



Communications Memo

September 2024 Program Report

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Accomplishments & Tasks Underway

Media/Marketing/Advertising/Outreach

- Our "Ride Responsibly" public service campaign ended in July, having received strong exposure across the state via television and targeted, digital advertising (Facebook, YouTube, other online platforms). Communications supported the Recreation Bureau in this project, overseeing creation and placement of the messages. Results were impressive, given the relatively small ad buy of \$78,000. Final stats:



- Television: Total impressions (times a viewer could have seen the ads) – 3.4 million.
 - 2.3 million paid; 1.1 million donated time, typically in lower viewership slots.
 - Ads appeared in Boise, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls/Pocatello and North Idaho.
- Digital: 941,406 impressions on streaming TV, streaming audio, display ads (Facebook, YouTube, etc.).



- A key difference between the broadcast and the digital advertising was the ability to see results from spots sent to OHV riders and outdoor enthusiasts. Audience members logged into streaming TV, watched YouTube, listened to online music or visited social media sites. The campaign generated:
 - 37,282 clicks on our content.
 - 182,007 video plays (astoundingly, 98 percent of viewers watched the 30-second ad)
 - 562 conversions, where people acted, hitting a contact us button, visiting the OHV Laws & Rules webpage, asking IDPR questions, looking for riding destinations, and buying an OHV sticker (39).
- Also, our content was seen by audience members, producing:
 - 73,193 webpage views
 - 76,117 social media views

- 1,807 post reactions (likes, emojis)
- 300 post shares
- 166 comments
- 118 post saves
- 76 follows or likes

The campaign will continue into 2025 with a larger budget.

- Several of our news releases generated media coverage, advising the public about reservation changes, awards and construction impacts.

- August 5, 2024 - [Idaho Health and Welfare and Idaho Parks and Rec Partner to Offer Opportunities for Foster Families](#)



- July 23, 2024 - [Camping, Cabin and Yurt Reservations for 2025 to Pause August 1st for IDPR's Conversion to New Reservation System](#)

- July 18, 2024 - [Spring Shores Marina to Close by End of August; Boat Ramp Repair Project Cuts Short Boating Season at Lucky Peak](#)

- July 15, 2024 - [Thousand Springs State Park to Host Bronco Wild Fund Event July 20,](#)

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- June 20, 2024 - [Boat Launch at Massacre Rocks State Park to Receive Major Upgrades, Will Close Temporarily on July 9th for Construction](#)
- June 14, 2024 - [Bruneau Dunes State Park Receives Dark Sky Certification](#)
- May 23, 2024 - [Eagle Island Water Slide Slated for Removal](#)

- Craig appeared on the Nature of Idaho program on KISU in late May. <https://www.kisu.org/2024-06-14/the-nature-of-idaho-idaho-department-park-and-rec>
- Ch. 6 story had an early June story on Eagle Island, the current construction, and the future. The piece was prompted by the water slide announcement as well as the campsite project. <https://www.kivitv.com/news/eagle-island-state-park-undergoes-its-biggest-renovations-since-the-park-was-built>

Social Media Engagement

- Between all park and recreation pages, the agency has 199,268 followers on Facebook. This is an increase of 5,957 since our last Board update. The agency also has 111,127 followers on the combined Instagram accounts. This resulted in reaching more than 3 million people, entirely for free, in a two-month span.

Sponsors and Partners

- IDPR received an Esto Perpetua Award from the Idaho Historical Society in June for the department's commitment to historical preservation, particularly with recent projects at Harriman, the Old Mission and Eagle Island.

- Communications supported Director Buxton in a meeting with the supervisors of the U.S. Forest Service in mid-June. The event opened lines of communication for the agencies moving forward.

- Participated in Bronco Wild Fund Event at Malad Gorge in July. Ford gave the park a grant of \$25,000 and co-hosted the event, which included a public service project and a group ride for Bronco enthusiasts. Scout had a good time, too.



- Communications helped the team effort in producing the Rocky Mountain State Park Conference (RMSPEC) in May in Coeur d'Alene. More than 100 participants attended the conference, which received great reviews based on post-event feedback.

- As mentioned above, the Idaho Foster Family Park Passport was formerly announced at a news conference at Lucky Peak on Aug. 7th. The program is being spearheaded by IDPR and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and has received funding from Regence BlueShield of Idaho and Idaho Business for the Outdoors. The first program event will take place at Lucky Peak in September. So far, the program has received additional sponsorship from Clif Bar and Scheels of Meridian.

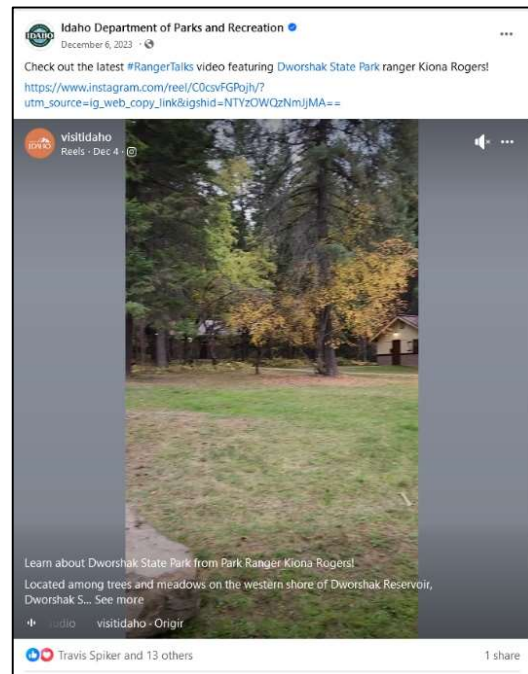
- Continuing to work with the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) on the Summer Reading Program passes. More than 60,000 passes are distributed through the state library system. They plan to expand the program in summer 2024 as the theme for ICfL this year is "Adventure Beyond..." The expansion includes a pilot program at five libraries that will offer two "check-out" passes. Library visitors can check out the park pass for one week and it will waive the MVEF at any state park of their choosing. Additionally, many libraries have created their own "loaner backpacks" that coincide this program. The bag contents vary but include items like field guides, binoculars, and sunscreen.



- These are the libraries that will be part of the pilot project:

- Lewiston City Library
- Prairie River Library District – Winchester Branch
- McCall Public Library
- Eagle Public Library
- Gooding Library District

- 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. In late summer, Chelsea and Cristin will be visiting 6 North Idaho state parks and trails for this program.
- 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](#) and most recently the [Idaho City Yurt Program](#).
- The Idaho Fish and Game Loaner Fishing Rod program continues to grow into more parks. Chelsea presented about this valuable partnership in May 2024 at the National Outdoor Recreation Conference for the Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals.
- 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 park 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 is at nearly all park visitor centers.
- IDPR is partnering with the Idaho Heritage Trust to produce a book called *Idaho Places* in honor of the America 250 (A250) Celebration in July 2026. The book will highlight several state parks, scenic byways, and historical places. This initiative is part of a great collaboration with the newly established America 250 Task Force involving the Idaho State Historical Society, Idaho State Board of Education, Idaho Public Television, the Idaho Commission on the Arts, Idaho Commission for Libraries, and the Governor's Office.
- Chelsea applied for and received an additional Bronco Wild Fund Grant to purchase adaptive recreation equipment for Hells Gate State Park. This \$10,000 grant allow her to purchase two GRIT Beach Wheelchairs and Mobi Mats. An initial request to the Northwest ADA Center is being fulfilled! A frequent Hells Gate State Park visitor, our requester has a teenage son who uses a wheelchair. The family loves visiting the beach at Hells Gate State Park, but as her son grows larger, it is getting more difficult for her to carry him to the beach. She reached out to the ADA Center requesting a beach wheelchair for the park. Park Manager Steve Kuskie immediately agreed to fulfill this request however possible. The grant opportunity became available shortly after. The chairs are slated to arrive later in 2024 and will be available for free rental.



- These two wheelchairs will be in addition to the currently available free adaptive recreational offerings at Idaho Parks. Chelsea inquired with the Challenged Athletes Foundation of Idaho, who donated two All-Terrain GRIT Mountain Bike Wheelchairs at no charge. These two, alongside a grant that Rebecca Honsinger applied for, bring the total available chairs to three at Heyburn State Park, Winchester Lake State Park, and Castle Rocks State Park. Heyburn and Winchester have had theirs available since last summer but chose not to market the program until they were comfortable with their use. Castle Rocks will market theirs next season in 2025 after they do the same. Chelsea continues to sit on regular Adaptive Recreation Meetings with the NW ADA Center and other accessibility nonprofit organizations. She hopes to have adaptive kayak launches, motorized all-terrain chairs, and more available in the next several years.

Reserve the GRIT Freedom Chair

The GRIT Freedom Chair is a manual all-terrain wheelchair built to **explore** the outdoors.



We currently have one GRIT Freedom Chair available for **FREE** rental. Designed for those with mobility limitations, the GRIT chair helps you get outside and enjoy Heyburn's trails!

Please Note: Ease of use depends on skill level, upper body strength, and many other factors. We do recommend sticking to the following trails: (maps available)

- Plummer Creek Fire Trail
- Shoeffler Butte
- Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Call/email ahead for info and availability.

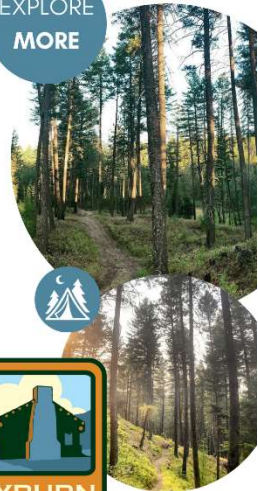


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Interpretation and Environmental Education (Chelsea Chambers, team coordinator)

- The Interpretation Team is taking their annual summer hiatus while parks focus on the busiest recreation time of the year. They plan to meet at Heyburn State Park in November 2024 to resume plans. 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 has completed the new Junior Ranger Guide and will be rolling that out in Spring 2025, after the previous guides have been used. These guides are smaller and included a variety of age-range specific activities. The process should be smoother and easier to understand.
- While on hiatus, Chelsea identified a potential grant opportunity for interpretation and environmental education through the Idaho Humanities Council (IHC). The IHC is incredibly interested in supporting our educational efforts and we have piloted our first grant application. The current application in draft phase is from Tyler Barron, Ranger at Three Island Crossing State Park. The project would be an addition to the Oregon Trail History and Education Center featuring a "touch model" of the actual river crossing itself. These models are more inclusive to tactile learners and younger children and can help tell the fascinating tale of Three Island

Crossing State Park's history.

- The University of Idaho Environmental Communications Course has been completed for the semester, resulting in the successful design and print of 25 Interpretive Signs at Massacre Rocks State Park. This valuable educational experience allows students to see their efforts printed in real life at the state park. The next semester's park will likely focus on Lucky Peak or possible Dworshak signage.
- Alongside the new Junior Ranger Guide, the Interpretation Team would like to focus on creating Bat Activity Tote Boxes for all Idaho State Parks. They hope to secure a grant from U.S. Fish and Wildlife to help purchase materials for the boxes, including activities like bat identification, building wing replicas, and more.
- 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.
- The Experience Idaho Loaner Backpack Program, funded by former Governor Dirk Kempthorne, continues to expand. The program is incredibly popular at all participating parks, which is now up to 21.

