavings in the Blackberry loop utility upgrade project.
- The bark and trunks of some Ponderosa trees were found to be altered by earlier inhabitants, most likely native Americans, and will now be a point of discussion we can point out to campers and other interested parties.
- We worked with Keith Jones on the Water Tower 2 restoration project with the goal of completion in the late fall of 2024.
- The rangers hung a bar of lights over the fossil display in December, completing the display.

Staff Training

- Assistant Manager Coyle and Ranger Walker attended the north region forest health training.
- Staff attended the South Region Meeting.
- Staff attended Ranger Roundup as it was hosted in the park. It was a successful event once again.

Manager's Narrative

- We hired Ranger Kindall who was a seasonal for two summers.
- The groomer torque hub was taken off and delivered to Prinoth in Salt Lake City to be fixed. We are awaiting the return of this part so we can get the groomer back into operation.
- Work on Blackberry loop came to a stop in the latter part of November. They have substantial completion for the utility upgrade project and will have some small punch list items to correct in the spring when the snow is gone.
- The activity center bathroom project has been completed and is turned back over to us to manage.
- The foundation for the seasonal house has been poured and will be built out next summer.
- 91 hazard trees were taken down and utilized or left to provide nourishment for future growth.
- We went over plans for Kokanee Cove as well as a water line installation planned for spring of 2024. This water line will provide city water to the new seasonal house as well as Kokanee Cove and the peninsula campground.
- The change order for C loop utility improvements was given to us in December. We will move forward to get this contract from Granite signed with plans to start the day after Labor Day.
- The bathroom at the activity center is now ADA accessible.

THOUSAND SPRING– DAVID LANDRUM, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The visitor center averaged 70 visitors a day in October, 37 in November, and 17 in December, slowing down with the visitor center being open three days a week in the winter.
- Billingsley Creek visitor center had 1488 visitors in October, 406 in November, and 215 in December.
- We had an increase in visitors at all our park units compared to previous years.
- The Rock House and Yellow House reservations have increased substantially.

Park/Program Usage

- Day use in our parks has increased over this past year with hiking Box Canyon and walking/biking the bike path at Billingsley Creek connecting to the City of Hagerman as the more popular attractions.

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 were three Jr. Ranger programs.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	15	99
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- MOEY, the contracted interpretive sign company, sent samples of how the new displays would take place in and outside the new visitor center. NPS and IDPR staff will do a walk through going over what MOEY sent.
- A new construction company has been selected to finish up the new campground work started and left by the last company. The goal is to open the campground in spring 2024.
- Construction on the Pink House has been completed and will be on the reservation system soon.

Staff Training

- Staff participated in weekly safety training.
- Two rangers attended the Ranger Roundup at Ponderosa.
- Staff participated in the South Region Meeting in November.

Manager's Narrative

- Campground and visitor center irrigation systems have been winterized along with all other parks.
- Staff worked on the equipment maintenance.
- We hired a seasonal staff member as our newest ranger.
- Park Manager Landrum attended the Hagerman Chamber luncheon at the Snake River Grill.
- Park Manager Landrum took part in the Legislative Show Case held at the IDFG office in Jerome.
- We hosted the annual Ducks Unlimited Dinner at the riding arena in Billingsley Creek and had over 350 attendees.
- Park Manager Landrum attended a Hagerman Bike/Walk meeting.
- All park staff joined the NPS staff for our first Christmas Party.

THREE ISLAND – NITA MOSES, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The history center was open 27 days in October, 22 days in November, and 21 days in December.
- Multiple campers showed gratitude towards staff for turning potable water on and off during a cold spell, turning it on when temperatures rose and off when they dropped.
- Reservations for off-season camping in our Wagon Wheel Loop have opened with success.
- Two seasonal maintenance employees stayed on until November 3 to help with needs of the park as many campers stayed beyond the peak season.
- We winterized the restroom facilities, dump stations, and irrigation system. Our seasonal irrigator came back for three days in November to help with the irrigation winterization.
- Some customers complained about the off-season staffing hours for the history center and entrance kiosk.
- Multiple campers inquired about heating the Wagon Wheel restroom/shower facilities year-round as it was closed due to colder temperatures.

Park/Program Usage

- The history center served 1059 visitors in October, 323 in November, and 116 in December.
- The traffic counter read 3293 for October, 158 for November, and 734 for December.
- Visitors to the history center came from 24 states and five foreign countries.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	3	177
Special Use Permit	1	1
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Five loaner backpacks were used this quarter.
- The Naked-eye astronomy program was hosted in October.
- Gold Rush, Fort Boise Garrison Cavalry set up a gold panning demo in front of the history center.
- Gem State Disc Golf Winter Series Tournament was held in November with 133 participants.
- The Historical Northwest Garrison used the conference room and spoke to the Evolution of Weaponry.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events	3	122
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Hawks Tree Service came out and removed 48 hazard trees.
- Boise State University Researcher, Dr. Allison Simler-Williamson, received a special use permit to collect sagebrush seeds and soil samples. Dr. Simler-Williamson will share data collected with IDPR. Data from the study will help us better understand sagebrush-soil microbe interactions and will likely contribute to our natural resource management decisions.
- A park visitor reported a dead fox within the park boundaries, and it appeared to be shot with a shotgun. There have been reports of gunshots as bird hunting season will continue till the end of January. Staff spoke to hunters numerous times regarding park boundaries and department rules subject to its jurisdiction.

Staff Training

- Our three new rangers attended the Ranger Roundup at Ponderosa State Park.
- Park Manager Moses participated in the annual Tabletop Exercise of Mid-Snake Dams Emergency Action Plan and Functional Exercise of CJ Strike Dam in Boise with 32 other agency participants.
- Park Rangers Redd and Fossen attended interpretive training hosted by the National Association of Interpreters.
- Former Sr. Maintenance Craftsman Vance Pruett came to the park to go over winterization procedures with the new rangers.
- Manager Moses attended the training on LUMA via zoom with Steve Martin.
- Manager Moses finished the online portion of the First Aid/CPR with AED Instructor Training to recertify as an instructor with Health Safety Institute.
- Staff attended the South Region Meeting in November.
- Ranger Barron completed the Supervisory Academy this month.
- Ranger Redd completed the online recertification training to renew lifeguard instructor course.
- Staff worked with Park Manager Moses to schedule various developmental opportunities and training sessions.
- Park Manager Moses participated in the conference call for the South Region Manager Meeting.

Manager's Narrative

- Brad Standley from development came to look at the irrigation pumps and panel to get a better understanding of the scope of the project, which is part of the irrigation system upgrade project.
- ITS upgraded the Past Perfect and shared drive computers. They upgraded the administrative assistant's computer to a laptop with a docking station and added a new laptop and docking station for the additional ranger position.
- Park Ranger Fossen did an interview with Kristin and Chelsea for "Ranger Talks."
- The rangers dug up and replaced a drain valve and a supply valve that supplies water to our newest dump station.
- The total donations collected at the kiosk amounted to \$4,087.50.
- Total field deposits this December were \$10,037.27.
- Two leaks on the same potable water line in the day use were discovered. That line had just been repaired twice already.
- Park Manager Moses took the rangers to the December Chamber Meeting to meet members and business owners of Glens Ferry.
- Ranger Barron participated and contributed to conversations about a proposed IDPR mobile app.
- Park staff met with Trish Hendrickson about the park's volunteer and staffing needs.
- Ranger Redd was appointed to be a member of the Volunteer Team. This team is working to reform IDPR volunteer policies and procedures.

- Ranger Barron joined the IDPR Interpretive Team.
- Park Manager Moses, Region Manager Perry, and the rangers collaborated to rework the proposed Heritage Trail. Moses and Perry worked on the proposed MOU from the City to be sent to the Attorney General.
- Park Manager Moses met with Quality Electric's Project Manager Jason Thompson regarding the audio/visual needs in the Oregon Trail History and Education Center.
- Park Manager Moses submitted the FY2026 CIP list for development review and worked Joel Halfhill and South Region Manager Perry on the surplus minor maintenance projects.
- Park staff used large rocks to block off areas where vehicles have been off-roading.

SOUTH REGION MAINTENANCE CREW – CHRISTOPHER RE, FOREMAN

Eagle Island

- Converted the den of the ranger house into a closed bedroom, added a door, finished the wall, sheetrock and sanded, then painted the area at the ranger house.
- Moved donated trees from Franz Witte to Eagle Island.

Lake Cascade

- Helped Park staff remove the Sugarloaf handling docks and placed them in campground for winter storage.
- Removed the handling docks at the Van Wyck and Blue Heron boat ramps for the season and moved all the dock parts to Snowbank for winter storage while the parking lot is completed at Blue Heron.

Lucky Peak

- Moved Donated trees to from Franz to both Spring Shores and Discovery and helped plant trees.

Thousand Springs

- Worked with park staff to trench in conduit for the bike volunteer group to have a drinking fountain and cellphone charging station along the new bike path.
- Added a steel conduit for park staff to use when adding light to trees along Highway 30.
- Moved material to the new campground area for park manager.
- Replaced front door on the Red House on Ritter Island. Park staff had removed the old door and found rot beyond their ability to repair. Replaced the threshold beneath the sub floor, cleaned up the opening, added new door, painted, and added new interior/exterior trim.

South Region

- Worked on welding hooks on the new Backhoe for the forklift tines and for hook points on the bucket for lifting.
- Delivered a UTV from the east region office to Massacre Rocks then moved Eagle Island.



MANAGEMENT SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT

October – November – December 2023

Second Quarter, FY2024

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.

Major Tasks

October 2nd to 6th

Attended meetings with Fish and Game, IDL, and IDPR regarding staff housing concepts. Attended the Director's project briefing to the Permanent Building Fund. Spent a few days in North Idaho and attended the Trail of the CDA Commission meeting, laid out an entrance road into the new campground, and met with Board Member Rody to discuss IDPR related matters.



North Region Manager David White and Old Mission Park Manager Will Niska, with very serious faces, preparing for the Trail Commission meeting.



October 9th to 13th

Held a meeting to review the 60% drawings for the Lake Cascade, Poison Creek Marina. General administrative duties and support as needed for the agency.

October 16th to 20th

Discussed proposals with North Region Manager and Ops Administrator for possible land exchanges with IDL. Finalized IDPR's Outdoor Recreation Council's application packets for projects. Walk thru IDL property around Ponderosa State Park and attended a meeting for Kokanee Cove's layout. Toured the existing conditions at Horsethief Reservoir with our Natural Resource Manager. Attended the first ORFAC meeting with the Director. Discussed a PR strategy for Heyburn State Parks marina replacements.



School group at Ponderosa State Park



Morning sunrise at Horsethief Reservoir

October 23rd to 27th

Flew to North Idaho. Toured parks with IDL's Trust Land Manager for possible IDPR/IDL partnership projects. Park management staff provided the tours and did an excellent job. Participated in interviews for the Financial Specialists position with our CFO.



New Bridge built by IDL near Lionhead Unit of Priest Lake State Park. Park Manager Lonnie Johnson showing his excitement.



TCDA Park Manager Will Niska driving stakes in the ground for the centerline of the new campground road.



October 30th to November 3rd

General administrative duties and support. Attended the North Region Managers meeting and provided an update to the team regarding admin, and ORFAC projects that were proposed. It is always good to see everyone!

November 6th to 10th

Worked with our real estate manager regarding a property in eastern Idaho. Attended the quarterly Board meeting in McCall, Idaho and was on the tour of Lake Cascade.