Miscellaneous/Reminders/Follow-Up

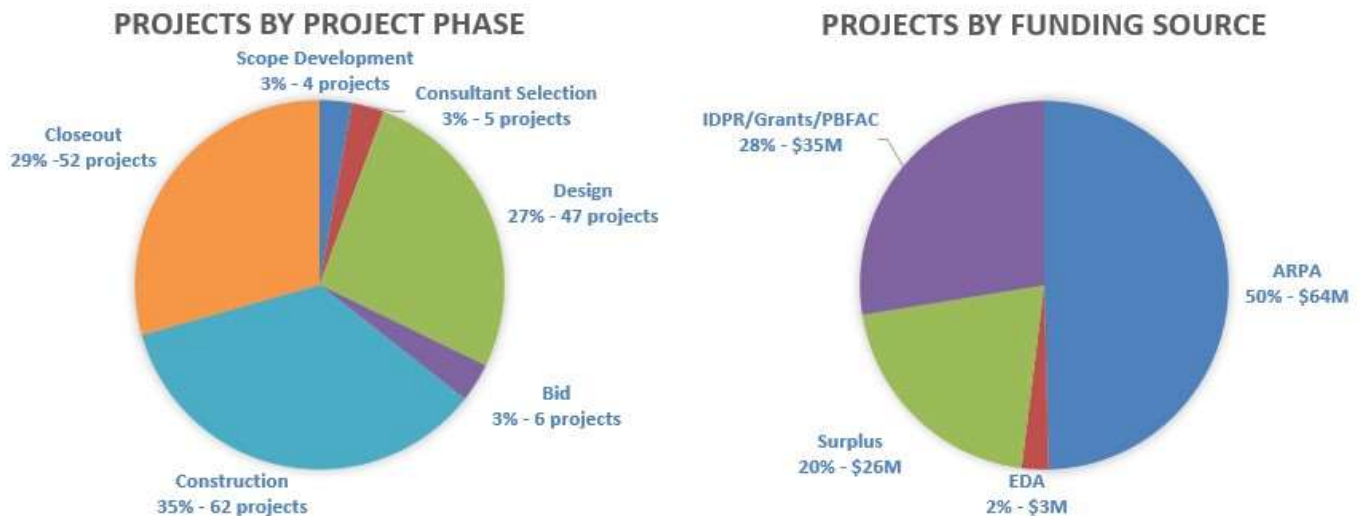
- Continuing work with Idaho Commerce and Madden Media to produce a new educational video for the Old Mission, one we would like to finish in coming months. An update from Madden states that they are now working with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to finalize the voiceover portion of the video.
- Seeking general 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.

April – May - June 2024 DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

Bureau Chief – Melanie Schuster

GENERAL UPDATE

The Development Bureau currently has 177 active projects with 12 projects closed this quarter. Active projects now total over \$128 million. While we have until 2026 to spend all ARPA funds, we are nearing the finish line on the deadline to have all ARPA funding obligated, or “under contract”. Our original \$45 Million in ARPA funding was increased to \$65 Million and may now be increased at the last minute due to other agencies not obligating their ARPA funding. This leaves our final ARPA budget a moving target which is only possible because of our availability to use Surplus funding to fill in the gaps. Every ARPA dollar we use frees up our Surplus funding for more IDPR projects. The charts below illustrate where projects currently are in the development process by project phase and funding source.



We are very excited to see the next phase of the Kokanee Cove Development moving forward at Ponderosa State Park. This project has been a real battle but under Joel Halfhill’s close watch the pieces are coming together. The new seasonal housing is nearly complete, and the water main has been installed which will allow for the demolition of the old restroom/housing at Kokanee Cove. The new road is in, and new cabins construction is starting and renovations to the existing remaining structure which will become a new event center.

This fall the final stretch of work at Harriman and Bayhorse is finishing up with an amazing amount of work accomplished. Nineteen structures have been reroofed at Harriman, and five at Bayhorse. Final work will be finishing stabilization at the Stamp Mill at Bayhorse and chimney repairs at Harriman. Erik Ryan, Bryan Griggs, and Brad Standley are working full speed ahead to get several large projects out to bid in time to obligate ARPA funding before the end of the year. To help we are welcoming our new project manager Sarah Sundquist, a landscape architect to the team. She has previous experience with Boise Parks and Rec and is really hitting the ground running, please join us on welcoming Sarah to IDPR.

ARPA FUNDING TRACKING *subject to change

IDPR ARPA TRACKING - July 2022 to December 2026								updated 9/05/24	
Project #	Park	Project Name	Earmarked Budget	Allocated Budget	Obligated Budget	Expended as of 6/30/2024	Start Date	Completion	
300037	North Region	Minor Maintenance	\$141,934.42	\$141,934.42	\$141,934.42	\$141,934.42	July 2022	April 2024	
300038	South Region	Minor Maintenance	\$168,028.05	\$168,028.05	\$168,028.05	\$168,028.05	July 2022	July 2024	
300039	East Region	Minor Maintenance	\$50,954.24	\$50,954.24	\$50,954.24	\$50,954.24	April 2023	August 2023	
300040	Dworshak	North Region Vault Toilets - Freeman Ck	\$364,108.00	\$364,108.00	\$364,108.00	\$3,492.00	Nov 2023		
310112	Priest Lake	Priest Lake CG Elec & Water Upgrades	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00	Sept 2022	June 2023	
3101243	Priest Lake	New Day Use Areas	\$136,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$135,205.78	\$128,041.88	Feb 2024		
310333	Round Lake	Tree House Camping	\$1,200,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$186,285.00	\$69,225.20	Oct 2023		
310413	TCDA	TCDA Bike-in Campsites	\$2,400,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$134,352.31	\$94,844.14	June 2023		
310531	Farragut	Peterson Group Camp	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$672,905.82	\$254,175.16	Feb 2023		
310532	Farragut	Buttonhook Bay Improvements & Dock	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	removed from ARPA		
3105252	Farragut	New Day Use Areas	\$130,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Sept 2024		
310611	Old Mission	Pathway Repairs and ADA Access	\$291,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$290,949.58	\$70,000.00	Sept 2023		
310731	Mowry	Campground Development	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$320,506.45	\$229,112.20	March 2024		
310815	Heyburn	Lakeview Cottage Renovations	\$74,480.59	\$74,480.59	\$74,480.59	\$70,160.60	Jan 2023	April 2024	
310816	Heyburn	Rocky Point Lodge	\$490,000.00	\$840,000.00	\$484,000.00	\$460,653.95	Sept 2022		
310831	Heyburn	Wastewater Facility Repairs	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$1,896,514.49	Jan 2023		
310832	Heyburn	Replace Rocky Point Docks	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$669,753.70	\$442,771.46	May 2023		
3108243	Heyburn	Replace Chatcolet Docks	\$8,466,415.24	\$8,000,000.00	\$914,820.34	\$0.00	May 2024		
310931	CDA Parkway	Higgins Point Improvements	\$1,611.41	\$1,611.41	\$1,611.41	\$1,611.41	March 2023	April 2023	
320215	Dworshak	Freeman Creek Phase 2 Waterline Upgrades	\$1,900,000.00	\$1,900,000.00	\$1,854,874.00	\$0.00	April 2023		
320233	Dworshak	Surface Water Intake Replacement	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$39,220.10	\$39,220.10	removed from ARPA		
3202243	Dworshak	Evaluation & Design of Wastewater System	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$11,951.65	\$11,951.65	removed from ARPA		
3202244	Dworshak	Volunteer Sites Upgrade	\$0.00	\$135,000.00	\$20,215.20	\$20,215.20	removed from ARPA		
320312	Hells Gate	Hells Gate Marina Restroom Upgrades	\$147,528.58	\$147,528.58	\$147,528.58	\$147,528.58	Jan 2023	Sept 2023	
320392	Hells Gate	Marina Dock Replacement Ph 2	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	July 2023		
320396	Hells Gate	Bike-in Camping	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,270.82	\$21,270.82	removed from ARPA		
320531	Winchester	New Yurts	\$300,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$16,473.00	\$12,643.20	Jan 2023		
3205251	Winchester	New Day Use Areas	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	July 2024		
330133	Ponderosa	Kokanee Cove Renovations	\$6,000,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$6,000,000.00	\$1,804,539.93	Sept 2023		
3301245	Ponderosa	Chokecherry CG Elec & Water Replacement	\$1,540,377.12	\$1,540,377.12	\$1,528,755.30	\$24,639.75	Sept 2024		
330231	Eagle Island	RV Campground	\$4,200,000.00	\$4,200,000.00	\$4,200,000.00	\$138,251.44	Jan 2023		
330233	Eagle Island	Calf Barn Reroof & Building Stabilization	\$380,062.44	\$400,000.00	\$380,062.44	\$380,062.44	April 2023	May 2024	
330432	Idaho City	Backcountry Yurt System Expansion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	removed from ARPA		
330513	Bruneau Dunes	New Observatory	\$1,543,897.65	\$1,543,897.65	\$1,543,897.65	\$1,543,897.65	Aug 2022	May 2023	
340332	Thousand Sp.	Thousand Springs Vault Toilets	\$440,000.00	\$440,000.00	\$422,217.77	\$273,201.78	April 2023		
340333	Thousand Sp.	Replace Water Lines to Ritter Island	\$1,029,005.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,029,005.00	\$516,111.38	July 2022		
340395	Thousand Sp.	Billingsley Creek Campground	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,360,175.00	\$1,136,624.65	Aug 2024		
340542	Castle Rocks	Ranch Unit Bridge Replacement	\$440,000.00	\$440,000.00	\$423,234.60	\$35,473.60	April 2023		
350133	Massacre Rocks	Sewage System Replacement	\$1,000,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$141,416.19	\$58,687.80	May 2023		
350134	Massacre Rocks	East Fork Campground	\$0.00	\$9,966.41	\$9,966.41	\$9,966.41	removed from ARPA		
350311	Bear Lake	East Beach CG Ph 2 Elec Upgrades	\$132,000.00	\$132,000.00	\$132,000.00	\$132,000.00	Aug 2022	June 2023	
350321	Bear Lake	East Beach CG Water Upgrades	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	Aug 2022	June 2023	
350332	Bear Lake	Bear Lake Vault Toilets	\$181,397.38	\$181,397.38	\$181,397.00	\$181,397.38	Aug 2022	June 2023	
350333	Bear Lake	East Beach Renovations	\$750,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$1,188,296.20	\$13,096.20	March 2023		
3503242	Bear Lake	Future Park Acquisition	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,575,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	Jan 2024		
360132	Harriman	Water & Septic System Upgrade	\$1,200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$183,124.00	\$128,651.60	March 2023		
360133	Harriman	Harriman Fish Pond Campground	\$0.00	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$44.00	removed from ARPA		
360231	Henrys Lake	Phase 2 Waterline Upgrades	\$528,199.88	\$528,199.88	\$528,199.88	\$528,199.88	July 2022	Nov 2022	
360232	Henrys Lake	Sewer Connection	\$2,000,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	July 2022		
360233	Henrys Lake	Campground Expansion	\$3,000,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$120,786.20	\$85,707.80	Jan 2023		
360531	LOYF	LOYF Camping Improvements	\$3,500,000.00	\$3,500,000.00	\$2,753,621.25	\$2,680,873.50	April 2023		
300035	Statewide	Statewide Employee Housing	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$215,849.51	\$47,022.95	Sept 2023		
300036	Statewide	Road & Bridge	\$135,000.00	\$860,000.00	\$134,886.44	\$128,244.96	Jan 2023		
	Statewide	ORFAC	\$5,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Project Totals			\$65,000,000.00	\$48,302,528	\$36,146,364	\$18,129,044			