November 13th to 17th

General administrative duties and support. Virtually attended the east region manager's meeting. Our management services team did a great job representing the group and presenting updates to the managers. Had lunch with DFM administrator to discuss IDPR's upcoming budget.

November 20th to 24th.

Attended and presented at the East Idaho Legislative tour with the Director and IDPR staff in Idaho Falls. Enjoyed Thanksgiving with the family.



Stopped at Massacre Rocks with Director Buxton and a quick visit with park staff.

November 27th to December 1

Attended and presented at the Southern Idaho Legislative tour with the Director, Operations Administrator and IDPR staff in Jerome. General administrative duties and support.



December 4th to 8th

Participated in a conference call with Ops Administrator, IDPR staff and Bureau of Reclamation regarding staff housing in and around Lake Cascade State Park. Attended a meeting for the leasing program with our real estate manager. Presented at a special IDPR Board meeting. Met with the Eagle Sewer District representatives regarding the EISP project, keep our partnership in good standing. Met with our south region construction manager and general contractors regarding the Kokanee Cove Development.



Excavation of the pond started at Eagle Island State Park

December 11th to 15th

General administrative duties. Drove to eastern Idaho with our real estate manager, and met with the BLM regarding Formation Springs, met with a realtor from Bear Lake, and met with the Bear Lake Park Manager and Pacific Corp regarding Oneida Canyon and the lease agreement for north beach. Met with IDWR regarding a project at Harriman State Park. Met with ITD regarding the Highway 20 project near Harriman. Met in Driggs with a realtor from eastern Idaho regarding a potential park property. Presented at the Ashton City Council meeting the offer from IDPR to purchase the Visitor Center. The City Council countered with a slightly increased price. Called into the second ORFAC meeting from Idaho Falls.

December 18th to 22nd

General administrative duties. Issued an addendum to all proposers for the Harriman Visitor Center. IDPR received 17 proposals, which is amazing how much interest the project received.

December 25th to January 5th

Enjoyed Christmas and the holiday break with family at home, and, spent a few nights at Ponderosa State Park enjoying all it has to offer to the public.

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

- Met with Professors Mary Engels and Chris Zachowski of the U of I to strategize coursework for her students to help planning efforts for Palouse prairie habitat restoration and interpretation at McCroskey State Park.
- I am representing the department on the Statewide student forestry competition steering committee. The contest has a new home at Farragut State Park, which will provide fantastic opportunities for interagency cooperation and potential employee recruitment for IDPR, IDL, and IDFG.
- The timber sale to facilitate the new forestry contest stations and open a new day use opportunity for Farragut State Park is almost set up and will be auctioned this Spring/summer and cut in the winter of 24/25.
- In the planning stages of the next Ponderosa pine restoration project in Ponderosa State Park. This sale will address the overstocked and grand fir dominated stand to the north of the water tower. This project will treat approximately 65 acres with the same prescription as the MeadowMarsh II sale, 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. Cruising and sale set up is scheduled for this summer and cutting is tentatively scheduled for the winter of 2025/2026.
- Worked with Park staff at Three Island, 1000 Springs, Lake Walcott, Harriman, Coeur d Alene lake Parkway, Lucky Peak, and Hells Gate to facilitate minor maintenance projects to remove and prune trees in their Parks. I will be working with the same Parks this Spring and summer to address species and acquisition of replacement trees for those we removed.
- Administering a direct timber sale to remove the trees for the new access road and utility corridor at Kokanee Cove in Ponderosa State Park.

- Representing the department on the environmental coordinating committee for the license renewal of the Pacificorps pumped storage product at the Oneida reservoir.
- Planning a cooperative weed spray day to treat 10 acres of houndstongue in Farragut this Spring with County, State, and federal partners.
- Administered two new direct timber sales for Heyburn State Park. These smaller projects addressed root rot and beetle damage in the Park.
- Administered 1 direct sale at McCroskey to address a Pine beetle patch adjacent to an old treatment area.
- Setting up a reforestation project at Heyburn to prep and replant roughly 250 acres. Funding for the project is coming from a grant awarded to IDPR by IDL. This project will re-establish seral species on a site thinned 25 years ago that has not seen an acceptable amount of natural tree recruitment on the site due to extensive brush establishment. Project area was treated with Herbicide this summer to prep for spring 2024 planting.
- Working with IDL and ITD to strategize the process of removing hundreds of dead trees along the hwy 5 corridor through Heyburn heading East towards St.Maries. These trees have all succumbed to the winter salt treatments on the highway. This project has been funded by ITD, is out to bid and is moving forward for completion by Memorial Day 2024.
- In cooperation with IDL, we will be burning slash piles from last spring hazard fuels mitigation work at Winchester Lake.
- Continue working with the Parks to create their top five natural resource project priorities. This will be in alignment with the development process and will help maximize collaboration, identify, and allocate potential alternative funding sources for projects, minimize any duplication of efforts, and create complete projects that are turnkey for the Parks and public to enjoy (from design/construction to restoration and re vegetation).

NORTH REGION MONTHLY REPORT OCTOBER – NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2023

MISSION: To serve North Idaho Park users and recreationists, providing them with a quality experience that is safe and enjoyable, while managing and protecting the public's investment and the 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 experiences 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

- Coordinated, hosted, and led the NR Fall All-Staff Region Meeting; TOC Bi-Annual RAMP Government's Meeting; 2024 RMSPEC Planning Team Meeting; and NR Manager Monthly Video/Teleconference Calls.
- Participated in OPS Parks Region Manager Meeting in McCall; IDPR Board Meeting in McCall; Region Manager monthly phone call; TOC Commission Meeting; NR Development Projects discussion; TOC Campground engineering walk through; LUMA training with Steve Martin; CDA Chamber Natural Resource Monthly meeting; All Things Leasing discussion; AVISTA Spokane River Recreation Annual Meeting; and Heyburn Marina replacement discussion.
- Met with staff and reviewed operations at Dworshak, Winchester, Hells Gate
- Assisted with Hells Gate Ranger interviews.
- Coordinated Surplus Minor Maintenance Projects with staff to include filling out forms and beginning to obtain bids, and Heyburn marina replacement lessee letter, news release, and online comment process.

NR MAINTENANCE CREW – LANNY NEIPERT, MAINTENANCE FOREMAN

Dworshak:

- Dug up water valves at Three meadows and installed riser handles on valves.
- Repaired broken water line.
- Maintained road to dock at Three Meadows.
- Maintained road to water treatment building.

Farragut:

- Plugged hole in roof of R-359 (auction vehicle).
- Looked at back of Residence 3 to come up with plan to replace siding and then took window trim off back of Res. 3 and re-sealed window and re-installed trim.

Heyburn:

- Located sewer line at Mowry house and hand dug up corner of septic tank then dug up rest of septic tank lid with backhoe so it could be pumped.

North Region Office:

- Fixed fender, marker light and flat tire on work trailer.

- Trimmed bushes in front of office and sprayed weeds around NR complex.
- Cut and chipped trees around Nesbitt shop.
- Installed new igniter and tested pellet stove from Farragut.
- Completed “Dirty Dirt School” in Kellogg at Panhandle Health.
- Attended Region Meeting.
- Made retirement plaque for Kathryn Hampton and shipped it to Boise.
- Repaired air compressor in shop (cracked pipe).
- Coordinated NR MM Projects with Stillwater electric for quote to install lights in front office and Modern Glass to come give quote for new glass in front office.
- Got fire extinguisher yearly checks done by Advanced Fire.
- Bought oak for front counter self-edge, cut to size, and stained and finished it, tore out old countertop in front office, cut it down and reinstalled substrate, installed new self-edge on countertop and installed new laminate on front office countertop.

Old Mission/TOC:

- Replaced boards on Parish House in conjunction with Ginno.
- Dropped “old glass” off from Heyburn so painters could replace windowpane in the church.

Priest Lake:

- Tore deck off Lion Head group camp buildings for replacement in the spring – MM Project.

Round Lake:

- Planed table boards with Bart and Cole.

NR OFFICE STAFF

- Coordinated with NR Manager to complete NR Fall All-Staff Meeting.
- Coordinated with staff in Boise to get updated maps for the new Park & Ski areas.
- Staff completed cyber security training.
- Staff continue to learn the new LUMA system.
- Working with HR to get job advertised for the open front desk position.
- Helped schedule and coordinate interviews for the following open park positions:
 - Hells Gate Park Ranger
- Beginning to coordinate and plan NR CEO Training with NR Manager.
- Compiled responses from park managers and staff into condensed report for NR Manger on the following:
 - Minor Maintenance Projects Needs
 - IDPR Park Rules Posters
 - RV Wastewater Disposal Costs
 - Heyburn Marina Project Informational Mailing
 - Septic Tank Inventory
 - RAMP Bi-Annual Meeting Minutes
- RMSPEC 24 – Participated on Planning Team and helping to coordinate local aspects.

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

Customer Service

- Parkway is running smoothly. Some graffiti issues but normal peak season for Parkway.
- Eagles returned at the end of November which meant lots of visitations. This is one of the few times during the year that Parkway has more visitation than Farragut.

Park/Program Usage

- Off Season

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Regular maintenance ongoing

Staff Training

- Staff attended the monthly safety meeting.
- Staff attended North Region Fall Meeting in November

Park Manager's Narrative

- CDA library programs will continue throughout the winter as weather permits.
- Parkway is seeing heavy visitation and is on track to beat last year's revenue totals by a little bit.
- Renovations are finally complete at Higgen's but there are some paint issues that still need to be addressed that are under warranty.
- Ryan is working on getting the docks repaired. Ryan was able to hire a new seasonal maintenance person to help during Eagle season.
- Ryan worked with Keith on getting some hazardous trees removed from the parkway and some limbs cleaned up on other aging trees. Work should begin in January.

DWORSHAK STATE PARK – JOHN SEELY, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The Big Eddy office is open 9am-5pm Monday- Friday. Due to seasonal staff leaving for the season, the office is now closed on weekends. There are no fuel sales available as of mid-day October 31st as the Marina has been pulled from shore.
- Registration sales remain slow as the end of the year approaches.
- Daily calls regarding camping for the summer. Three Meadows is nearly full for the month of July and beginning of August.

Park/Program Usage

- Primary users are hunters and fisherman. But the middle of December will see the end of most hunting seasons in the area.
- Freeman Creek Traffic counter numbers are up.
 - 2021-676/ 2022-499/ 2023-697
- Reservations
 - Campsite reservation total 57. Oct has the highest number of reservations in the last 10 years. Nov is on par with the 3-year average.
 - 2021-37/ 2022-51/ 2023-57
 - Group camp reservations total 0. Aspen and Blackberry are closed as of October 1st. Three Meadows hosted the IDPR Interpretation Team and then closed.
 - 2021-0/ 2022-1/ 2023-0
 - Cabin reservations total 17. Oct was in line with the three-year average. Nov was higher than last year, but lower than the 5-year average.
 - 2021-26/ 2022-23/ 2023-17
 - Day Use reservations total 4. The Big Eddy lodge was closed for Nov and Dec for staining and carpet projects. The Sun shelter and amphitheater are closed for the season.
 - 2021-1/ 2022-1/ 2023-4
 - Boat Moorage reservation total 78. The Big Eddy marina and the Small Mouth moorage dock were closed for the season in November and December.
 - Total reservations 156. This is slightly below the 5-year average because of the 5 cancelled cabin reservations.
 - 2021-69/ 2022-76/ 2023-156

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		
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Park Sponsored Program or Event

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

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Work to rebuild fences has continued throughout the park to keep motorized vehicles in designated areas. The fence is being built with trees from the park. We are in the phase of building fence rails. USACE approval will be needed to install the fence.
- Fire Line clearing projects happened on November 6th, 7th, and the 16th. Old Mission/TOC and Hellsgate both came to help out and that was greatly appreciated.
- Hazard tree removal in the camas loop.

Staff Training

- Kiona Rogers attended Supervisory Academy.
- Jake Davis attended Supervisory academy online.
- John Seely and Kiona Rogers attended the North Region Meeting on November 1st and 2nd.
- Cyber security training. Jen, John, Kiona, and Jake.
- Staff continue to learn the new LUMA system.

Park Manager's Narrative

- The month of October was busier than normal, but still a lot slower than peak season. We are now down to 1 seasonal employee.
- The Big Eddy stain project is almost complete, the weather has put a temporary pause on the project. The water line and Deck projects are still awaiting Corp. approvals.
- The Big Eddy flooring project is almost complete. It will change the overall appearance of the lodge and hopefully get more people interested in renting the space.
- The design phase of the wastewater project and the volunteer site upgrades projects have begun.
- I attended the trunk or treat event at Hells Gate State Park. The event was well organized and fun. The kids really enjoyed it.
- The month of November is the beginning of the slow season at Dworshak. The water is off to the entire park except the maintenance shop. We try to take advantage of this by getting some big projects done.
- This November we focused on clearing the Fireline. This includes felling trees and cleaning the mess. With the help of Hellsgate and Old mission we were able to fall and clean up around 20 trees and burn 5 slash piles.
- The North region meeting was also in November. It is always fun to get together with everybody and watch the presentations.
- The month of December is traditionally slow at Dworshak, and this year is no different. The warmer than normal weather has allowed for a few more outside projects to be worked on. My wife is pregnant and due this month. I have started leave beginning the 25th of the month. Staff has picked up the slack in my absence.

FARRAGUT STATE PARK – LIZ PALFINI, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Overall customer complaints are low.
- Every weekend in the first part of October has been full. We filled Gilmore campground and overflowed into Waldren campground. Water was shut off the week of October 9th and camping slows down significantly when water shuts off.
- Hunting season went well we did not have many complaints. We caught one hunter using a firearm and after coordinating with IDFG, confiscated the deer and got his information to the conservation officer. He was cooperative.
- For December weather has been wet and uncomfortable and day use is good on good days, with camping in full winter mode. We closed Gilmore and moved everything over to Thimbleberry for the rest of the winter. Both North and South Rd are now closed for the season. Occupancy is very low even in cabins. Little to no snow meant very little visitation.

Park/Program Usage

- Off season – 1 cross country meet.
- Disc golf tournament

Program Services

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	3	3300
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Brig and Jr Ranger Station closed on Labor Day
- 0 backpacks were lent, 0 fishing poles, 0 tackle boxes

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation (Brig Tours)		
Traditional Interpretation	1	12
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Hazard trees were removed within campgrounds and along roadways.
- Cross country ski trails and snowshoe trails were the priority.

Staff Training

- Staff continuing to complete online LUMA training
- Staff attended monthly safety meeting.
- Staff attended North Region Fall Meeting in November

Park Manager's Narrative

- The top of the water tower is repaired.

- We met for another Peterson design meeting to share progress. Preliminary design looks good. Design decisions have been made and sewer and other utility surveying has begun. Some work to locate and access the current sewer and water lines has begun. There is some hope that the entire system will not need to be rebuilt.
- Spoke with Seth and Rebecca when they visited about computer workstations, the fiber upgrade and issues with Aspira.
- The bidding process completed on the Fiber internet upgrade funded for FY24 and the bid does not meet Farragut’s needs. We would like to change paths.
- We installed a few more employee workstations in the shop.
- We met again for RMSPEC planning for next year. We have potential caterers and music on lists.
- Our inspection team has begun yearly facility inspections and should be completed by the end of November.
- The water team worked together to update the end of year winterizing procedures, irrigation blow-outs and building shutdown procedures.
- Winter trail work has begun in prep for the winter season.
- I attended the NAI national conference with other members of the Interp team. The sessions were both impressive and full of good ideas. Errin Bair and I were able to visit 3 sites around Little Rock and talk in depth about volunteer management and nature center programming.
- I’ve been working on digitizing fuel logs for better tracking, cleaning up the digital back-up files and trying to eliminate old or outdated technology.

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

Customer Service

- Staffing is adequate for this time of year. Minimum seasonal staffing.
- Typical fall and winter use. A few interp. programs being scheduled.

Park/Program Usage

- Traffic count: 4,705
- Marriott Wedding- 70
- James Wedding- 90
- St. Dominics Mass- 220
- Immaculate Conception Mass- 90
- Homeschool Mass- 60

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	5	530
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- St Maries Homeschool- 8
- Homeschool group- 30
- Holy Family- 27
- WSU- 18
- Homeschool group- 60
- Treaty Rock- 70
- Alicas Co-op- 40
- University of Idaho - 20pp
- Homeschool Group – 25pp
- CDA Tribe: Teachers Group – 12pp

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education	1	12
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	9	298
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Completed Mission painting and repairs.
- 3 Hazard trees were removed in the main cemetery.
- VC cameras were repaired

Staff Training

- Staff Attended North Region Meeting
- Staff continue to learn the new LUMA system.

Park Manager's Narrative

- Manager reviewed proofs for new interpretation signs.
- Manager attended RMSPEC planning meetings.
- DPW contractor completed inventory of Visitor Center

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

Customer Service

- No seasonal staff on. Keeping the trail open and clear for users.
- Visitors needs and expectations are being met.

Park/Program Usage

Total for the Months: Oct- 10,001/Nov- 5,434/Dec- 11,850

- Wallace – 7,086
- Kellogg – 6,957
- Enaville – 7,429
- Harrison – 5,813

Program Services

- Jackass 5k/half marathon

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

- Hazard tree removal/fuel reduction took place between Pine creek and Enaville as well as between Harrison and Springston

Staff Training

Park Manager’s Narrative

- Manager attended bike in campground design meetings, new TOC shop design meetings, monthly managers meeting, and planning meeting for RMSPEC.
- Manager, Assistant Manager and Ranger attended Trail Commission Meeting and RAMP Meeting.
- Manager met with CDA trust to discuss remediation near Enaville and to look at proposed actions in Grays Meadow
- Manager and Assistant Manager met with Blues Fest people to discuss expansion of their event into the TOC ROW.
- Manager and Administrative Assistant met with Avista’s Real Estate division to discuss permitting process on the trail for encroachments.
- Manager and Assistant Manager attended a review of a potential lease management program and City of Harrison council meeting.

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: opened the last weekend in April
- Jack O’Connor Center: open on Tues-Saturday, 10:00 – 4:00 and Sunday, 1:00 – 4:00
- October was a busy final month for most of our camp season. We hosted the annual Haunted Campground with great success. Over 1,000 participants this season.
- November brought with it some colder changes to the weather, we had a taste of freezing temperatures and a lot of wind. We closed Birch and Cottonwood loops for the winter season and only Aspen loop is open.
- December was mild as far as weather and visitation, unfortunately, we had to cancel Cookies with Santa.
- Staff finished up the deficiency report for the Corp.
- The cabins are also closed through January for the HVAC upgrade project.

Park/Program Usage

- Camper cabins: Oct-32%/Nov & Dec- closed through Jan for HVAC upgrade.
- Full hookup sites: Oct-70%/Nov-50%/Dec-%13
- Electric sites: Oct-67%/Nov-26%/Dec-%6
- Basic campsites: Oct-21%/Nov & Dec-closed for the winter season
- Marina: Oct-20%/Nov-10%/Dec-%10

Program Services

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	7	465
Special Use Permit	1	225
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	2	13
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- We’ve been given permission to drop all the dead trees in the park, as we don’t take the stump below grade. With that, we have begun removing hazard trees throughout the park. A contract was entered into with a local tree company and our natural resources manager Three pine trees on the marina side of the store were removed in early November.
- This will go a long way in clearing the hazards out of the park.

Staff Training

- We are implementing our weekly ‘15-minute huddles’ to ensure weekly communication on training and project priorities.
- The Manager took the required DEQ training for the marina fuel tank.
- Staff continue to learn the new LUMA system.

Park Manager’s Narrative

- We hired our third ranger on Dec 11th.
- Trying to wrap up phase 1 of the marina project to proceed with phase 2. The pilings are on site for phase 2. The ESD issue remains a problem with phase 1.
 - Electrical engineers visited in November to determine our next step and we are still waiting for their report.
- Plans have been drafted for the concessionaire dock replacement. A permit is required to switch from the stiff-arm connection of the past to pilings.

HEYBURN STATE PARK – NATHAN BLACKBURN, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Customer service needs centered on assisting customers with camping, cottage and cabin rentals, day use, informing the public of maintenance projects, and educating customers on park rules.
- In the Visitor Center, the focus was on collecting and verifying customer insurance requirements, lease payments, snowmobile, and boat registrations, and other customer needs.
- All campgrounds are closed.

Park/Program Usage

- Traffic decreased throughout the fall and winter season, which is normal.

Program Services

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

- Rocky Point Lodge has furniture and window coverings in place.

Staff Training

- Courtney Davenport did attend a meeting for the Interpretive Committee at Dworshak from 10/16 – 10/20
- Keith Jones trained the staff on chainsaw usage, safety, and maintenance.
- Staff continue to learn the new LUMA system.

Park Manager’s Narrative

- The Chatcolet Road water line replacement was slated to reach completion.
- We have yet to be able to obtain clean water samples on the line that was replaced. The reason for this is still being investigated. We have purged the line on multiple occasions and the test results are starting to come back showing improvement. The next step will likely be to introduce chlorine into the system. Every area on the line has a “Boil Water” notice until the issue is resolved.
- Chatcolet and Rocky Point Marinas are in the development stage for replacement.
- Verdis Construction visited Mowry to look at designing campsites as well as restoring Mowry house.

MCCROSKEY STATE PARK – NATHAN BLACKBURN, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Fall and winter customer service needs were minimal. Questions were answered at Heyburn Visitor Center regarding 2024 use.

Park/Program Usage

- Visitation dropped in October and then roads became impassable in November and December due to weather conditions.

Program Services

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		

PRIEST LAKE STATE PARK – LONNIE JOHNSON, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The store was open 5 days a week now that the store position was moved to full time.

Park/Program Usage

- We continually opened up RV loops on the weekends in October due to heavy visitation when contractors were not working on the paving project at Indian Creek.
- November saw little use as we closed sites 1-51 and 67-93 for construction. Sites 52-66, our tent loop, had very little usage as did Lionhead and Dickensheet campgrounds. Sites 67-93 and new ADA sites were completed at the end of the month.
- Lionhead is still accessible and maintained for public use.
- Trails were cleared for visitors to walk or snowshoe through Indian Creek trails.

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

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

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Hazard trees fell at Indian Creek and Lionhead in October
- Timber sale meeting for Lionhead upper part of the campground. There are many hazard trees in that stand that is causing park staff to spend many hours cleaning up. We have lost 20-45 trees annually in the last few years and have taken down 15-25 trees that are dead or hazardous.
- Native grass seed was spread throughout the disc golf course and sections of White pine campground in November.
- With snow falling in December, little trail work was performed removing downed trees and pruning brush.

Staff Training

- Staff continue to learn the new LUMA system.
- Some staff attended the North Region fall meeting on Nov. 1-2
- Nate has been training staff in different trades as maintenance backlogs get completed. Specifically, copper plumbing with solder, framing small projects and light electrical work.