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

SURPLUS FUNDING TRACKING *subject to change

IDPR SURPLUS TRACKING								updated 9/6/24
Project #	Park	Project Name	Earmarked Budget	Allocated Budget	Obligated Budget	Expended as of 1/24/2024	Project Start	Project Completion
3101242	Priest Lake	Campground Improvements	\$815,000	\$815,000	\$815,000	\$761,197	Sept 2023	
3101244	Priest Lake	Lionhead Group Camp Bunkhouse Repairs	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$54,745	\$52,008		
3101245	Priest Lake	Conceptual Design	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$30,550	June 2023	
3103242	Round Lake	Backup Generators	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$19,850	\$9,925	April 2024	
3103243	Round Lake	Vehicle Pole Building Replacement	\$361,056	\$350,000	\$361,056	\$0	April 2024	
3103244	Round Lake	Well Upgrades	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$53,573	\$25,000	April 2024	
	Round Lake	New Welcome Center Design	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
310414	TOC	Boundary Survey	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$49,900	\$20,025	Oct 2023	
3104251	TOC	Post & Chains on Trail of the CDA	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$100,000	\$0	July 2024	
310412	TOC	Additonal Funding for New Maint. Shop	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	TOC	TOC Vaults Interior & Exterior Painting	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	TOC	Repaint Bridges	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
310542	Farragut	Residence #2 Remodel	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$71,034	\$71,034	May 2023	July 2023
310532	Farragut	Buttonhook Bay Improvements	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$80	\$80	July 2024	
310531	Farragut	Peterson Group CG Additional Funding (RV match)	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0		
	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 Design	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Farragut	Waterline Repairs	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Farragut	New Visitor Center	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
310641	Old Mission	Repaint Old Mission - additional funding	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$124,342	\$124,342	July 2023	Nov 2023
	Old Mission	Visitor Center Seurity System Replacement	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Mowry	Mowry Development -Additional Funding	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Heyburn	Wastewater Facility Repairs - Additinoal Funding	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Jan 2023	
3108241	Heyburn	Plummer Creek Bridge Evaluation	\$49,971	\$49,971	\$49,971	\$49,971	June 2023	Feb 2024
3108242	Heyburn	Plummer Creek Footbridge Demo	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$47,895	April 2024	May 2024
	Heyburn	Chatcolet Boat Ramp Replacement	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Heyburn	Chatcolet Marina - Additional Funding	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	June 2023	
	Heyburn	Rocky Point Marina - Additional Funding	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	June 2023	
	Heyburn	Bike Path Design from VC to TOCA	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
3109251	CDA Parkway	Higgins Point Dock Improvements	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0	\$0	July 2024	
	McCroskey	Skyline Drive Road Repairs	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
320232	Dworshak	Big Eddy Lodge Carpet - Additional Funding	\$38,209	\$38,209	\$38,209	\$38,209	Nov 2023	Jan 2024
320241	Dworshak	Big Eddy Lodge Exterior Restain	\$138,696	\$138,696	\$138,696	\$138,696	June 2023	April 2024
320242	Dworshak	Big Eddy Lodge Replace Deck	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$172,219	\$118,100	April 2023	
3202243	Dworshak	Wastewater Upgrades	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$104,558	\$11,952	Jan 2024	
3202244	Dworshak	Volunteer Site	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$25,269	\$20,215	Jan 2024	
	Dworshak	Surface Water Intake - moved from ARPA	\$1,650,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Dworshak	Upgrade/Replace Wastewater System	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
320397	Hells Gate	Camper Cabin Improvements	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$118,100	\$118,100	Sept 2023	March 2024
320311	Hells Gate	Repair and Resurface Trail - Additional Funding	\$52,079	\$52,079	\$52,079	\$52,079	Aug 2023	May 2024
320392	Hells Gate	Marina Dock Replacement - C&D docks	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
320396	Hells Gate	Bike-In Campground	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Hells Gate	Marina Loading Dock Replacement	\$465,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Hells Gate	Table and Fire Ring Replacement	\$530,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
3205241	Winchester Lake	Staff House Repairs	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$12,102	\$12,102	July 2023	
3205242	Winchester Lake	Campground ADA Pathway	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$26,218	\$23,596	June 2023	
3205243	Winchester Lake	Appaloosa/Yurt Loop Waterline Replacement	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$28,319	\$25,487	June 2023	
330131	Ponderosa	RR Upgrade Activity Center - Additional Funding	\$64,000	\$64,000	\$46,766	\$46,766	May 2023	Jan 2024
330133	Ponderosa	Kokanee Cove Additional Funding	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
330143	Ponderosa	Visitor Center Reroof	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$58,647	\$58,647	Oct 2023	Oct 2023
3301244	Ponderosa	Deluxe Cabins Sidewalks	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$28,120	Oct 2023	Dec 2023
	Ponderosa	Ranger House Remodels	\$115,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Ponderosa	Two Double Vault Toilets at North Beach	\$450,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Ponderosa	Replace North Beach & Lily Marsh Bridges	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
330231	Eagle Island	RV Campground - Additional Funding	\$3,200,000	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$0		
330233	Eagle Island	Calf Barn Rehabilitation	\$650,000	\$50,000	\$95,482	\$0	April 2024	
3302241	Eagle Island	Dairy Barn Reroof	\$114,600	\$114,600	\$114,600	\$114,600	Sept 2023	Dec 2023
3302242	Eagle Island	Reroof Maintenance Yard Shop	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$15,985	\$15,985	Oct 2023	Dec 2023
3302243	Eagle Island	Dormitory Partial Demo & Abatement	\$109,500	\$109,500	\$109,500	\$109,500	Oct 2023	
3302244	Eagle Island	Parking Lot Improvements	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$160,000	\$0	March 2024	
	Eagle Island	Slaughterhouse Demo & Abatement	\$250,500	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Eagle Island	Volunteer Sites	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
330432	Lucky Peak	New Idaho City Yurt	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
3304242	Lucky Peak	Springs Shores Irrigation Pump Replacement	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$17,167	\$0	Jan 2024	
3304243	Lucky Peak	Discovery Unit Irrigation Pump Replacement	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,802	\$0	Jan 2024	
	Lucky Peak	Maintenance Shop/Storage Planning	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Lucky Peak	Elec Gates, Security Cameras, Kiosk Mods	\$140,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		

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SURPLUS FUNDING TRACKING *subject to change

330512	Bruneau Dunes	Steele Reese Housing Conversion	\$24,993	\$16,993	\$16,993	\$16,993	Sept 2023	
330513	Bruneau Dunes	Landscape Upgrades at Observatory	\$99,500	\$99,500	\$99,500	\$99,500	May 2023	April 2024
330513	Bruneau Dunes	Paving throughout the park	\$1,250,500	\$1,250,500	\$1,250,500	\$1,250,500	April 2023	
330541	Bruneau Dunes	Irrigation and Landscaping - Additional Funding	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
330521	Bruneau Dunes	Repair Old Observatory	\$200,000	\$0	\$183,320	\$0	Aug 2024	
3305242	Bruneau Dunes	Install Planitarium in Observatory	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$206,910	\$199,410	July 2023	
	Bruneau Dunes	Ranger Residence Repair	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
330641	Three Island	Irrigation Upgrades - Additional Funding	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$37,046	\$37,046	March 2024	
	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		
330733	Lake Cascade	New Utility Building Additional Funding	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$159,412	Feb 2024	
3307241	Lake Cascade	Upgrade Paving Blue Heron Campground	\$1,260,000	\$910,000	\$910,000	\$909,081	Oct 2023	
3307242	Lake Cascade	Ridgeview Shower House Reroof	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$44,497	\$42,272	Nov 2023	Jan 2024
3307251	Lake Cascade	Shoreline Erosion (BOR Match)	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Lake Cascade	Upgrade Communications System	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Lake Cascade	Buttercup & Sage Bluff Drainage Issues (BOR Match)	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Lake Cascade	Boulder Creek Projects (BOR Match)	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Lake Cascade	Provide Permanent Staff Housing	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Jan 2024	
330832	Headquarters	Fire Alarm System Upgrades	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$186,750	\$145,216	July 2023	
3308241	Headquarters	LED Lighting Upgrades	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$64,360	\$14,349	April 2024	
3308242	Headquarters	Well Tie-in Irrigation Upgrades	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$12,535	\$0	May 2024	
3308251	Headquarters	OHV Shop Reroof	\$11,025	\$11,025	\$11,025	\$0	July 2024	
3403241	Thousand Springs	Remodel Manager House	\$125,000	\$60,000	\$40,320	\$40,320	Jan 2024	
	Thousand Springs	Repaint Buildnigs	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
340532	Castle Rocks	Lodge Improvements	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$158,800	\$141,117	July 2023	
3405243	Castle Rocks	Bunk House Maintenance	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$79,085	\$50,610	July 2023	
	Castle Rocks	Graham Canyon Unit Trailhead Amenities	\$430,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Castle Rocks	Remodel Staff Housing	\$170,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
3406251	Lake Walcott	Water Systems Upgrades (BOR Match)	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	July 2024	
	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		
350135	Massacre Rocks	Parking Lot Improvements	\$715,000	\$675,000	\$661,012	\$168,892	July 2023	
3501241	Massacre Rocks	East Region Crew Shop Housing	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$0	May 2024	
	Massacre Rocks	Ranger Residence Repairs	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
350333	Bear Lake	East Beach Renovation	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	May 2024	
3503242	Bear Lake	Bear Lake County Property	\$8,895	\$8,895	\$8,895	\$8,895		
3503243	Bear Lake	Vault Toilet Replacement	\$30,000		\$0	\$0		
3503244	Bear Lake	North Beach Dock Repairs	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$235,800		
	Bear Lake	Permenant Staff Housing	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
360102	Harriman	Scovel Center Winterization	\$237,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Sept 2024	
360131	Harriman	Ranch Office Remodel	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	July 2023	
360134	Harriman	Historic Building Reroof & Chimney Repairs	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,406,301	\$2,007,897	July 2023	
360135	Harriman	Replace HVAC/Remove Fuel Tanks	\$177,000	\$177,000	\$173,642	\$171,867	July 2023	
360141	Harriman	Paving John Muir Trail	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$18,995	\$15,578	June 2023	
3601243	Harriman	Manager House Repairs	\$117,441	\$117,441	\$117,441	\$117,441	July 2023	
3601244	Harriman	Assit. Manager House Repairs	\$117,591	\$117,591	\$117,591	\$117,591	July 2023	
3601248	Harriman	New Welcome Center Design	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$45,512	Oct 2023	
36012419	Harriman	Jones House Maintenance	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$9,500	July 2023	
36012423	Harriman	Dike & Culvert Repairs	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$15,960	\$3,431	May 2024	
	Harriman	Harriman East Campground	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
3602243	Henrys Lake	Staff Cabin Repairs	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	June 2024	
3602241	Henrys Lake	Boat Ramp Concrete Replacement	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$10,000	\$0	Oct 2023	
3602242	Henrys Lake	Conceptual Design	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0		
360432	Ashton-Tetonia	Visitor Center Upgrades	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$374,955	\$186,576	June 2023	
3604241	Ashton-Tetonia	Visitor Center Purchase	\$355,000	\$355,000	\$351,155	\$351,155		
3604242	Ashton-Tetonia	AT Trailhead Conceptional Planning	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$2,550	June 2023	
360513	LOYF	Bayhorse Preservation	\$600,000	\$0	\$583,748	\$43,183	Sept 2023	
360531	LOYF	Camping Improvements (RV Grant Match)	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0		
360541	LOYF	Exterior Painting - Additional Funding	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$24,500	\$0	May 2024	
	LOYF	Bayhorse Bridge Replacement	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	LOYF	Camping Improvements - Additional Funding	\$5,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
3000247	North Region	North Region Minor Maintenance Program	\$666,667	\$666,667		\$145,639	Oct 2023	
3000248	South Region	South Region Minor Maintenance Program	\$666,667	\$666,667		\$215,649	Oct 2023	
3000249	East Region	East Region Minor Maintenance Program	\$666,667	\$666,667		\$348,811	Oct 2023	
	Statewide	Future Park Acquisitions	\$2,085,000	\$2,085,000			Nov 2023	
300035	Statewide	Statewide Employee Housing	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Sept 2023	
300046	Statewide	Statewide Park Residence Repairs	\$1,090,968	\$0	\$0	\$0	May 2023	
300047	Statewide	Statewide Natural Resource Protection	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$225,000	\$214,028	Aug 2023	
	Statewide	ORFAC - Horsethief	\$2,000,000					
	Statewide	ORFAC	\$3,000,000					
Surplus Project Totals			\$95,161,125	\$23,648,601	\$16,085,706	\$9,640,003		
			Earmarked Budget	Allocated Budget	Obligated Budget	Expended as of 9/6/2024		

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NORTH REGION

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
3101242 – Priest Lake Campground and ADA Improvements (Surplus) New fire rings are installed, and seal coating will be finished in September to complete the project.	Construction
3101243 – Priest Lake New Day Use Areas (ARPA) Eight new day use sites including ADA accessible sites were completed in May. Project is in the close out process.	Close Out



Priest Lake New Day Use Areas

3101244 – Priest Lake Bunk House Repairs (Surplus) The deteriorating deck was removed and replaced with a new concrete slab and access stairs. The project was completed in May 2024 and is in the close out process.	Close Out
310132 – Priest Lake Replace Group Camp RR/Shower Building A Design-Build team has been selected to deliver the project in combination with the Lionhead Entrance Station project. The Design-Build team is now in the Design Phase with construction scheduled to start in October pending required approvals.	Design

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
310141 – Priest Lake Lionhead Entrance Station See project 310132.	Design
DPW23883 – Priest Lake Visitor Center Fire Sprinkler (PBFAC) Project completed and in the close out process.	Close Out
DPW23883 – Priest Lake Visitor Center Re-Stain and Paint (PBFAC) Project completed and in the close out process.	Close Out
DPW23883 – Priest Lake Indian Creek Store Reroof (PBFAC) Project completed and in the close out process.	Close Out
310332 – Round Lake Electric & Water Upgrades Build team is working on design to provide electric and water to Sites 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 40-51. Construction will start construction in Fall 2024.	Design Design-
310333 – Round Lake Treehouse Overnights (ARPA) Design-Build team is working on design development to build two treehouses overlooking the lake. Team will be meeting with IDOPL to work out building code compliance for the unique structures.	Design



Round Lake Treehouse

310341 – Round Lake Reroof Park Residence Roof replacement was completed in May 2024. Heat tape and insulation will be completed Fall 2024.	Construction
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310321 – Round Lake Campground Improvements

Construction

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.



Round Lake Campground Improvements

DPW23883 – Round Lake Visitor Center Roof and Chimney Repair (PBFAC)

Close Out

Project completed and in the close out process.

310412 – Trail of CDA Land Acquisition & Construct Maintenance Shop

Construction

Project is under construction with the site work complete. Construction is anticipated to be Complete in November 2024.

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

Bidding

Design team has updated plans from new survey. The campground has been annexed into the local sewer district. Working with DEQ for water/sewer approvals. Waiting on SHPO/THPO approval to start construction. Construction is planned for Spring 2025.

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Scope</u>
310414 – Trail of CDA Survey Trail Boundaries (Surplus) 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 is in design and working on bid documents.	Design
310531 – Farragut Peterson Campground (ARPA) Schematic and detailed designs are complete, working on construction documents to bid project Fall 2024.	Design
310532 – Farragut Buttonhook Bay Infrastructure Improvement (Surplus) The RFQ process has been completed to select the Design-Build team. Project scope is being verified to start the contract and the design process.	Consultant Selection
310541 – Farragut Connect VC & Brig to Fiber Optic Due to extremely high monthly costs for fiber service the park has opted to procure Starlink to provide internet service to the Brig and Shop. Equipment is being purchased.	Construction
DPW23883 – Farragut Brig Reroof and Ceiling Replacement (PBFAC) Reroof and abatement were completed July 2024. Ceiling repairs are to be completed by October 2024.	Construction



Farragut Brig Reroof

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
DPW23883 – Farragut Staff House #3 Reroof (PBFAC) \$32k Construction completed in August 2024. Project in the close out process.	Close Out
DPW23883 – Farragut Staff House #4 Reroof (PBFAC) \$26k Construction completed in August 2024. Project in the close out process.	Close Out
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 received approval from the tribe and construction is scheduled to start September 5th.	Construction
310731- Mowry New Campground (ARPA) A Design-Build team is under contract and design is at various stages of progress. Construction of the Staff Duplex will start Fall 2024 pending SHPO clearance.	Design
310741 – Mowry House Siding and Foundation Repairs See project 310731	Design
310815 – Heyburn Replace Lake View Cottage Foundation Project is Substantially Complete. Contractor is scheduled to install the carbon monoxide detector for permit approval and sign off.	Close Out
310816 – Heyburn Lodge Remodel (Surplus & ARPA) Interior and exterior construction complete. Landscaping completed with hydroseeding scheduled for Fall 2024 for completion of this project.	Construction



Heyburn Lodge Landscape

Project Number and Name	Status
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.	Design
310831 – Heyburn Wastewater Facility Repairs (ARPA) Lift station replacement will begin Fall 2024. Detailed design for repairs to the wastewater facility will be complete Fall 2024 and construction is expected to begin Spring 2025.	Construction
310832 – Heyburn Rocky Point Dock Replacement (ARPA) The design-build contractor is working on detailed design for the marina replacement and parking upgrades at the Rocky Point and Chatcolet marinas. Demo on both marinas will begin January 2025 with Chatcolet replacement in 2025 and Rocky Point in 2026.	Design
3108241 – Heyburn Plummer Creek Bridge Study (Surplus) Feasibility study for the bridge replacement is complete. Replacement cost is estimated to be around \$4M.	Close Out
3108242 – Heyburn Plummer Creek Pedestrian Bridge Removal (Surplus) The abutments for the wooden pedestrian bridge had been undercut by high water causing it to become unsafe. The bridge was removed in May 2024. Project in closeout.	Close Out
3108243 – Heyburn Replace Chatcolet Docks (ARPA) See project 310832.	Design
DPW23883 – Heyburn Equipment Shed Reroof (PBFAC) \$42k Construction completed in August 2024. Project in the close out process.	Close Out
DPW23883 – Heyburn Rocky Point Garage Reroof (PBFAC) \$28k Construction completed in August 2024. Project in the close out process.	Close Out
3109251 – Higgens Point Dock Improvements (Surplus) The dock work will be included in the Farragut Improvements project and a Design-Build team has been selected.	Consultant Selection
320181- McCroskey Redtail Primitive Campground& Shelters Design is complete. University of Idaho has presented their findings regarding site impact and public opinion.	Design
320141- McCroskey Develop Group Shelter, Toilet, Parking See Project 320181.	Design
300040 – North Region Vault Toilets (ARPA) Working with Design-Build Contractor on Dworshak vault toilet replacements. USACE approval has been granted and the CXT's will be onsite for installation in October.	Design
320215 – Dworshak Replace Freeman Creek Water Lines (ARPA) Construction of the waterline has started by the maintenance shop and will continue into the campground after Labor Day.	Construction

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
320232 – Dworshak Replace Carpet Big Eddy Lodge (PBFAC) The flooring service contractor has completed flooring installation and the project is Substantially Complete. Project ready for close out.	Close Out
320241 – Dworshak Big Eddy VC Re-Stain (Surplus) Punch list items are complete, and project is ready for close out.	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 (PER) has been reviewed and approved by IDPR. The PER is in for review and approval by DEQ.	Design
320242 – Dworshak Big Eddy VC Deck Replacement (Surplus) Structural design is complete, and construction documents have been reviewed and approved. USACE approval has been received. Construction started in April and is Project is scheduled for completion October 2024.	Construction
3202243 – Dworshak Wastewater Upgrades The Design-Build team is proceeding with wastewater system evaluation and recommendations for Freeman Creek and Three Meadows. The evaluation will be complete and ready for review in October pending test pit approval from USACE.	Design
3202244 – Dworshak Volunteer Site Expansion (ARPA) The Design-Build has started design for the project.	Design
320321 – Hells Gate Sewer System & Facility Upgrade The Design-Build team is proceeding with non-ground disturbing activities while other parts of the project are in design. A preliminary meeting has been held with USACE.	Design
320392 – Hells Gate Marina Mooring Dock Replacement (ARPA) Two new marina docks have been installed. The marina contractor has replaced the damaged decking panels and a zero charge floor coating has been applied to the gangway. This has removed the static charge buildup on the gangway. The durability of the coating is being checked and the coating will be applied to the remainder of the docks. The contractor is manufacturing the two additional dock fingers and working with the designer to replace the loading dock near the concession building.	Construction
320396 – Hells Gate Bike-In Camping (ARPA) Design is complete. Waiting for the Corps of Engineers (USACE) approval to proceed with the project. Construction scheduling is pending per USACE approval.	Design
320397 – Hells Gate Camper Cabin Upgrades (Surplus) Project is under contract with a service contractor to replace the HVAC units. Construction is complete with punch list scheduled in early February 2024. Project completed. Gathering close out docs and final pay app.	Close Out
DPW 24540 Hells Gate Managers House Renovation. (PBFAC) Electrical system upgrades, HVAC and reroof are complete. Plumbing repairs are are scheduled to start September 2024.	Construction

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
320531 – Winchester Additional Yurts (ARPA) Design is underway with preliminary pricing from Design-Build contractor. Construction to start spring 2025.	Design
3205241 – Winchester Staff House Repairs (Surplus) Staff house floor covering has been completed and garage doors have been replaced. Electrical repairs to be scheduled.	Construction
3205242 – Winchester ADA Pathway (Surplus) The project is in design with construction to start pending SHPO/THPO clearance.	Design
3205243 - Winchester Appaloosa Water Line Replacement (Surplus) The project is in design with construction to start pending SHPO/THPO clearance.	Design

SOUTH REGION

Project Number and Name	Status
330121 - Ponderosa Blackberry Loop Water & Electric Upgrades Construction of Blackberry loop is complete. Grant and project closeout in process.	Close Out
3301245 - Ponderosa Chokecherry Loop Water & Electric Upgrades (ARPA) Construction contract and cultural monitoring contract are signed and in place. Construction will start after Labor Day in September 2024.	Construction
330133 – Ponderosa Kokanee Cove Dev & Renovations (ARPA) Phase 1 & 2 Construction on the residence was restarted in May 2024. Water line construction started mid-May 2024 and the main line has been installed. Water service to the residence and Activity Center can be completed once the City of McCall approves the drawings and the easement has been recorded.	Construction
330133 – Ponderosa Kokanee Cove Dev & Renovations (ARPA) Phase 3 Kokanee Cove Development bid in June and construction started July 21, 2024. Preconstruction activities are complete and the access road has been cut in. Construction has started on the cabins and Event Center.	Construction



Access Road to Kokanee Cove



Ponderosa Event Center



Kokanee Cove Residence

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
330141 – Ponderosa Reroof Ranger Residence A The reroof is complete and the residence is being analyzed to finalize the remaining scope of work.	Construction
330142 – Ponderosa Reroof Ranger Residence B Project scope and delivery method is being determined	Scoping
330143 – Ponderosa Visitor Center Reroof (Surplus) Project is complete, gathering close out documentation.	Close Out
330144 – Ponderosa Cabin Sidewalks Project is complete, gathering close out documentation.	Close Out
330231 – Eagle Island RV Campground Construction continues with grading for the campground, excavation for the pond, installation of irrigation structures, 8" gravity, 4" pressurized sewer lines and manholes. Domestic water lines have been approved and will be added to the project.	Construction



Eagle Island Campground and Pond

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
330233 – Eagle Island Calf Barn Re-Roof & Stabilization (ARPA) The Calf Barn stabilization and re-roofing has been completed. The area is being evaluated for security measures to deter vandalism.	Construction
330233 – Eagle Island Calf Barn Rehabilitation (Surplus) Design has started for the rehabilitation of the Calf Barn into additional office space for park rangers and event space.	Design
3302243 – Eagle Island Dorm Abatement (Surplus) The Dormitory has been cleaned up and abated. The contractor is pricing structural bracing, exterior lighting, and means of securing the building to complete the project.	Construction
330432 – Lucky Peak Idaho City Additional Yurts (Surplus) The Forest Service has approved replacement of the yurt at the previous Whispering Pines site. Working on a Design-Build contract to implement the project.	Consultant Selection
330441 – Lucky Peak Sandy Point Erosion Control Working on a Design-Build contract to implement the project.	Consultant Selection
330511 – Bruneau Observatory Parking & Pathway Repair See project 330513.	Close Out
330512 – Bruneau Staff Housing Pilot Program The housing unit at the Steele-Reese building was Substantially Complete May 2024. Park staff if working on furniture purchase for the space.	Construction



Bruneau Staff Housing

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
<p>330513 – Bruneau Dunes Observatory Replacement (Surplus/ARPA)</p> <p>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
<p>330521 – Bruneau Observatory Repairs</p> <p>The repair of the old observatory will commence in October 2024. Work will include replacing the track system, drive system, electrical and flooring, allowing the park to utilize both observatories in their programs.</p>	Construction
<p>330541 – Bruneau Dunes New Irrigation Well</p> <p>An engineer has determined that the well capacity is sufficient to meet existing needs. Water quality is the issue and may be addressed by soil amendment of other solutions.</p>	Design
<p>3305242 – Bruneau Dunes Planetarium (Surplus)</p> <p>The planetarium installation has been completed and is in operation within the new observatory. Additional seating is being added to expand capacity.</p>	Construction
<p>330641 – Three Island Irrigation Pump & Control Upgrades</p> <p>Service contractor is onsite working. The irrigation pump has been pulled and a new pump installed then the new pump had to be pulled and sent back to the manufacturer.</p>	Construction
<p>330642 – Three Island Renovate Old VC Restroom (PBFAC)</p> <p>Plans are complete and project will bid Fall 2024 for Winter 2024/25 construction.</p>	Bidding
<p>3307241 – Lake Cascade Dock Replacements</p> <p>The dock replacement and paving work has been completed. Working with BOR to address additional accessibility requirements and project close out.</p>	Close Out
<p>330733 – Lake Cascade New Utility Building</p> <p>Construction has started, project to be completed October 2024.</p>	Construction
<p>3308251 – Headquarters Reroof OHV Shop</p> <p>Shop has been reroofed and project is completed. Gathering close out documents.</p>	Close Out
<p>3308241 – Headquarters LED Lighting Upgrades.</p> <p>Project is completed. Gathering close out documents.</p>	Close Out
<p>3308242 – Headquarters Well Tie-in, Irrigation Upgrades.</p> <p>Project is completed. Gathering close out documents.</p>	Close Out
<p>330832 – Headquarters Fire Alarm System Upgrades</p> <p>Upgrades to the card reader security system hard drive and software are completed. Gathering close out documents.</p>	Close Out
<p>340322 – Thousand Springs VC Exhibits</p> <p>The Project is in Design. Revised Schematic Design 2 comments are being collected to send to the design team.</p>	Design

Park Number and Name

Scope

340332 – Thousand Springs Vault Toilets (ARPA)

Construction

Installation of vault toilets for Ritter Island, Box Canyon, Niagara and Crystal Springs
Will occur in the Fall of 2024 pending delivery from the manufacturer. Health District permits have been received.