Park Manager’s Narrative

- Paving is completed at Indian Creek and all buildings at Lionhead and Indian Creek are winterized. We started in late September and completed the winterization in mid-October, trying to leave services open to the public as long as possible.
- The weather turned quickly from highs in the 60s to highs in the mid-teens and we were able to finish winterization before the cold suddenly hit.
- Currently we have been getting ready for snow and finishing up any small maintenance projects that the budget allows. Staff worked on projects such as: new window coverings and back steps for Schaefer cabin. Prepping vehicles and equipment for the winter.
- As of December 31, 2023, we still have not accumulated any more snow. An inch or so will fall overnight and then turn to rain during the day. We are hoping for more snow so we can groom the ski trails. Need about a foot to make it ready for the free ski day on Jan. 6th.

ROUND LAKE STATE PARK – MARY MCGRAW, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Visitor center hours were reduced.
- Park staff provided regular updates to phone and web services to keep customers informed of operational changes for the current season.
- Park staff worked on projects throughout the quarter.

Park/Program Usage

- Park use was steady with nice days. Hikers, bikers, & dog walkers, as well as campers enjoyed the park this month.
- There was one group use permit approved in December.
- There were several inquiries regarding amphitheater reservation for next year. We are holding off on making any reservations until we know more about the park improvements that are currently taking place.

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

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- October saw Two school groups were in the park, Jim Ekins, from the U of I, presented a water quality program to high school students and a program for kindergarten students was presented by park staff.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	2	79
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Work in the campground has started doing campground improvements.

- Living pads are being installed in the lower loop and are mostly done except for a few new items added in the spring, new firepits and hammock poles and some site markers for each site.

Staff Training

- Lots of Luma Training (10 Hours each)
- All staff completed cyber security training (.5 hrs. each)
- The manager attended the NAI conference from Nov. 6th to 12th.
- All staff attended the North Region Meeting

Park Manager's Narrative

- The Manager went to western Washington to tour treehouse point and attended a meeting with Development, Nelson Treehouse Masters Staff and IDPR Resource Manager regarding the construction of the new tree houses.
- The Manager met with the Dept. of Public Works for an inventory of the visitor center regarding future needs and repairs.
- The Manager worked to gather more information from all field staff regarding the use of Body Armor for self-protection.
- IBOL met with the Manager for the Park Annual safety Inspection, no issues were reported.
- The manager has been working with Friends of Scotchman peaks to coordinate the winter tracks program at the park.
- The Manager presented a webinar to Collaborative Conservation and Adaptation Strategy Toolbox (CCAST) Non-Native Aquatics Species Webinar Series. The topic was the Chinese Mystery snails.
- The Manager met with contractors to move forward on the backup generators for the water system, the replacement of the vehicle storage shed and identify work for the upper loop campground improvements.
- Worked with contractors to get the lower loop living pads completed, only five left to complete.
- Removed trees at the shop to prepare for the proposed new vehicle storage building.
- Table boards were planned and routed to start the refinishing process on Park picnic tables.
- Work continues to remove dead timber from the shop area after the beetle infestation to the lodgepole pine trees and we have been working on cutting wood and splitting it for next season's firewood sales.
- Work was started by Northern Lights power FEMA project to remove overhead lines through the park and put them underground. Work should be completed sometime in January.
- Lift station No. 2 failed. The check valves for both pumps were replaced and repairs were completed and the new flooring (carpet and laminate) in the park residence will be completed next month.

WINCHESTER LAKE STATE PARK – DYLAN GOODELL, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- We worked with Jessica and John and are adding a deposit to the yurt reservations to help offset the occasional messy customer.
- We re-installed a dock abutment and ramp at the boat launch.
- Development was on site for a new water line in A loop, paving the ADA pathway for the installation of two additional yurts and bringing Lodgepole up to ADA compliance.
- We have been building log furniture for the yurts. To date an end table and futon.
- Our social media presence has continued to increase, customers have commented positively on and shared our social media posts regularly.
- The public has shown keen interest in ice conditions.
- We have not been able to groom XC ski trails due to lack of snow.
- Staff have started looking for 2024 camp hosts.

Park/Program Usage

- Traffic counters had 3,295 readings.
- Tamarack Yurt: averaged usage: Oct-51.61%/Nov-16.67%/Dec-29.03%
- Lodgepole: Oct-29.03%/Nov-23.33%/Dec-9.68%
- Ponderosa: Oct-32.26%/Nov-16.67%/Dec-22.58%
- Snowberry: Oct-41.94%/Nov-6.67%/Dec-25.81%

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	2	300
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

- IDL has been burning hand piles and continued the thinning project, we have been helping where we can.
- Met with IDFG Game Warden in October and identified proposed blind locations for migratory waterfowl hunting on the non-fee side of the park. Migratory Waterfowl hunting was overall a success and the geese have generally departed.
 - We did observe that geese tended to stay in the fee area, as that was the only place hunting was not allowed.
 - In the future to disperse the geese away from the fee area, we may open hunting at several locations within the park.
- Lauren and Nathan decorated our visitor center and kiosk with holiday décor.
- We are working on updating the plant species list with the help of a volunteer.
- We have been selectively removing snags at Ponderosa point for furniture, reducing fuel load.
- Beth has been in the process of getting a tribal burn permit so we can burn our hand piles.

Staff Training

- Staff continuing to complete online LUMA training.
- Dylan attended a lecture on local pollinating insects and completed 6 CEU's to maintain his pesticide applicator license.
- Beth helped lead the interpretation yearly workshop at DWO.
- Lauren completed online training for social media and interpretation and interpretation through time from Provalen learning. (Chelsae Chambers recommendation)

Park Manager's Narrative

- We are having many cougar sightings and kills in the area. The population of cougar is exponentially expanding, and young males are venturing into new areas. When IDFG were releasing trout, I spoke with one of the biologists about the cougars and he will be able to loan us game cameras. I am not aware of any sightings after meeting with the biologist.

- There has been a mixed reaction to waterfowl hunting from the townspeople. People have voiced that shooting starts too early, but also acknowledge that the number of geese has had a negative impact on the lakes water quality. We have had less labor costs cleaning off the docks since hunting has been allowed.
- IDFG is most likely to rebuild the spillway of the dam and make repairs without removing the entire structure and they will make a final decision this spring. Lake levels should remain stable into 2025.
- IDFG says it is planning on grinding and repaving the no fee area parking lot.
- Lewis county commissioners contacted us for a wish list to use waterway improvement fund moneys. We submitted a list and Dylan is meeting the commissioners in January.
- We have been working through CIP and MM lists and projects.

OPERATIONS DIVISION QUARTERLY REPORT

October-November-December 2023

OPERATIONS DIVISION: TROY ELMORE, ADMINISTRATOR

Mission

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

Goals

1. To provide leadership and direction for the ongoing daily operations of Idaho State Parks, the IDPR Recreation Bureau, and the Natural Resources Management Program.
2. 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 monthly manager meetings.
- Conducted weekly region manager teleconference calls.
- Participated in the south and east Ranger Roundup at Ponderosa. Discussed housing policy and fielded questions from rangers.
- Participated in Blackberry Campground site visit at Ponderosa with Development Bureau staff, park staff, and Nez Perce Tribe representatives. Artifacts were found during the electrical upgrades. Development is working with tribes on the path forward.
- Participated in numerous Quagga Mussel meetings with statewide partners and legislators. Worked with Department of Agriculture in public messaging and coordinated river access closures at 1000 Springs State Park and Walcott. Coordinated with IDFG and staff Walcott staff worked with Bureau of Reclamation.
- Reviewed Poison Creek Marina drawings with Adam, Theresa, and Blake. Adam followed up with Tamarack to share some feedback the park provided regarding fuel station and parking.
- Met with IDPR Board snow hill concession sub-committee, Joy, Theresa, and Blake to complete the updated snow hill concession contract. Presented the contract to the board at November Board meeting in McCall, where it was approved for submission to concessionaire.
- Worked with Development to establish spending parameters for projects less than \$25k that could be handled at the parks to reduce the load on Development staff and to help get money on the ground faster.
- Met with Bureau of Reclamation to discuss the need for additional housing at Lake Cascade State Park. This meeting followed a site visit. We are asking for a permanent house and seasonal bunkhouse at the existing Administration site near Cascade. BOR seemed supportive of the project, pending their environmental analysis.
- Participated in South, East and North Region Manager meetings on TEAMS.
- Attended Bruneau Dunes observatory employee night. Enjoyed the staff presentation and experiencing the planetarium upgrade and observing the night sky through the new telescope and other scopes on the park grounds outside observatory.
- Held Operations meeting with region managers in McCall prior to the board meeting.

- Attended quarterly board meeting in McCall and tour at Lake Cascade State Park.
- Participated in four legislative tours in Coeur d' Alene, Lewiston, Boise, and Twin Falls with Director Buxton.
- Participated in Manager Meeting at City of Rocks. This was Ryan's first meeting as Region Manager. Spent time with east region park staff. Toured City of Rocks and Castle Rocks State Park. Experienced the new acquisition (Sheridan Property) and was able to see the potential for increased access and recreation within the park. Met new City of Rocks maintenance Foreman Michelle Jones and Park Ranger, Austin Zollinger.

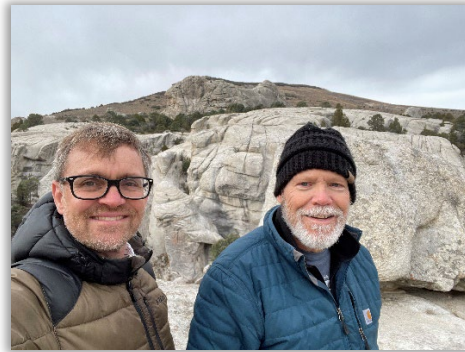


Ryan displaying his leadership skills at Bath Rock.



Enjoying dinner with East Region staff at The Outpost Steakhouse, Almo.

- Met with Roger Batt, Statewide Coordinator of Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign and Natural Resources Manager Keith Jones to discuss an IDPR \$5000 contribution to an updated weed awareness campaign to include new videos targeting OHV enthusiasts. IDFG and Department of Agriculture are making similar contributions to increase noxious weed awareness. Recreation Bureau Chief, David Claycomb volunteered to fund the project with recreation dollars.
- Participated in the south region all staff meeting in Boise at HQ.
- Met with Dan Waugh from Idaho Horse Council to discuss his potential legislation which creates an ongoing non-motorized funding source that would be tied to the Park Passport. He also proposed an increase to the park passport. He asked for our technical input regarding distribution methods. I am not aware if this is something he is moving forward during this session. We also informed him that the department would not be able to take a position on the proposed legislation unless our Board had an opportunity to review and take action to either support or oppose.
- City of Rocks/Castle Rocks Park Manager Wallace Keck announces retirement. Thanks to Wallace and his dedication to this agency and his loyal public service.



Troy and Wallace enjoying scenic City of Rocks/Castle Rocks.

- Met with Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the impact of their Turner boat ramp construction project on the Lucky Peak Marina. The Corps is moving forward with construction this fall, drawing down the elevation earlier than usual. We informed the Corps of the impacts to our staff, visitors, and moorage lease holders. We informed them that as a partner and leaseholder for the marina, we expect better communication, coordination and collaboration with any projects that would impact on our operations. They apologized for the oversight and have promised to do a better job moving forward.
- Met with ISP, construction contractor, and Development staff to discuss the manufactured home construction project at Three Island Crossing State Park. Now that the agreement between IDPR and ISP has been signed by the Board, construction will begin immediately. ISP and the contractor agreed to communicate regularly with park staff during the project to alleviate any conflicts with park visitors, park maintenance and management, etc. IDPR stated that occupancy cannot occur until a signed lease has been executed between the two agencies.
- Attended Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee meeting with Director Buxton. Listened to dialogue involving the grant projects being discussed and provided technical assistance when asked.

- Met with IDL Director Dustin Miller, Sandra Mitchell (Idaho Recreation Council) and David Claycomb. Sandra and David were asking Director Miller to consider providing recreation opportunities for OHVs greater than 50" in width on endowment lands. This is the fastest growing segment of OHVs and has the least developed recreation opportunities. A challenge trail that included obstacles and engineered rough terrain would be the goal. The Recreation Bureau would provide all the funding. Director Miller seemed agreeable to a "pilot" project but wanted to discuss further internally.

**RESERVATION & REGISTRATION (R&R) PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT
October – November – December '23**

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.

Registrations/Permits

Vehicles/Permits	Oct-Dec 2023	CY 2023
Boat	8,264	90,918
OHV 1 yr	4,368	44,582
OHV 2 yr	8,801	53,361
OHV 1 yr Non-Res	1,189	12,285
OHV 2 yr Non-Res	1,119	6,475
Snowmobile 1yr	9,025	15,382
Snowmobile 2yr	2,117	3,796
Snowmobile - Non-Res 1yr	2,700	13,510
Snowmobile - Non-Res 2yr	299	564
Snowmobile - Rental	1,229	1,321
PAISS Non-Motorized	3,204	122,530
PAISS Not Reg. in Idaho	329	11,720
Park N Ski 3-Day	367	1,500
Park N Ski Annual	1,131	1,871
Annual MVEF	199	2,890
OHV MVEF	115	1,370
OHV MVEF Non-Res	10	292
Totals	44,466	384,367

Card Service Fee

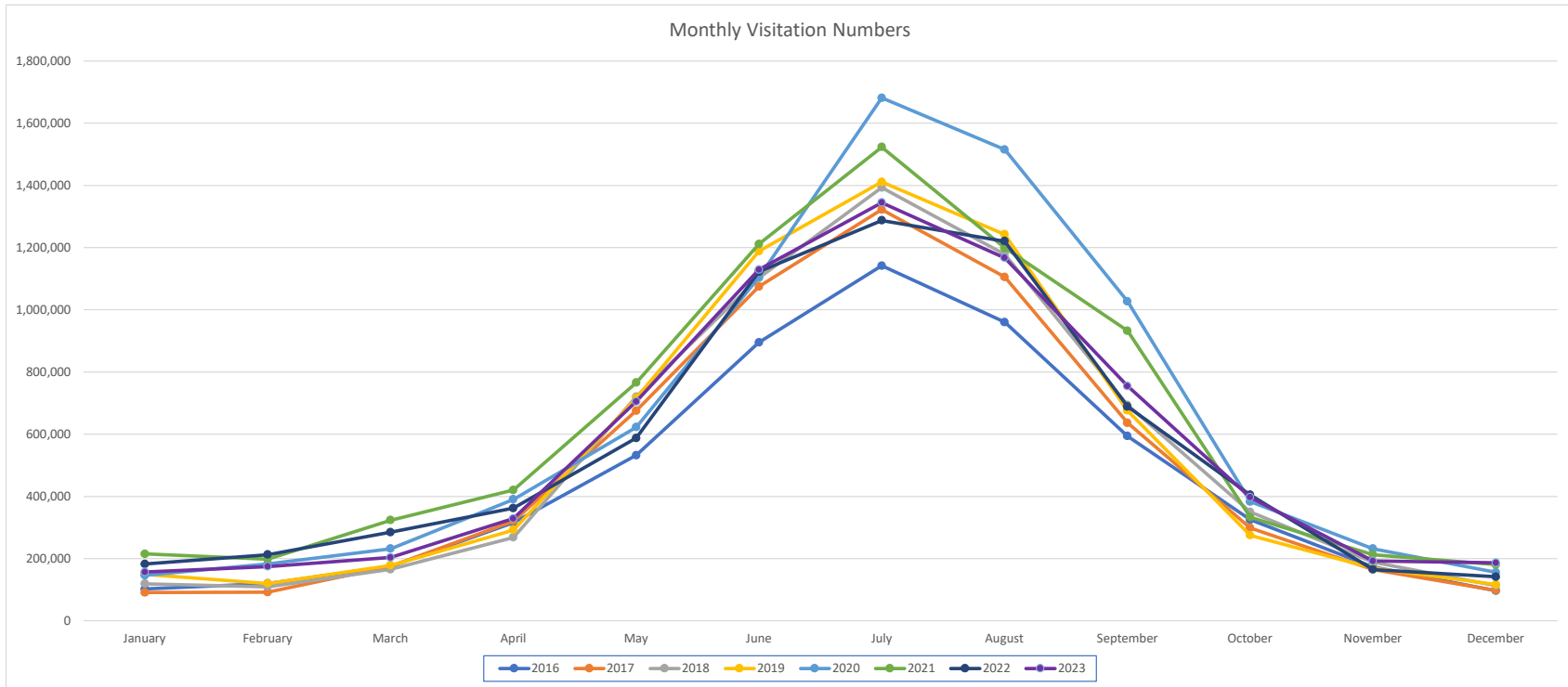
A three percent card service fee was implemented on October 11th for all card transactions. This fee is being passed on to the customers and only used to cover the amount billed to IDPR for these fees. In FY23, the card service fee billed to the department was \$284,688.29. Customers are still able to pay with cash, check, or money order for their purchases without the three percent passalong fee.

Recreational Management System RFP

The RFP closed on February 09, 2024. The evaluation team will be meeting on February 27-28 to grade the written proposals and again on March 04-05 for the system demonstrations. The contract will be awarded by the end of March with development starting immediately after the award. The current contract is set to expire on December 31, 2024.

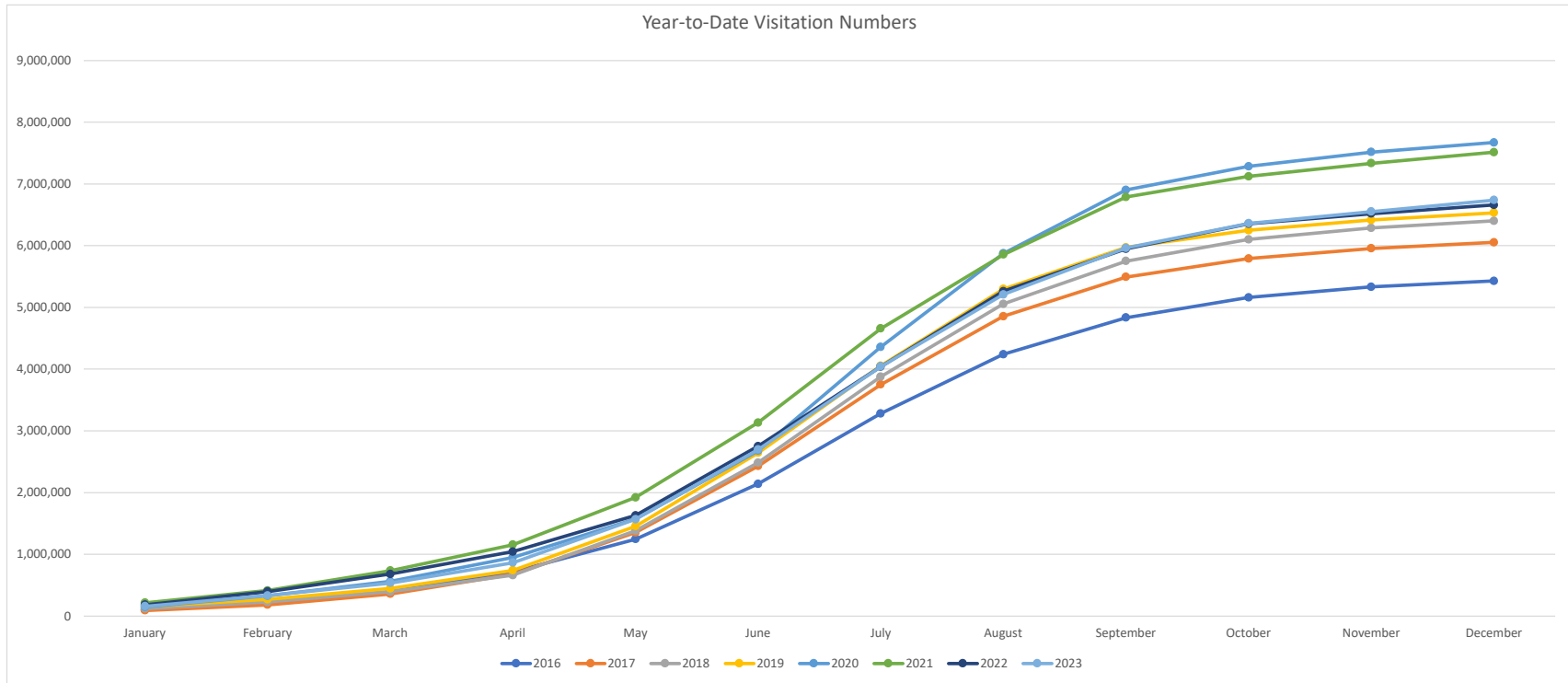
YoY Monthly Visitation Numbers

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Yearly Total	%Δ
2016	102,277	119,825	175,565	315,384	531,894	894,895	1,141,430	959,975	593,570	324,765	173,190	96,633	5,429,403	
2017	90,644	91,687	174,999	320,676	675,271	1,074,921	1,321,952	1,105,086	636,383	298,594	164,831	98,152	6,053,196	
%Δ	-11.37%	-23.48%	-0.32%	1.68%	26.96%	20.12%	15.82%	15.12%	7.21%	-8.06%	-4.83%	1.57%		11.49%
2018	118,787	109,489	165,542	268,192	720,522	1,102,401	1,393,051	1,178,227	693,372	349,708	188,641	113,424	6,401,356	
%Δ	31.05%	19.42%	-5.40%	-16.37%	6.70%	2.56%	5.38%	6.62%	8.96%	17.12%	14.45%	15.56%		5.75%
2019	149,695	119,999	178,091	292,065	715,831	1,188,495	1,410,846	1,242,443	675,857	274,821	168,919	116,507	6,533,569	
%Δ	26.02%	9.60%	7.58%	8.90%	-0.65%	7.81%	1.28%	5.45%	-2.53%	-21.41%	-10.45%	2.72%		2.07%
2020	146,056	182,373	231,826	390,317	622,386	1,104,606	1,681,457	1,515,113	1,026,778	382,970	231,879	155,821	7,671,582	
%Δ	-2.43%	51.98%	30.17%	33.64%	-13.05%	-7.06%	19.18%	21.95%	51.92%	39.35%	37.27%	33.74%		17.42%
2021	214,821	197,740	323,238	420,500	765,560	1,211,475	1,523,376	1,198,955	932,236	332,849	212,813	180,604	7,514,167	
%Δ	47.08%	8.43%	39.43%	7.73%	23.00%	9.67%	-9.40%	-20.87%	-9.21%	-13.09%	-8.22%	15.90%		-2.05%
2022	182,692	212,794	284,929	362,331	587,392	1,122,172	1,287,263	1,220,272	688,577	404,649	164,743	141,288	6,659,102	
%Δ	-14.96%	7.61%	-11.85%	-13.83%	-23.27%	-7.37%	-15.50%	1.78%	-26.14%	21.57%	-22.59%	-21.77%		-11.38%
2023	156,895	174,542	203,286	328,863	704,762	1,129,005	1,344,419	1,166,885	754,685	397,019	191,851	186,177	6,738,389	
%Δ	-14.12%	-17.98%	-28.65%	-9.24%	19.98%	0.61%	4.44%	-4.38%	9.60%	-1.89%	16.45%	31.77%		1.19%