340333 – Thousand Springs Ritter Island Water System (ARPA)

Closes Out

The water line project was completed in August 2024. All that remains is completion punchlist items and closeout.



Ritter Island Water System

Project Number and Name

Status

340395 – Thousand Springs Billingsley Creek Campground

Construction

Construction remains halted by NPS now through September 15, 2024 (5 months interruption). Maintenance of the new sod and the installation of a new irrigation pump have been the only activity since April 2024. Construction will be restarted upon notice from NPS. Construction completion will depend on how long the work stoppage continues.



Thousand Springs Billingsley Creek Campground

EAST REGION

Project Number and Name

Status

340531 - Castle Rocks VC Water System Upgrade

Construction

Construction started on July 2024 and is scheduled for completion November 2024.

340532 - Castle Rocks Lodge Improvements (Surplus)

Close Out

Construction will proceed under a Service Contract for deck and HVAC replacement.

Construction started in April and was completed May 2024. The project is in close out.



Castle Rocks Lodge Improvements

Park Number and Name

Scope



Castle Rocks Lodge Improvements

340541 - Castle Rocks Fishpond ADA Improvements Project has started construction and is scheduled for completion October 2024.	Construction
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340542 – Castle Rocks Ranch Unit Bridge Replacement (ARPA) The project has bid and the contract has been awarded. Construction is scheduled to start in September 2024.	Construction
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3405243 – Castle Rocks Bunk House Maintenance (Surplus) Construction will proceed under a Service Contract for concrete and siding replacement. Construction started in April and was completed May 2024. The project is in close out.	Close Out
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350133 – Massacre Rocks Sewer System Replacement (ARPA) System design has been established and DEQ approved. Waiting on archeological survey for SHPO approval. Project to bid fall/early winter 2024.	Design
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350134 – Massacre Rocks E. Fork Campground (ARPA) On Hold pending agreement with IDL.	On Hold
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Project Number and Name

Status

350135 – Massacre Rocks Parking Improvements (Surplus)

Construction

The project has bid and the contract has been awarded. Construction has started and been delayed due to excessively high water table and poor subgrade under the parking lot. Corrective measures have been implemented and work is proceeding.



Massacre Rocks Parking Improvements

350333 – Bear Lake East Beach Renovation (ARPA)

Design

Feasibility study complete, well has sufficient capacity to service a new campground. A Design-Build team has been selected and is working on the programming phase of design.

3503241 – Bear Lake N. Beach Boat Ramp Replacement

Design

A design team has been selected and is working on the programming phase of design.

360102 – Harriman Scovel Center Winterization

Construction

Pricing has been received for the concrete repairs and drainage issues. Construction started September 3rd.

Project Number and Name

Status

360131 – Harriman Historic Ranch Office Rehabilitation

Construction

Project is under construction. Reroof and log repair have been completed. Deck and painting is underway. Interior remodel is in design.



Harriman Historic Ranch Office

360132 – Harriman Water & Septic System Upgrades (ARPA)

Design

Sewage system design has been established, finalizing water system upgrade design. Project to bid Fall/early winter 2024.

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Scope</u>
360133 – Harriman Fishpond Campground (Surplus) Due to the time needed to analyze the area and coordinate with outside agencies this project will be transitioned from ARPA funding to Surplus funding.	Scope Development
360134 – Harriman Historic Reroofs (Surplus) All reroofs have been completed. Additional bat boxes have been installed to help keep bats out of the newly cleaned and sealed buildings. Chimney repairs are starting in September.	Construction
360135 – Harriman HVAC Upgrades (Surplus) The project will remove existing underground oil tanks and replace HVAC systems with propane. Construction has been completed and in the close out phase.	Close Out
360141 – Harriman John Muir Trail Upgrades Project is under design with surveying complete. Project bid August 2024 and bids were over budget. Friends of Harriman is unwilling to commit additional funding and does not want to continue with project. Project will be closed.	Close Out
3601243 – Harriman Manager’s House Maintenance (Surplus) Project is complete and in the close out phase.	Close Out
3601244 – Harriman Assistant Manager’s House Maintenance (Surplus) Project is complete and in the close out phase.	Close Out
3601245 – Harriman Shop Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete and in the close out phase.	Close Out
3601246 – Harriman Vehicle Storage Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete and in the close out phase.	Close Out
3601247 – Harriman Gas Storage Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete and in the close out phase.	Close Out
3601248 – Harriman New Welcome Center (Surplus) The project is under design with multiple sites being analyzed for project placement.	Design
3601249 – Harriman Honeymoon Hotel Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof and bat abatement completed. Bats have moved into their new condos outside the building. Interior will be completed in September 2024.	Construction
36012410 – Harriman Icehouse Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete and is in close out phase.	Close Out
36012411 – Harriman Cattle Foreman’s House Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete. Chimney repair work starting in September 2024.	Construction
36012412 – Harriman Ranch Manager’s House Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete. Chimney repair work starting in September 2024.	Construction

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Scope</u>
36012413 – Harriman Tractor House Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete. Work starting on building stabilization.	Construction
36012414 – Harriman Tractor Storage Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete and in the close out phase.	Close Out
36012415 – Harriman Cook House Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete. Chimney repair work starting in September 2024.	Construction
362416 – Harriman Cottage Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete. Chimney repair work starting in September 2024.	Construction
36012417 – Harriman Dining Cottage Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete. Chimney repair work starting in September 2024.	Construction
36012418 –Harriman Boys House Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete. Chimney repair work starting in September 2024.	Construction
36012419 –Harriman Jones House Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete, bathroom repairs at 85% waiting on new heaters. Chimney repair work starting in September 2024.	Construction
36012420 –Harriman Small Shop Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete. Building stabilization at 50%.	Construction
36012421 –Harriman Ranch Foreman’s House Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof complete and ready for close out.	Close Out
36012422 –Harriman Sheep Barn Maintenance (Surplus) Reroof completed and ready for close out.	Close Out
360232 – Henrys Lake Sewer Connection (ARPA) See project 360233.	Design
360233 – Henrys Lake Campground Expansion (ARPA) Working toward final stages of campground and RV dump design. Project to bid Fall/Early winter 2024.	Design
3602241 – Henrys Lake Boat Ramp Replacement (Surplus) Design team is looking at construction options to repair the boat ramp.	Design
360431 – Ashton-Tetonia Trail Upgrades (EDA) Schematic design is 75% complete and waiting for first review of drawings. EDA Environmental Narrative to be submitted for review in September 2024.	Design

<u>Project Number and Name</u>	<u>Scope</u>
360432 – Ashton-Tetonia Visitor Center (Surplus) Service Contractor under contract for bathroom remodel, concrete ramp replacement, office remodel, HVAC replacement and reroof. Work on windows remaining. Set to open in September.	Construction
300036 – Ashton-Tetonia Trail Bridge Inspections & Repair (ARPA) Bridges have been inspected and the final report has been received. Suggested bridge repairs will start in September 2024.	Construction
360513 – Land of Yankee Fork General Rehabilitation (Surplus) Structural Engineer team surveyed structures in July 2023. Structural report was received and initial work is complete to shore up the Dryer building and Stamp Mill. Summer 2024 reroofs have been completed for the stamp mill, dryer building, caretakers building, pyramid roof house and green house. Repairs to Stamp Mill will continue in October 2024.	Construction



Land of Yankee Fork Stamp Mill



Land of Yankee Fork Bayhorse Artifacts

360531 – Land of Yankee Fork Camping Improvements (ARPA)

Design

The design team has completed master plan concepts for the park. Working with Engineer to review water and sewer upgrades.

Project Number and Name

Status

3605241 – Land of Yankee Fork Repaint VC, Shop & Manager's House
Contract is in place with a service contractor. The visitor center, shop, out buildings, signs and storage shop are complete. Work continues on the manager's house.

Construction



Land of Yankee Fork Repaint Visitor Center

300036 – Land of Yankee Fork Bayhorse Bridge Replacement (ARPA)
Design updated to remove pressure treated wood as requested by BLM environmental review.
Waiting on ROW permit and environmental review by BLM to schedule construction.

Design

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AGENDA
Idaho Park and Recreation Board Special Meeting
September 23, 2024
Harriman State Park
Island Park, ID 83429

AGENDA ITEM: **FY 2024 4th Quarter Financial Reports**

ACTION REQUIRED: **Information Only**

PRESENTER: **Steve Martin**

PRESENTATION

Attached are the year-end financial reports for the fiscal year (FY) 2024. The transition to Luma continues to impact our financial reporting and we have made every effort to show accurate comparisons to prior fiscal year(s). 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 06/30/2024
- Pages 3-6 – FY 2024 Y-T-D Park Operations Revenues / Expenditures
- Page 7 – FY 2024 Cash Balances as of 06/30/2024
- Page 8 – FY 2024 Y-T-D Passport Program Revenue

Total Park revenue for FY 2024 ended up \$416,000 (2.9%) versus FY 2023. This entire increase is attributable to the acquisition of Challis Hot Springs, which added approximately \$435,000 of additional revenue. Passport revenue ended up approximately \$57,000 (1.3%) versus FY 2023.

Year-to-date expenditures are up consistent with increases in our budget appropriation. The FY 2024 Park Operations base personnel and operating budget was \$2.5 million (13%) higher than FY 2023. Actual expenditures were only \$1.6 million (10.6%) higher than the prior year primarily due to vacant positions throughout the year.

Capital Development expenditures totaled \$24.8 million, with the remaining \$123.1 million budget carrying over into FY 2025.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

This item is for information only.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
FY 2024 Financial Statement / Budget Status
as of June 30, 2024**

Program/Object	Appropriation ¹	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Balance	% Remaining
Management Services					
Personnel Costs	\$ 3,075,600	\$ 2,882,445	\$ -	\$ 193,155	6.3%
Operating Expenditures	3,279,400	2,650,880	-	628,520	19.2%
Capital Outlay	100,000	100,000	-	-	0.0%
Trustee & Benefit	25,899,324	10,139,846	10,074,800	5,684,678	21.9%
Subtotal	\$ 32,354,324	\$ 15,773,171	\$ 10,074,800	\$ 6,506,353	20.1%
Park Operations					
Personnel Costs	\$ 15,003,800	\$ 13,795,498	\$ -	\$ 1,208,302	8.1%
Operating Expenditures	7,638,432	6,673,572	50,000	914,860	12.0%
Capital Outlay	4,197,983	1,748,974	2,319,600	129,409	3.1%
Trustee & Benefit	2,277,500	1,017,355	-	1,260,145	55.3%
Subtotal	\$ 29,117,715	\$ 23,235,400	\$ 2,369,600	\$ 3,512,715	12.1%
Capital Development					
Personnel Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Operating Expenditures	-	-	-	-	
Capital Outlay	147,895,455	24,778,940	-	123,116,515	83.2%
Trustee & Benefit	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal	\$ 147,895,455	\$ 24,778,940	\$ -	\$ 123,116,515	83.2%
Total	\$ 209,367,494	\$ 63,787,510	\$ 12,444,400	\$ 133,135,583	63.6%