YoY Year-to-Date Visitation Numbers

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Yearly Total	%Δ
2016	102,277	222,102	397,667	713,051	1,244,945	2,139,840	3,281,270	4,241,245	4,834,815	5,159,580	5,332,770	5,429,403	5,429,403	
2017	90,644	182,331	357,330	678,006	1,353,277	2,428,198	3,750,150	4,855,236	5,491,619	5,790,213	5,955,044	6,053,196	6,053,196	
%Δ	-11.37%	-17.91%	-10.14%	-4.91%	8.70%	13.48%	14.29%	14.48%	13.58%	12.22%	11.67%	11.49%		11.49%
2018	118,787	228,276	393,818	662,010	1,382,532	2,484,933	3,877,984	5,056,211	5,749,583	6,099,291	6,287,932	6,401,356	6,401,356	
%Δ	31.05%	25.20%	10.21%	-2.36%	2.16%	2.34%	3.41%	4.14%	4.70%	5.34%	5.59%	5.75%		5.75%
2019	149,695	269,694	447,785	739,850	1,455,681	2,644,176	4,055,022	5,297,465	5,973,322	6,248,143	6,417,062	6,533,569	6,533,569	
%Δ	26.02%	18.14%	13.70%	11.76%	5.29%	6.41%	4.57%	4.77%	3.89%	2.44%	2.05%	2.07%		2.07%
2020	146,056	328,429	560,255	950,572	1,572,958	2,677,564	4,359,021	5,874,134	6,900,912	7,283,882	7,515,761	7,671,582	7,671,582	
%Δ	-2.43%	21.78%	25.12%	28.48%	8.06%	1.26%	7.50%	10.89%	15.53%	16.58%	17.12%	17.42%		17.42%
2021	214,821	412,561	735,799	1,156,299	1,921,859	3,133,334	4,656,710	5,855,665	6,787,901	7,120,750	7,333,563	7,514,167	7,514,167	
%Δ	47.08%	25.62%	31.33%	21.64%	22.18%	17.02%	6.83%	-0.31%	-1.64%	-2.24%	-2.42%	-2.05%		-2.05%
2022	182,692	395,486	680,415	1,042,746	1,630,138	2,752,310	4,039,573	5,259,845	5,948,422	6,353,071	6,517,814	6,659,102	6,659,102	
%Δ	-14.96%	-4.14%	-7.53%	-9.82%	-15.18%	-12.16%	-13.25%	-10.18%	-12.37%	-10.78%	-11.12%	-11.38%		-11.38%
2023	156,895	331,437	534,723	863,586	1,568,348	2,697,353	4,041,772	5,208,657	5,963,342	6,360,361	6,552,212	6,738,389	6,738,389	
%Δ	-14.12%	-16.20%	-21.41%	-17.18%	-3.79%	-2.00%	0.05%	-0.97%	0.25%	0.11%	0.53%	1.19%		1.19%



**EAST REGION QUARTERLY REPORT
OCT –NOV– DEC 2023**

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 ensure 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

Staffing Updates

- **City of Rocks** - This quarter saw two major vacancies in the East Region. The first was the retirement of Park Manager Wallace Keck. While Wallace’s retirement was an event that we saw coming, it still brought with it inherent operational challenges to the management of City of Rocks. These challenges were exaggerated by the unexpected resignation of the park’s assistant manager, Tara McClure-Cannon at the time of Wallace’s exit. I have been working closely with Michelle Jones, the park’s maintenance foreman, and rangers Austin Zollinger and Sophia Bates to keep operations running smoothly. Additionally, this quarter we hired two new rangers at City of Rocks, Bryce Packer, and Sam Stephenson. The current staff has risen to these challenges admirably. Both the manager and the assistant manager positions were posted quickly, and interviews have been scheduled for early February.
- **Bear Lake** – Once again, one ranger position has remained unfilled. Andy Stokes, the park manager, has interviewed multiple candidates for this position, but without a housing option to offer in the area, he has been unable to secure a new hire. The position will remain open for applications until the position is filled. This underscores the ongoing need for staff housing at Bear Lake State Park.
- **Harriman** – One ranger position is currently open at Harriman.

Operational Updates

- We have begun small minor maintenance projects throughout the region as part of the supplementary minor maintenance program. This program is working hand in hand with the development bureau and is off to a great start. To help in this process, the East Region maintenance foreman, East Region construction manager, and myself, along with individual park managers completed maintenance audits for each park unit in the East Region. We logged all the findings from these audits into upcoming CIP and MM spreadsheets.
- Brad Gilmer, our new maintenance foreman and I compiled a list of the East Region crew’s equipment needs and assembled the necessary purchase requisitions. We are currently working to get them submitted in LUMA but have had some difficulty with the approval matrix associated with the crew’s Org Cost Center.
- We held an in-person East Region manager meeting at Castle Rocks in November and continue to hold Teams meetings at least once per month.

BEAR LAKE – ANDREW STOKES, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- We received several complaints about the reservation system during October, which was the opening of the July 2024 window. Most were frustrated when trying to book the highly sought-after and competitive group camp 100. We might need to consider a different way to handle these popular sites.
- Snow totals are a little low this winter and have impacted some of the winter activities at the park.
- The park is making the purchase of snowmobile permits as convenient as possible by visiting many of the trail head parking lots in the area.

Park/Program Usage

- With the nice fall weather, we saw a lot of use in the campground and even had a few campers in December.

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

- We held our first annual Bear Lake Monster Mash Fall Festival in October. It was well attended, and we hope it grows each year. Staff did a wonderful job with the activities. A local company donated over \$500 towards gifts and prizes.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	1	78
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Involved in Highlands Cooperative Weed Management Area meetings and spray days for Bear Lake.
- Involved in Bear River Environmental Coordination Committee meetings.
- Met with BLM and The Nature Conservancy about Formation Springs. We were able to discuss our vision for the area and developed a rough plan.

Staff Training

- Sheila attended Ranger Round-up.
- Attended the manager’s meeting at City of Rocks. It was a great meeting and a wonderful tour of the park. Great opportunity for many of us that have never been. It is nice to have these meetings at other parks in the region.

Manager’s Narrative

- We are working on new opportunities around Bear Lake for day use, camping and OHV trails.
- Montpelier hosted “Capital for a Day”. The park manager, region manager, and director were in attendance. Issues relating to the beach were discussed.

- Still in discussions with ITD regarding the Dingle Pond area. Deputy Attorney General for ITD is looking into what can and cannot be done at that location.
- Staff attended a legislative tour in Idaho Falls with the director and other IDPR staff. It was well attended by many of the local legislators.
- Working with the development team to make improvements to group camps 100 and 101.
- Met with the realtor to provide a letter of intent to purchase new ground on the west side of Bear Lake.
- Continued selling snowmobile permits and pushed them heavily over the holiday break resulting in around 72 permits sold and approximately \$4,000 collected. From October to December, the park collected \$8-9,000 in snowmobile permits.
- Holiday lights at the visitor center received many compliments from the community. We plan to expand each year and become a holiday light destination. The local Ace Hardware has told us they plan to donate \$7-8k in Christmas lights for the next season.
- Made offers for our open ranger position and was turned down twice. We will open position back up and advertise until filled.

CITY OF ROCKS – WALLACE KECK, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- On October 22, 2023, vandals came through City of Rocks destroying and stealing signs. They stole/damaged the entrance signs (Juniper, Emery, and East Entrance) and stole/damaged City of Rocks and Cassia County signs throughout the reserve.
- The visitor center is now on winter hours, closed Mondays and Tuesdays and holidays.
- Water in the campgrounds has been shut off for the season.

Park/Program Usage

- Usage for this quarter: Campgrounds = 1,692 site nights; Lodge = 40 nights; Glamping Yurt = 38 nights; Bunkhouse = 26 nights; Shelter = 0.
- Visitor center attendance = 1,422 in October; 270 in November; 76 in December.

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit		
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Backcountry Camping Permit	2	10
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- The eclipse activity was super fun and well attended! We had about 125 people and everyone had a great time seeing the eclipse in between clouds going by. We provided eclipse glasses for attendees and had an eclipse craft, a game, and a story for the kids.
- Sophia and Wallace attended the IDPR Annual Interpretation Meeting at Dworshak State Park. Relationships were formed and great discussions were held. The interpretation team is moving forward to revive interpretation in the agency.
- Despite the cold weather, we held a fun Pioneer Harvest Festival with 21 attendees. The activities included pioneer games, carving potatoes like jack-o-lanterns, and MadLib ghost stories around a fire.
- Sophia held a meeting with some local businesses that was well attended. Some of the business owners are interested in doing package deals with the park and Sophia will be following up with them.
- Robb presented at the Back Country Horsemen meeting in November.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	3	158
Traditional Interpretation	4	55
Environmental Education	1	21
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- CIRO hosted the Idaho NPS parks and the Idaho SHPO for the NPS/SHPO biennial Programmatic Agreement meeting.
- Interns Annie and Bailey documented all the beaver dams on Almo Creek from the yurt to Eagle Rock Grove, with GIS and notes.
- Tara completed the Archeological Resources Protection Act damage assessment documentation for Register Rock.
- Austin removed the tree on the bridge at the lodge, and removed the bridge by the yurt that was washed out. He also completed a vegetation management strategy for the next five years.

Staff Training

- Cyber Security Training.
- Sophia finished her CPR/First Aid videos.
- Austin completed all 15 recertification credits needed for his pesticide applicator license.
- Michelle completed NPS Incident Response training, Information Management Technology Training and Role Based Privacy Training for Planning, Environmental & Public Comment access.

Manager's Narrative

- Tara finished the Geologic Formations booklet for resale.
- Staff are all working on their portions of the annual report and Tara has started a draft of the combined document.
- Tara replaced the Pinyon Pine exhibit in the visitor center with a new insect exhibit.
- Wallace and Tara interviewed and hired Michelle as the new maintenance foreman.
- Wallace, Tara, and Sophia worked through changes needed for the NPS Unigrd brochure. Tara sent the cartographer final shapefiles.
- Tara finished staff annual evaluations and 2024 goal planning.
- Sophia, Tara, and Wallace interviewed candidates for Artists in Residence (AIR), Jessie Swimeley was selected for 2024.

HARRIMAN/HENRY/ASHTON TETONIA TRAIL/MESA FALLS - JESS BRUMFIELD, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Trail cameras were pulled at the end of November, and the videos were saved for staff to share with the public on Facebook.
- December visitation was significantly lower this year due to a lack of snow compared to previous years. Winter access fees will not be implemented until regular plowing, or the first grooming occurs.
- We started renting snowshoes to park visitors and it's been very popular. Additionally, the park inherited a substantial supply of cross-country skis, boots, and poles from Caldera Tours, and we started the process of creating a rental program with the donated equipment.

Park/Program Usage

- Nice weather in October brought an increase in visitation for this time of year and park facilities were in high demand.
- Dry Ridge Outfitters stayed busy for the month with horseback rides.
- November was a very slow month with very few visitors.
- The Idaho Falls Ski Patrol conducted their annual refresher training at the park on November 18. They play a crucial role in supporting the park during events like Free Winter Access Day, evening events in winter, and patrolling on weekends and during school group visits.
- Youth from the Juvenile Corrections Center in St. Anthony (JCCs) returned to help with wrapping up and storing Haunts of Harriman items. They also began assisting with wood cutting and storage for winter. Their instructors conducted a day-long training in the Dining Hall in preparation for winter visits by the group.