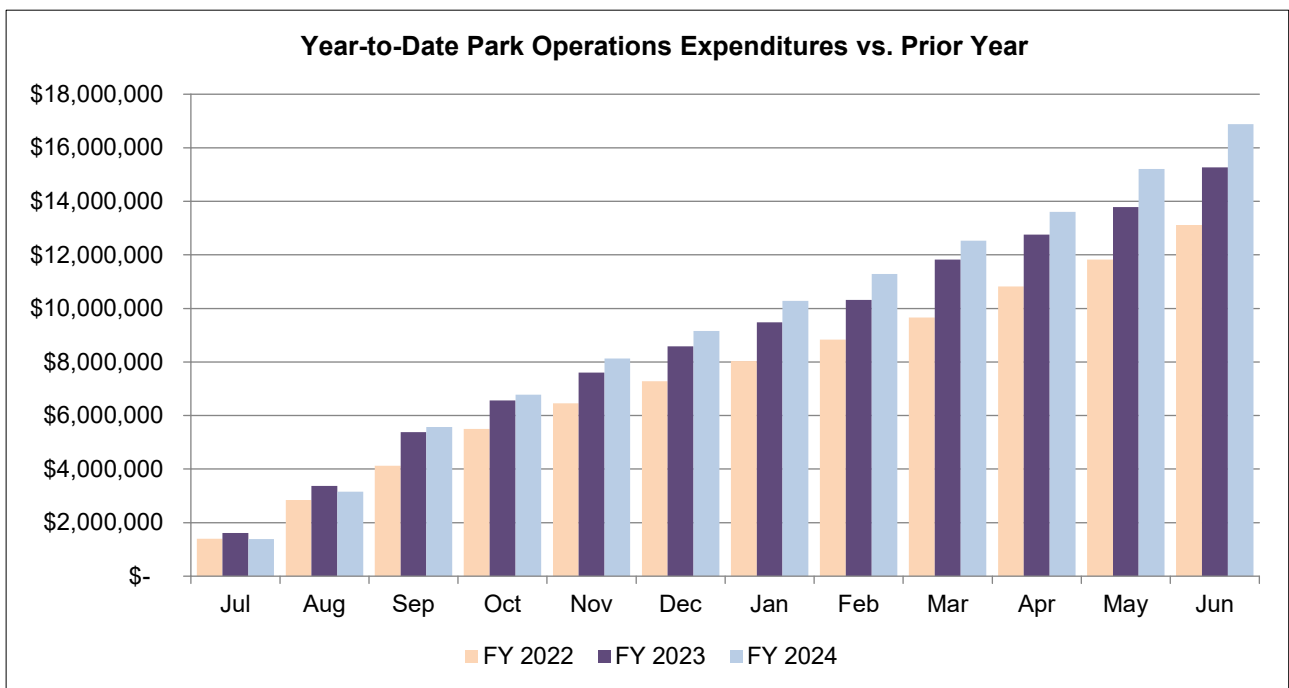
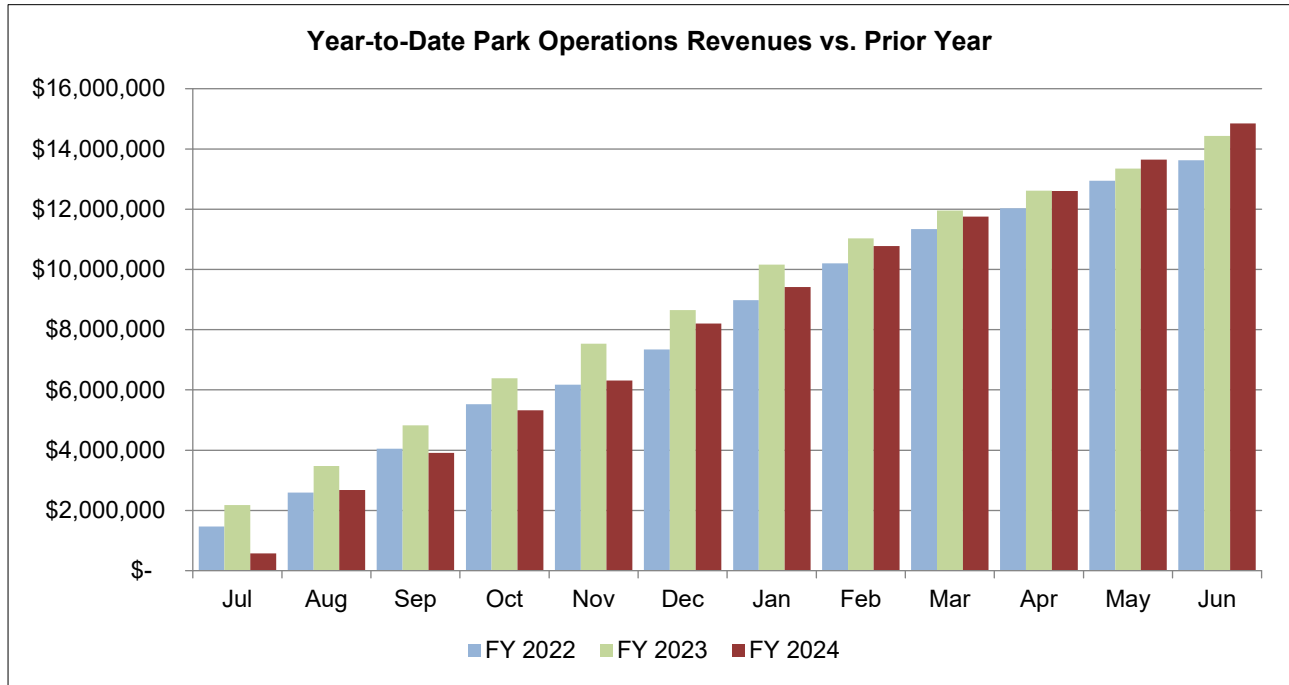
¹ Appropriation Includes:

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:

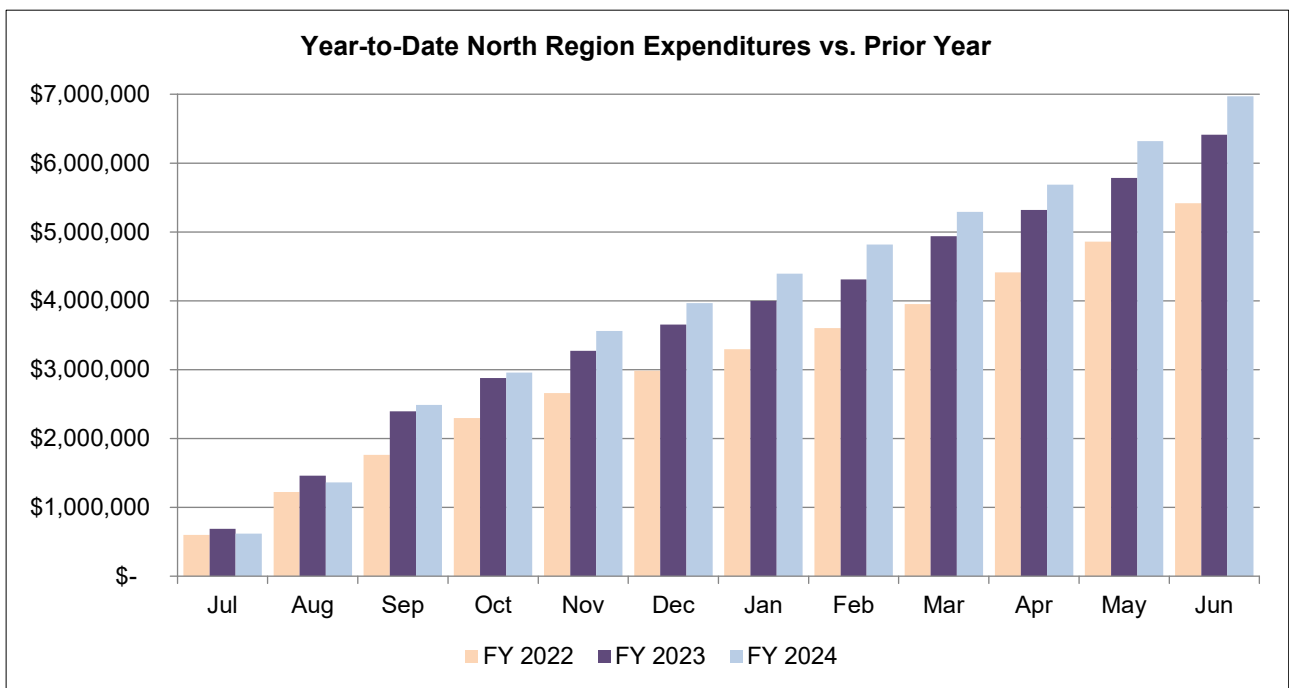
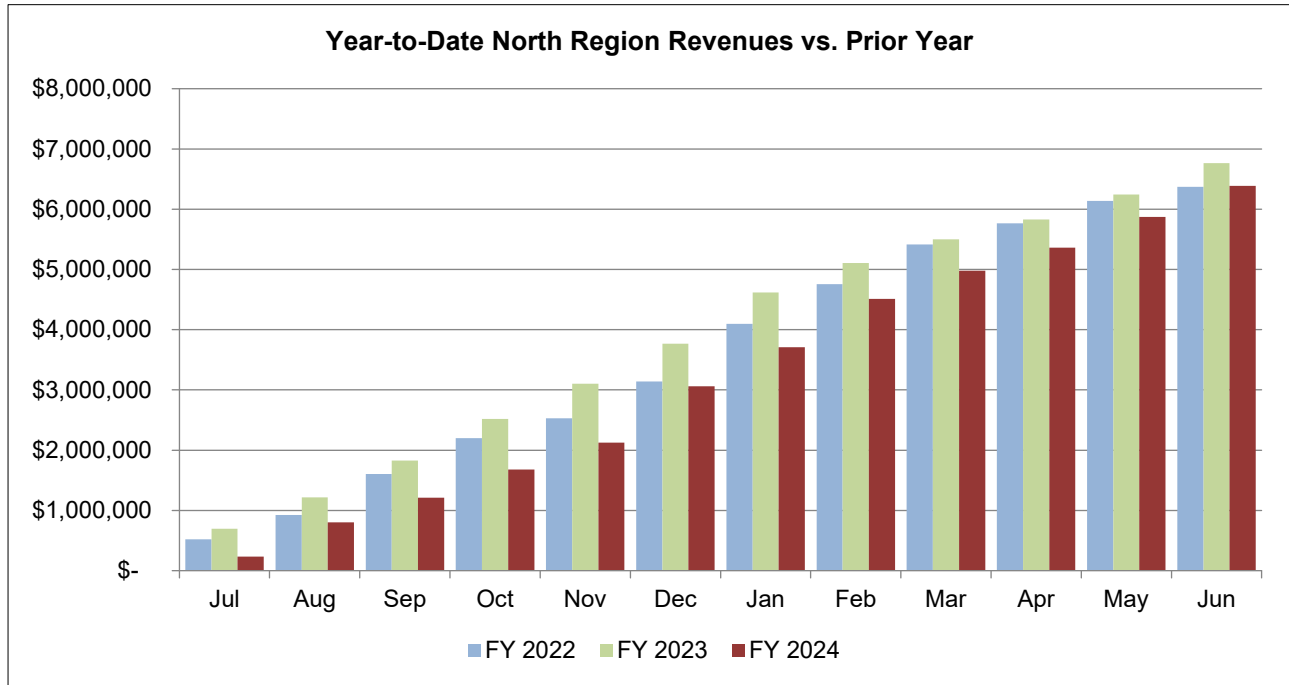
Grant Contract Balances	10,074,800
Open Purchase Orders	2,369,600
	12,444,400

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Park Operations - All Funds
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2024