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

- Historical building tours ended in October and will resume in May. We are in the process of creating virtual tours to share more of the history during the closure. Self-guided flyers are available at the Visitor Center.
- Haunts of Harriman, a 23-year tradition held on October 20 and 21, succeeded despite staff shortages. Over 50 volunteers dedicated countless hours to make the 2-night event a success. Planning is already occurring to make improvements for next year. Food was collected for the local food banks and the event is put on exclusively with donations from the local community. Extra candy went to the local school and library for activities. Visitors came from Montana to Utah.
- The Jones House reopened on December 26 for the holiday week, with volunteers keeping it open from 11 am to 3:30 pm. A total of 301 visitors utilized the facility as a warming hut, enjoying the beautiful views.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	2	155
Special Events	2	1560
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Miller Tree Removal Services returned to the park to cut and remove large logs and branches around the historic area.
- Siding, painting, and chimney replacement have been completed on the manager and assistant manager residences.
- Roof replacement was finished on multiple buildings including the shop, the 5th bay, the Gas House, managers residence, assistant managers residence, the Jones House, Boys House,

Harriman Cottage, Dining Cottage, and the Ranch Foreman's House. Bathroom work was initiated for manager and assistant manager residences.

- Construction crews started the process of cleaning the attic space in The Honeymoon Hotel.

Staff Training

- The manager, interpretive ranger, new maintenance ranger, and two seasonals participated in a First Aide/CPR certification, four hours training per person.

Manager's Narrative

- Friends of Harriman State Park board met for their monthly meetings, and the Trails Initiative Meeting was held in Idaho Falls in November.
- In October the park conducted interviews and successfully hired a full-time maintenance ranger, unfortunately he resigned in December, and we are once again short one ranger.
- Assistant manager and manager participated in the East Region managers meeting.

Haunts of Harriman and fall 2023 trail camera photos!



ASHTON TETONIA TRAIL

Customer Service

- We continue to post updates on Facebook and interact with users.
- Regularly checks and responds to emails on the Ashton-Tetonia email.
- Vault toilets are open and cleaned weekly.
- Marysville, Judkins, and Tetonia lots are being plowed to maintain accessibility for snowshoers, skiers, and fat bikes.

Park/Program Usage

- Total Visitation in October: 404
 - Marysville: 232 **vehicles**
 - Judkins: 172 **vehicles**
 - Visitor Center: 0 **people (closed for the season)**
- Counters were removed in November.

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

- Engineers cored Fall River trestle to test concrete footings and all concrete is in great shape. Cores taken from foundation check were later filled in.
- Opened gates for winter snowmobiles in October.
- Began working on deferred maintenance request forms.
- Attended Ashton City Council Meeting in December where the purchase of the Ashton Visitor Center was presented.

Staff Training

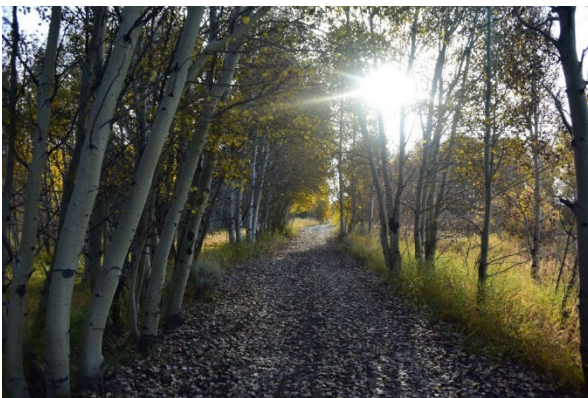
- No staff training was completed.

Manager's Narrative

- We have very limited trail snow, but growing interest in early snowshoeing and fat biking underscores the need for a park winter program.

Photos of the quarter:

Fall foliage on the trail near Lamont (1) Core sample from Fall River Trestle (2)



HENRYS

Customer Service

- The park facilities and Adams and Blue Dun Loops were closed for the season on October 13. The Caddis sites (dry camping) were open for customer use until snow closed the road.

- Staff are seeking a solution for the fish cleaning station waste disposal. Parkers Septic Tank Service can pump out the waste, but local dump stations won't accept it as residential sewage.
- In November, ITD and IDPR staff met to plan winter plowing for the park road. It was decided that the road would be plowed a couple of times and that ITD would let IDPR know so we could inform the public the road is open.
- A 3% credit card fee was implemented on October 11. In November, staff learned that Tier A park prices, including Henrys Lake, would increase starting January 1, 2024.
- The double vault toilets at the boat ramp remain open for customers' use.

Park/Program Usage

- In October, only nine nights were reservable in the campground as tent and dispersed camp sites closed at the end of September. Camping was hard to compare to last year because in October 2022, Adams and Blue Dun Loops were closed to upgrade the water lines, but generally, there were more sites occupied this year. There was one paying camper in the park during November, which was a first.
- October's vehicle count was 4,603, a decrease of 1,155 from 2022. November's vehicle count was 2,135, an increase of 1,053 from 2022. December's vehicle count was 6,060, an increase of 5,956 from 2022 when the road was closed due to snow.
- Fishing was good throughout October while the weather was nice (60s and up to the 70s), but the last week of the month the area received 10-12 inches of snow and some negative temperatures. A snowstorm in November froze the lake's edges, reducing park visitors. By mid-November fishing resumed as temperatures rose to the 50s-60s during the day and 20s-30s at night. In December, the lake froze and ice fishing began.

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

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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

- In October, staff continued to spray, cut off seed pods, and dig up invasive plants as time allowed.

Staff Training

- Nothing to report.

Manager's Narrative

- The lake level was 90% and the Upper Snake River system was at 67% of capacity by the end of December.
- There were no accident/incident reports in the park in December.

LAKE WALCOTT – TRENTON DURFEE, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The park moved to winter operation hours in December and water was shut off to most of the park.
- A social media post will be going out in January to remind the public that Lake Walcott is now open year-round for camping. The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce has also been reminded that we are open for camping.
- Many people are buying registration stickers for their recreation vehicles before they expire on December 31, 2023.
- Visitors have voiced that they don't like the added 3% service charge for using their card. More people have been writing checks or paying with cash to avoid the additional fee.
- Lake Walcott is working with visitors to help them fill out Group Use Permits, and to be more proactive with day use and group camp reservations.
- A new pre-pay guideline is being developed to help those who want to pay the entrance fee for their guests.
- Inquiries about the status of the ice on Lake Walcott have increased, however the lake didn't have enough ice for fishing as of the end of December.

Park/Program Usage

- Lake Walcott hosted two district cross country races in October.
- Visitation at Lake Walcott slowed during the weekdays and camping decreased as the weather turned colder.

Car Count	2022	2023
SEP	5224	4713
OCT	3665	4458
NOV	2171	2442
DEC	1940	1896

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	2	2226
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- On October 14, park staff hosted a Solar Eclipse Program, providing solar viewing glasses, demonstrating the eclipse phenomenon, guiding participants in making DIY pinhole projectors, and addressing questions.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	1	28
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	2	4
School Programming		
Special Events	2	2226
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife closed Lake Walcott to watercraft early, on September 29, as a precaution for the quagga mussels found on the Snake River, normal operations are April 1 – October 31.
- We trimmed and cleared trees along the boat dock section of the lake shoreline to provide access, shade, and a view of the lake.
- Trenton & Kirsten met with U.S. Fish & Wildlife and Bureau of Reclamation to discuss a temporary boat washing station at Lake Walcott State Park. Managers and rangers are evaluating signage requirements.

Staff Training

- Ranger Roundup was held in Ponderosa State Park and both Tom and Kirsten attended.
- Kirsten participated in the online National Association for Interpretation Conference.
- Staff continue to familiarize themselves with the LUMA system.

Manager’s Narrative

- We worked hard on Lake Walcott’s “Surplus Minor Maintenance Program”. Projects include the Dooley bathroom, a large sign order from The Sign Shop in Twin Falls for new signs throughout the park and needed repairs for the playground.
- We have been working with Kloepfer to get all the potholes in the park repaired.
- Staff turned off the water systems for winter and stained the Cotton Tail cabin in late October.
- A purchase requisition for our new UTV has been entered into LUMA.
- New curbing was installed around the visitor center sign and around the playground.
- A new heater was installed in the women’s bathroom at the dock. The Kleb men’s bathroom received a new fluorescent light and new plumbing for the visitor’s center toilet was also installed.
- Kirsten met with the coordinator for Chaos Wars 2024 to go over the Group Use Permit and learn more about the event.
- Kirsten joined the Volunteer Services Team to assist the new volunteer coordinator with refreshing the volunteer program.

Finished Playground Curbing



Job Fair at CSI



Finished Parking Lot Curbing



LAND OF THE YANKEE FORK – RON JENKS, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Visitor Center & Museum: Open Wednesday-Sunday, 9am–5pm. Challis Hot Springs: Open Wednesday-Sunday, 8am–6pm. Bayhorse Townsite: Closed for the season.

Park/Program Usage

- The visitor/interpretation center had 190 visitors in October, 53 in November and 107 in December.
- The movie was shown 31 times to 115 people in October, 4 times to 10 people in November and 2 times to 7 people in December.
- The gold panning station is now closed for the season.

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

- Nothing to report.

Staff Training

- Nothing to report.

Manager's Narrative

- On October 10, we turned off the water at the campground and closed it for the season on October 29. The pools at the Hot Springs remain popular among locals and travelers passing through, with many curious visitors deciding to enjoy a soak after checking it out.
- At the Hot Springs Campground, we were able to do some routine maintenance in the bathrooms at the big pool. This includes new floor mats, sealing windows, and replacing fixtures. Additionally, we've been repairing picnic tables and cutting firewood.
- The day after Thanksgiving, over 150 visitors, mainly travelers passing through, decided to stop and use the pools.
- Hot springs visitation increased during the holidays, with local families visiting during Christmas vacation. The octagon building was used for a couple of birthday parties.
- On December 14, Nathan, Ryan, & Brad toured the Bayhorse Townsite, Challis Hot Springs Campground, and the visitor center. The purpose of the visit was to help me develop our park's CIP list with their input and suggestions.
- I attended the East Region Manager's Meeting at City of Rocks/Castle Rocks. Wallace, Tara, Austin, and other park staff were very accommodating. It was my first visit, and I enjoyed the experience.
- On December 28th, Jon Breckon (architect), Nathan, Mike Williams (former Hot Springs manager), Larry, Nina, and I met at the Challis Hot Springs Campground. We walked the property and discussed our vision and desired improvements.
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MASSACRE ROCKS – TRAVIS TAYLOR, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Visitation gradually tapered off throughout October. We still had quite a bit of traffic through the visitor center and tried to keep it open as much as possible.
- Most phone calls and emails were regarding late season camping information and when we would be shutting the water off in the campgrounds.
- We have officially opened the lower loop campground to year-round camping. Water was kept on in the campgrounds well into October with the mild fall.
- In November, most inquiries were about boat launches. While river levels fluctuated, most boats were able to launch. The lower loop saw moderate camping for the first time in November. The main concern is ice formation on the road to the campground, which will be monitored in winter.

Park/Program Usage

- In October, boating and fishing tapered off mainly due to lower river levels. The level at the boat ramp dropped as much as 4’ this fall, which is typical, but keeps the boats away.
- Cooler weather brought an increase in hikers and disc golfers, and we also saw an increase in bouldering on overcast days.
- Park visitation in November was seasonably quiet, with fishing and waterfowl hunting the popular attractions. The park remained one of the few usable boat launches. When the weather cooperated, a fair number of hikers and disc golfers were still observed.
- On November 4, Connor Academy of Pocatello brought approximately 90 4th graders for a field trip.
- December had mild weather with minimal snow. Visitors were mostly passing through, and boating activity was quiet, with occasional waterfowlers and fishermen. The river levels were okay, showing only skim ice.

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	90
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- We are working on eliminating some undercut shoreline near the boat ramp.

Staff Training

- Park ranger Krinn attended the Ranger Roundup at Ponderosa.

Manager’s Narrative

- Surplus maintenance money project planning continues. Currently, we are looking at repairs to our existing boat docks and installing heaters in our restrooms for year-round use.

- We have been working on cleaning up the shop area of the park. Chris Re and Brad Gilmer have been working on re-graveling and expanding our shop yard.
- Travis attended the East Region manager meeting at City of Rocks and also attended the South Region manager meeting to talk about the successes of switching to same day campsite reservations.
- Park ranger Adam completed his six-month probationary period.
- New disc golf baskets for the park's nine hole "ACE" course were ordered.
- The park's 1960s trailer broke down while returning from picking up a surplus side-by-side in Idaho Falls. We're collaborating with Ryan to secure funding for a replacement before spring.
- Our new mower was ordered through Luma, and we are waiting on a delivery date.
- Travis met with Ryan and Nathan Powers on December 5 to walk through the parks CIP list.
- Attended a December 8 meeting on Teams to look at options on the parks septic system project.
- On December 13, Chris Zajchowski visited the park to assess the interpretation projects. We also had a Teams meeting with Chelsea Chambers to explore using a class for designing new interpretive signs.

EAST REGION MAINTENANCE CREW – BRAD GILMER, FOREMAN

East Region Crew Setup/Operations

- Attended the East Region maintenance meeting.
- Worked on getting Luma set up and working.
- Built the spec sheets for the trucks, trailers, and equipment and got them on order.
- Went to all the parks and met the park managers. Discussed their needs and any foreseeable projects.
- Went to every park with Ryan and Nathan to help the parks build their CIP list and help them determine the best way to repair or replace infrastructure.

Harriman

- Met Chris Re at the park to unload trail cat and determine if we could do trail work or if it needed to wait until spring. We determined that it would be best to wait until spring and stored the trail cat in the barn at Harriman so it will be ready to use in the spring.
- Started gathering the supplies we will need to remove the Thurman creek bridge.

Massacre Rocks

- Helped Chris Re re-establish the edge of the parking lot with the bulldozer.
- Graded the maintenance shop parking lot and the dirt road that goes by the houses then out to the asphalt road.

SOUTH REGION MAINTENANCE CREW – CHRISTOPHER RE, FOREMAN

Harriman

- Moved trail cat to the park to start trail work.
- Explored the trails that needed work. Frozen conditions from the previous week made any work risky, as it could cause more damage than repair.

Massacre Rocks

- Moved backhoe, grader, and bulldozer to Massacre Rocks to start projects.
- Used bulldozer to expand the shop parking lot. Pushed rubbish/construction debris out of the area to make room for gravel storage and then compacted the area. Park staff removed fences and cleaned the area so we could expand it for employee parking. Spread and graded road mix and 3" plus base material although part of it was frozen and we were unable to spread all material.
- Tried to start working on the shoreline but the ground was too soft to run equipment on. We postponed the project until January so the ground could either freeze or dry out.

SRO Operation

- Helped with East Region foreman interviews, interviewed three different candidates.
- Delivered the UTV from East Region office to Massacre Rocks and then moved South Region's to Eagle Island.

RECREATION RESOURCES BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

Boating Program

The following is a list of activities that have been recently completed by the Boating Program. This is in addition to the routine tasks of answering questions from the public and county marine deputies, grant administration, preparation for various training courses, attending county waterways committee meetings, and ordering of equipment and supplies.

- Hosted the annual Marine Advisory Committee meeting in Boise on January 9th. Representatives from 29 of the 32 county marine programs were present, as well as IDPR, ISDA and USACE staff for a total of 56 attendees.
- IDPR's performance report of the 2023 Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) grant-funded activities was reviewed and scored favorably by the Coast Guard.
- Trained 13 new Boat Idaho instructors during our 2024 Boat Education Safety Training (BEST) course using a newly developed curriculum.
- Program staff opened enrollment for the 2024 Marine Law Enforcement Academy as well as the 2024 PWC Swift Water Rescue course.
- Taught Boat Idaho courses with our partners in Canyon and Caribou counties.
- Provided boating safety outreach at several events, reaching more than 1000 people.

Non-Motorized Trails Program

The following is a list of activities that have been recently completed by the Non-Motorized Trails Program. This is in addition to the routine tasks of answering questions from the public and routine tasks around the office.

- The Backcountry Yurt Coordinator hosted a beginner snowshoe training in Boise. Over 50 members of the public attended.
- Program staff completed a day of snowmobile training, hosted by the Motorized Trails Program.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program is collaborating with the County 8A Winter Grooming Program, Idaho Transportation Department, Idaho City Ranger District, Greater Boise Recreationalists, Idaho Recreation Council, and a private yurt developer to improve plowing operations and winter parking lot accessibility at Whoop Um Up parking lot. Signs directing overnight guests to a certain area of the parking lot were installed. So far, the signs have been effective at directing users to park in the correct area of the parking lot.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program is working on an RTP application for new snowmobiles to maintain the Idaho City Yurts.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program Coordinator, in partnership with the Squaw Butte Chapter of the Idaho Backcountry Horsemen, conducted a stock assessment of the yurts. The program hopes to install hitching rails and/or highlines at several of the yurts to improve summer access for stock users.

- The Non-Motorized Trails Program is developing an emergency response plan for winter closures of HWY 21.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program developed a new interactive map of the Idaho Centennial Trail that operates in the most up-to-date software.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program Coordinator attended a meeting about the Idaho Centennial Trail in Region One. Region One of the Forest Service has committed to funding an Idaho Centennial Trail focused position through Idaho Trails Association who would lead on the ground crews, provide maintenance recommendations, and conduct public outreach for the trail.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program Coordinator attended the Rangeland Fall Forum in Nampa.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program Coordinator is helping to coordinate the Mountain West Trails Conference, planned for May of 2024.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program, in collaboration with the Development Department, is coordinating trail work along the Idaho Centennial Trail. The work is being completed by the Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation, Idaho Trails Association, Idaho Conservation Corps, and Student Conservation Association. The Program is planning a work schedule for the upcoming season.
- The Non-Motorized Trail Program has continued participating in Idaho's Non-Motorized Trails Initiative whose primary focus is securing a dedicated funding source for non-motorized trails. The group is currently drafting legislation that would increase the cost of the passport and allocate some of the additional funding to the non-motorized trails program.

Collaborative Program:

The following is a list of activities recently completed by Land Access Coordinator.

- From October through December, submitted formal agency comments for five separate significant policymaking, land use, and travel management planning NEPA processes, each analyzed for impact on recreation access, ranging from initial scoping to final environmental impact statement and records of decision. Comments were either direct-to-agency, or sent through a State Family intermediary: OSC or OEMR.
- National level Policy continued to provide challenges and attention-division: White Bark Pine ESA listing, Wolverine ESA listing; USFS Old Growth Forests planning initiative; ongoing BLM travel management process guidance to the States. Having worked with advocates on the national level on the issues a year ago, a USDOT/FHWA policy to waive Buy America limitations was approved during the last quarter which will have a significant impact on the flexibility of approving RTP grants for equipment such as some models of trail groomers and OHVs.
- As part of national Wildfire Crisis Strategy activity, staff continues to monitoring for planning and implementation of the Southwest Idaho Landscape project (SIL) as to its impact on recreation (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/landmanagement/?cid=FSEPRD1069279>). Boise National Forest (BNF) was the first Forest in the State to be granted Emergency Authority under the enabling national statute to fast-track NEPA processes for vegetation management. To pursue goals of SIL, BNF has had to delay taking up recreation-specific planning, which is often

included in vegetation management NEPA plans, to focus on planning for actions possible under their Emergency Authority. Staff advocated strongly along with stakeholder partners to encourage BNF to keep recreation planning moving forward on a now-separate NEPA tracks.

- Staff worked with an advisory working group to foster the re-establishment of the Targhee Forest Collaborative, including editing draft bylaws.
- Management of and responsibility for the Summer and Winter Idaho Trails Map apps was transferred to the Land Access Coordinator during the previous reporting quarter. Progress was made in improving features and accuracy of the Idaho Snowmobile Trails Map app and GPS tracking of the groomer fleet in time for the riding season.
Work is ongoing to transition the Summer Idaho Trails Map app to the next generation of ArcGIS technology and to add new features and improve accuracy. New technology will allow multiple-editor coverage and quicker-update capability. Transition to the new edition of the app is expected to be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2024. See <https://trails.idaho.gov/> for current editions of the Map apps.
- A project was completed in partnership with the Non-Motorized Trail Program Manager, recreational user stakeholders, and Boise National Forest, to install IDPR-funded signage at the Whoop-um-Up winter trailhead. This will facilitate improved parking capacity at this popular non-motorized and OSV trailhead by fostering improved snow removal.
- Multiple collaborations with Idaho Office of Species Conservation under the State Family process for NEPA participation, chiefly regarding BLM Travel Management Planning in Owyhee County, and Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Plan Revision FEIS.
- Many general and working group Collaborative meetings were attended including Payette Forest Coalition, Boise Forest Coalition, and Clearwater Basin Collaboratives, McCall Winter Recreation Forum, Hells Canyon Recreation, and the first meeting to reconstitute the Targhee Forest Collaborative.
- Relationship development with motorized stakeholder clubs and user community representatives was ongoing, including with the statewide multi-user recreational association, plus engaging local user groups to participate in collaboratives.

Motorized Trails Program

The following is a list of activities that have been recently completed by the Motorized Trails Program. This is in addition to the routine tasks of answering questions from the public and county grooming programs, and preparation for various training courses.

- North Region Trails Specialist Nate Staff hosted a field training day to get the non-motorized staff up to speed on all aspects of snowmobile operations to assist with ICY maintenance.
- Staff hosted curriculum development for the various Off-Highway Vehicle Law Enforcement partners across the state. The first “open” class is currently scheduled for April 8-12th.
- Initial class roster is capped at 20 students. The class filled up within 24 hours of making it available to Law Enforcement staff across Idaho.

- Nathan Sparks gave notice of his resignation. Staff has been working to collect institutional knowledge, contacts, and scheduled events to address short-term, public service needs. The position is currently open and interviews are expected to occur in late March.
- Staff has completed 10 avalanche awareness training classes statewide. Student participation is right at 830 students, with six classes still scheduled for the season. Low snowpack has hindered participation as compared to most years, and limited staff's ability to conduct field training in particular.
- Mike Taylor has been hired in the East Region as the new Education Coordinator to replace Peter Schuler, who moved to the North Region office (to backfill the position vacated by Ethan Mahakem).
- Staff participated in the "ride with a cop" event in the South Hills with Cassia County, Minidoka County, and Twin Falls County law enforcement officials.
- Staff continues to work with landowners in the Owyhees to install cattle guards on private lands where public OHV use is allowed.
- Staff met with our contractor to make final edits to the first three "Ride Responsibly" OHV public service announcements. IDPR Board members were sent a copy of those spots.