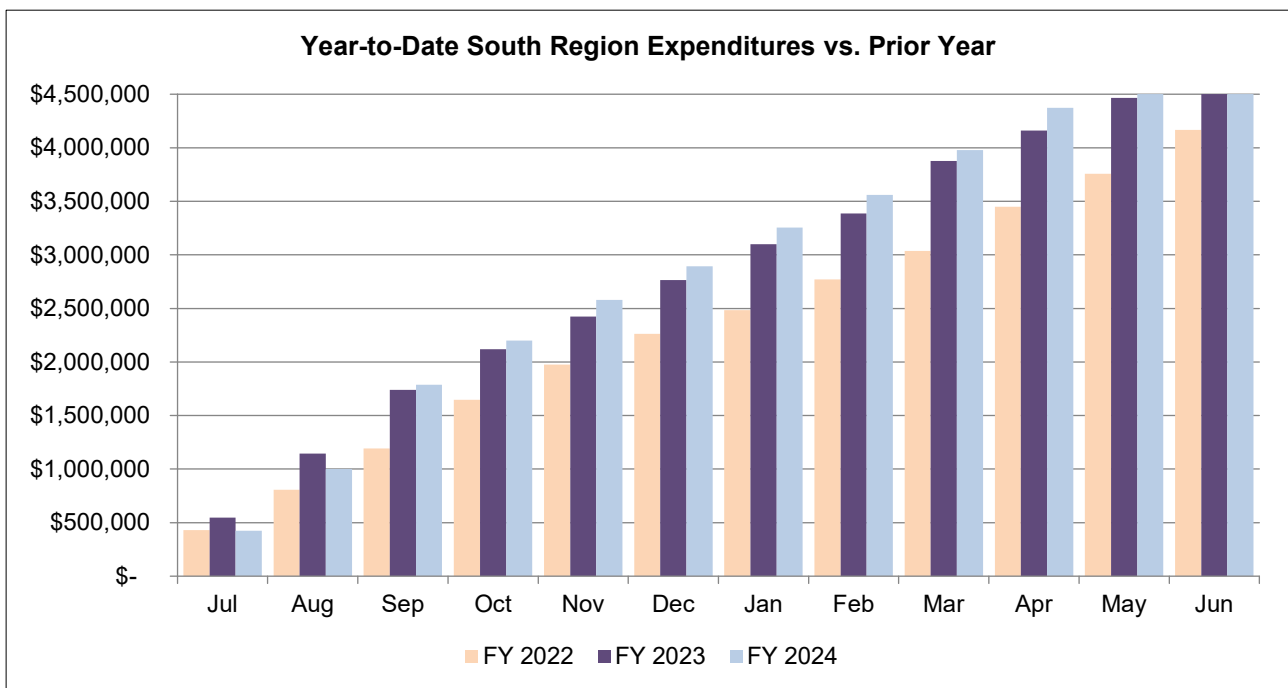
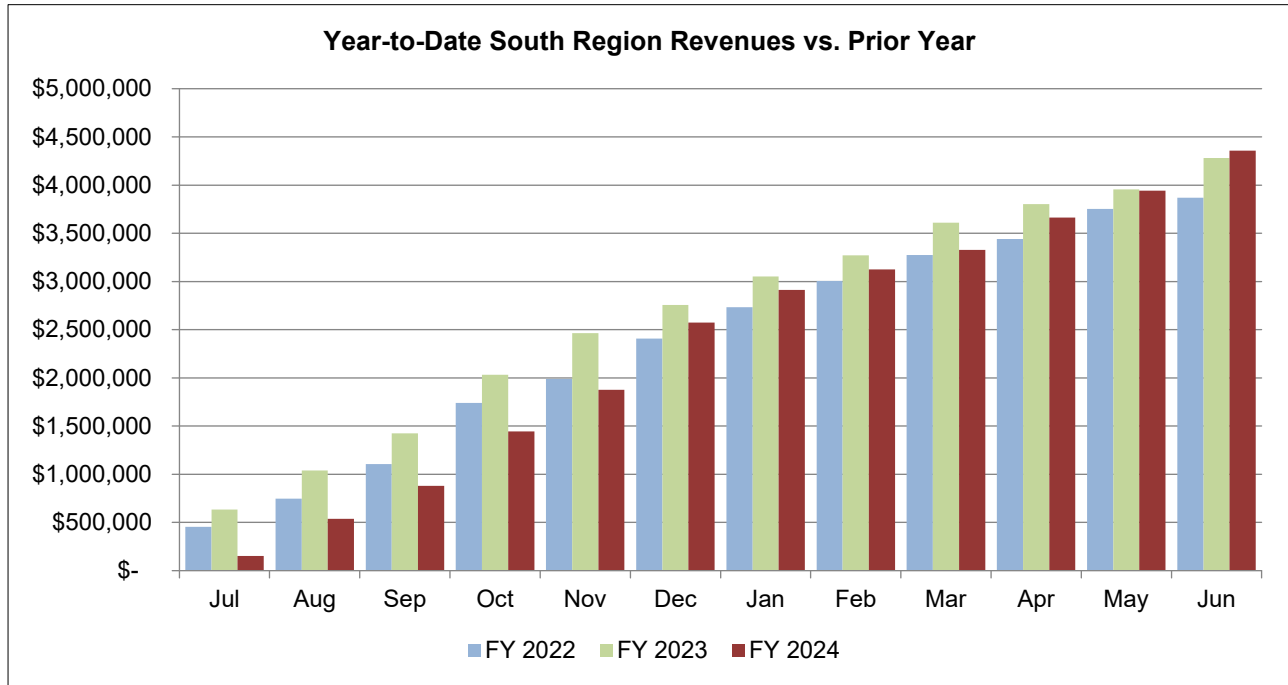
- All Park Operations fiscal year-to-date revenues are up \$415,900 (2.9%) compared to FY 2023.
- All Park Operations fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$1.6 million (10.6%) compared to FY 2023.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
North Region - All Funds
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2024**



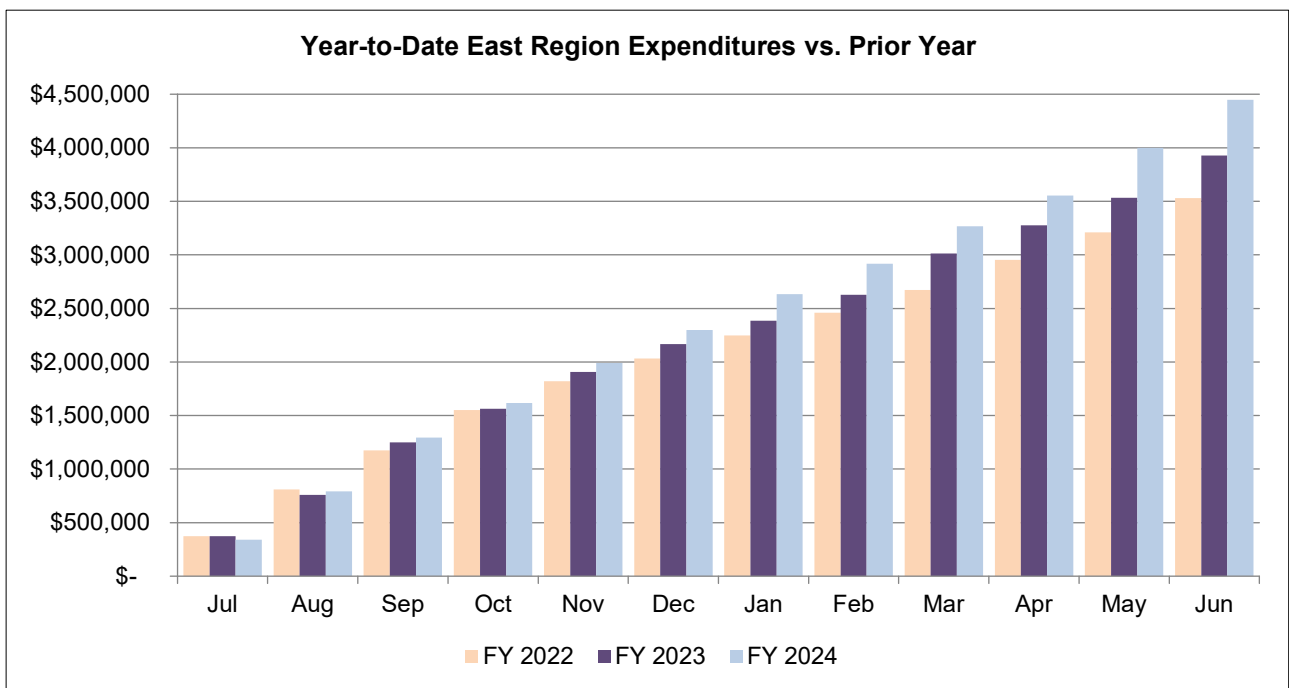
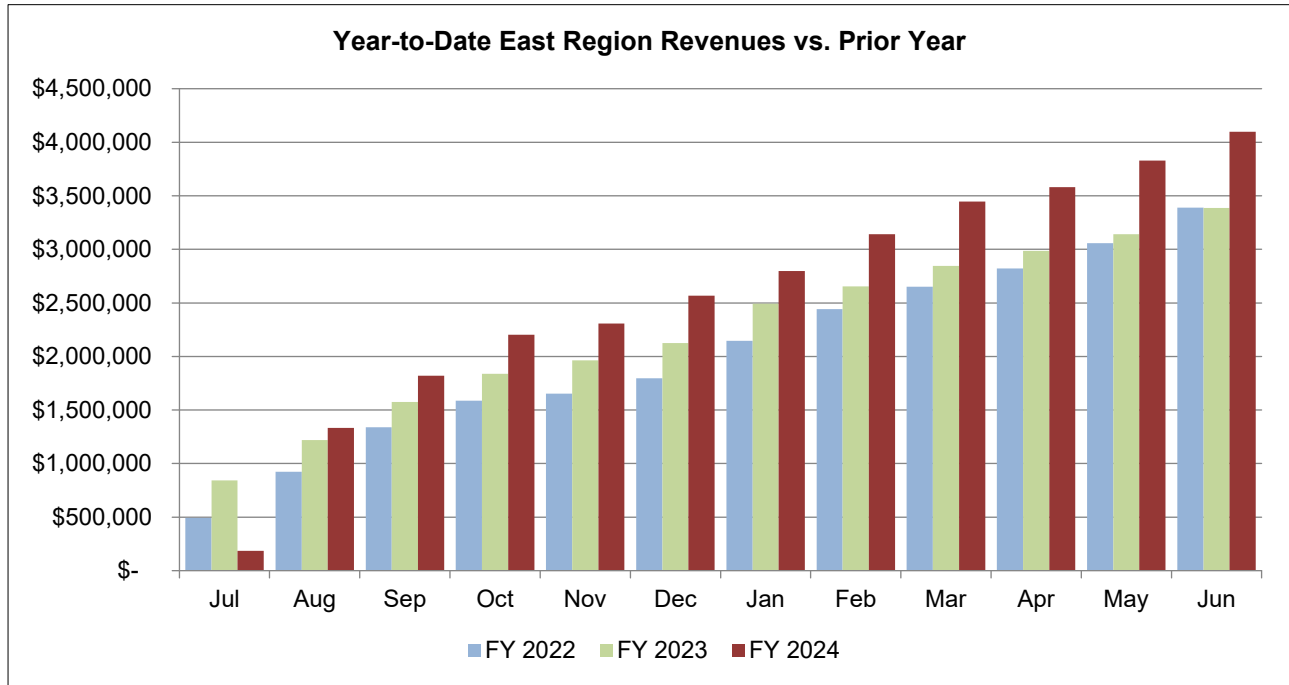
- North Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are down \$373,900 (-5.5%) compared to FY 2023.
- North Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$560,200 (8.7%) compared to FY 2023.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
South Region - All Funds
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2024**



- South Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are up \$77,400 (1.8%) compared to FY 2023.
- South Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$537,200 (10.9%) compared to FY 2023.

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
East Region - All Funds
Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2024**



- East Region fiscal year-to-date revenues are up \$712,400 (21.0%) compared to FY 2023.
- East Region fiscal year-to-date expenditures are up \$522,000 (13.3%) compared to FY 2023.

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Statement of Cash Position By Fund - FY 2024
as of June 30, 2024

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Cash Inflows	Cash Outflows	Cash Balance	Grants / Capital Obligations	Unobligated Fund Balance
12500	Federal Indirect Cost Recovery	\$ 77,025	\$ 356,521	\$ (413,729)	\$ 19,817	\$ -	\$ 19,817
24300	Parks and Recreation Fund	102,136,894	39,311,047	(41,825,097)	99,622,845	91,909,571	7,713,273
24302	Parks & Rec - Registration Administration	3,851,368	13,489,921	(5,862,371)	11,478,918	-	11,478,918
24303	Parks & Rec - Sawtooth License Plate	16,480	112,341	(126,349)	2,472	-	2,472
24304	Parks & Rec - Cutthroat Wildlife Plate	73,444	35,118	(31,947)	76,615	19,000	57,615
24305	Parks & Rec - Mountain Bike	220,832	64,983	(36,576)	249,238	-	249,238
24701	Recreational Fuels - Capital Improvement	3,395,214	1,584,434	(1,380,261)	3,599,387	1,957,215	1,642,172
24702	Recreational Fuels - Waterway Improvement	3,033,973	1,526,076	(1,518,363)	3,041,686	1,601,683	1,440,003
24703	Recreational Fuels - Off-road Motor Vehicles	4,936,150	1,513,326	(913,860)	5,535,616	497,831	5,037,785
24704	Recreational Fuels - Road & Bridge	1,990,295	780,185	(461,764)	2,308,716	615,000	1,693,716
24706	Recreational Fuels - Administration	184,256	1,126,614	(1,037,530)	273,339	-	273,339
25001	Registration - State Vessel	-	2,575,782	(2,575,782)	-	-	-
25002	Registration - Cross Country Ski	200,519	93,470	(44,051)	249,937	-	249,937
25003	Registration - Snowmobile	2,707,022	1,984,715	(2,089,458)	2,602,279	-	2,602,279
25004	Registration - Motorbike	3,041,282	1,560,380	(1,350,511)	3,251,152	-	3,251,152
25005	Registration - Recreational Vehicle	23,864,198	11,485,028	(9,128,682)	26,220,545	5,263,762	20,956,783
25006	Registration - State Avalanche Fund	97,576	44,398	(33,020)	108,955	-	108,955
34000	Federal ARPA ¹	-	1,500,000	(91,433)	1,408,567	2,924,967	(1,516,400)
34430	Federal ARPA - SLFRF	13,118,875	1,892,747	(6,499,921)	8,511,701	21,338,233	(12,826,532)
34800	Federal Grant Fund ¹	(680,611)	9,896,588	(7,504,261)	1,711,715	6,702,356	(4,990,641)
34900	Miscellaneous Revenue	65,347	1,816,102	(22,654)	1,858,795	582	1,858,213
41001	Enterprise	6,148,734	2,437,086	(1,810,841)	6,774,979	58,849	6,716,129
49601	Expendable Trust - Park Donations ²	382,044	73,474	(32,354)	423,164	-	423,164
49602	Harriman Trust	1,334,679	532,097	(353,085)	1,513,691	-	1,513,691
49603	Park Land Trust	3,496,126	427,833	(511,651)	3,412,308	683,823	2,728,485
49605	Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes	680,754	91,891	(149,163)	623,481	-	623,481
Total		\$ 174,372,477	\$ 96,312,154	\$ (85,804,713)	\$ 184,879,918	\$ 133,572,873	\$ 51,307,045

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 June 30, 2024

Gross Revenue	FY 2023 May	FY 2024 May	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
1-Year Registrations	\$ 165,540	\$ 205,470	\$ 39,930	24.1%
2-Year Registrations	185,400	237,000	51,600	27.8%
Total	\$ 350,940	\$ 442,470	\$ 91,530	26.1%

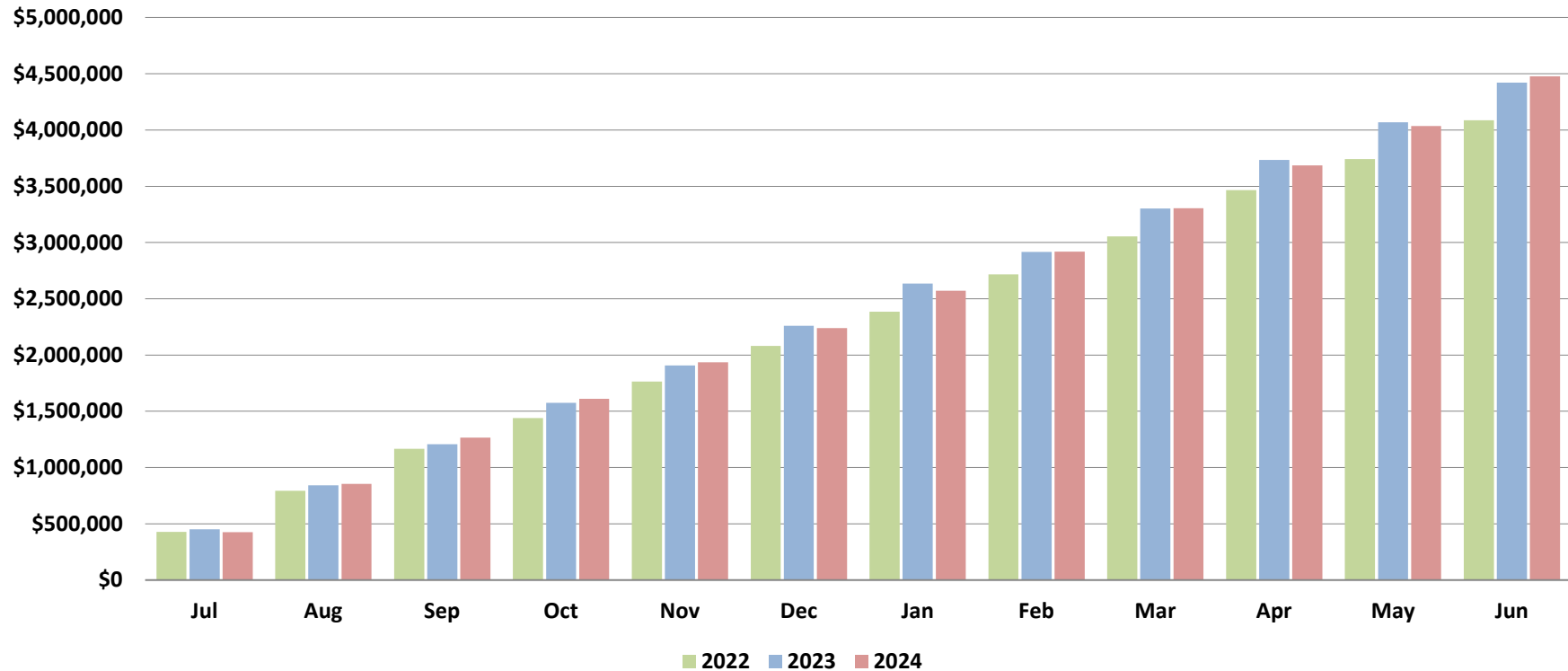
FY 2023 Y-T-D	FY 2024 Y-T-D	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
\$ 2,034,880	\$ 2,078,580	\$ 43,700	2.1%
2,385,540	2,398,760	13,220	0.6%
\$ 4,420,420	\$ 4,477,340	\$ 56,920	1.3%

Transactions

1-Year Registrations	16,554	20,547	3,993	24.1%
2-Year Registrations	9,270	11,850	2,580	27.8%
Total	25,824	32,397	6,573	25.5%

203,488	207,858	4,370	2.1%
119,277	119,938	661	0.6%
322,765	327,796	5,031	1.6%

Revenue Trend by Fiscal Year





Human Resources Report September 2024 Board Meeting

Jennifer Quinno-Miller – Human Resource Officer

Team HR Staff Updates

With great excitement we share that Team HR at IDPR is now staffed to a more appropriate number of employees which is more effectively able to serve the agency, as well as Lava Hot Springs Foundation, which the team also supports. This brings the team to four full-time employees and one temporary position. Changes include:

Lupe Arteaga – Promoted from Human Resources Business Partner II to Human Resources Business Partner III.

Jimena Cisneros – New Human Resources Associate (Temporary) – Jimena is a current BSU student pursuing her bachelor's degree in human resource management.

Bethany Steyer – New Human Resources Business Partner I – Bethany recently earned her bachelor's degree in human resource management and comes to us from St. Alphonsus.

These changes and new additions to the team have been instrumental in better positioning the team to provide enhanced and meaningful support to our agencies. With the 190+ permanent employees, 200-300 seasonal employees and anywhere between 300-500 volunteers each season, (plus the 120+ permanent and seasonal employees at Lava Hot Springs) it was far too difficult to provide the needed level of service to an agency this size with only three employees. With the addition of the new positions and a promotion to a more strategic position for Lupe, we are in great shape to hit the ground running and be able to offer the support and services these great agencies require and deserve.

Employee Engagement Survey

The State recently conducted an Employee Engagement Survey, which was a follow-up to the same survey that was conducted a few years back. Over the coming months, IDPR executive staff will begin diving in and analyzing the results and examining areas where employees feel the agency is doing well and areas where we have room for improvement. From there, we will strategize how to capitalize and continue building off what employees are liking and appreciating and implementing strategies and actions to address the areas of needed improvement. This part will be imperative as the number one area of concern amongst

employees who took the survey is that they are weary of trusting that they will be heard and that their concerns will be addressed. We are committed to engagement and improvement and look forward to identifying and implementing key strategies and initiatives going forward.

Lupe Arteaga - HR Business Partner III

Recruitment has been active and successful over the last several months, with most positions currently filled or in the process of being filled, with lots of internal movement.

- Those highlighted in **yellow** are seasonal employees who were promoted to permanent, classified positions.
- Those highlighted in **green** are permanent, classified employees promoted to other positions.
- Those highlighted in **blue** are permanent, classified employees who laterally transferred or accepted a voluntary demotion to other locations.

EAST REGION			
Utility Craftsman	East Region Office	ROBERT LORDS	06/09/24
Ranger	Lake Walcott State Park	KAYLEE GUSTAFSON	06/10/24
P&R Equip Operator	East Region Office	PHILIP BUTLER	04/29/24
Ranger	Bear Lake State Park	JASON DEGEORGE	09/15/24
Ranger	Lake Walcott State Park	ROLANDO GOMEZ	09/15/24
Manager 2	Land of the Yankee Fork State Park	BLAKE PACKER	09/29/24
Admin Asst 1	Harriman State Park	VACANT	
HEADQUARTERS			
Project Manager 1	Development	SARAH SUNDQUIST	06/24/24
Financial Technician	Fiscal	TARI WHITE	07/08/24
Real Estate Manager	Headquarters	TIFFANY SCUDDER	08/06/24
P&R Training Coordinator	Boating Program	RENE RODRIGUEZ SR	04/22/24
Ranger	Non-Motorized Trails	ZANE PATTERSON	04/28/24
P&R Equip Operator	Headquarters	JEREMY VICORY	05/20/24
P&R Equip Operator	Headquarters	RENE RODRIGUEZ JR	09/15/24
Building Facility Foreman	Management Services	VACANT	
NORTH REGION			
Ranger	Farragut State Park	DEREK KILLIAN	05/26/24
Admin Asst 1	Winchester Lake State Park	MADISON STEVENS	07/14/24
Office Specialist 2	Farragut State Park	VANESSA STOCKSTELL	07/21/24
Admin Asst 1	Round Lake State Park	LAUREN REICHENBECH	07/23/24
Program Specialist	North Region Office	BAILEY LERWILL	09/03/24
Ranger	Hells Gate State Park	VACANT	
SOUTH REGION			
Ranger	Ponderosa State Park	OLIVIA KABBANI	06/03/24
Ranger	Ponderosa State Park	KELSIE CORKILL	06/23/24

P&R Assistant Manager	Thousand Springs State Park	JUELIE TRASKA	07/07/24
Ranger	Thousand Springs State Park	THOMAS KINDER	08/18/24
Ranger	Bruneau Dunes State Park	NICOLE TRAMMEL	10/01/24
Manager 3	Lake Cascade State Park	VACANT	

Patricia Hendrickson, Volunteer Services Coordinator

The number of volunteers in our volunteer program has swelled to reach **356** volunteers. These volunteers are not limited to camp hosts, as they encompass other areas such as educational programs, natural pollinator garden planting, upkeep of buildings, grounds maintenance and many other facets of our great programs providing fantastic services to our users and visitors. This number reflects volunteers who have individually committed to and contributed their time and skills, and does not include the many groups from schools, scout groups, camping communities, churches and so other organizations who dedicate their time and efforts to the agency.



In our recruitment efforts, the volunteer program continues to effectively utilize our partnership with workcamper.com, the fantastic relationships the parks have fostered with past volunteers, and social media to increase our popularity and desirability, making volunteerism an unmatched asset to IDPR.



The Volunteer Services Coordinator will be conducting end of the season wrap up meetings with the field staff who implement the volunteer program this fall. They will review topics such as newly implemented practices, improvements to administrative practices, and general program feedback which will help to continue progress program development.

As always, the volunteer services office is providing many contacts for individuals looking for more information about the volunteering program with IDPR, resulting in many positive placements that volunteers are very excited to undertake.

The Volunteer Services Coordinator is now a registered member of the National Association of State Park Volunteer Administrators (NASPVA). This organization has provided a wealth of information in Volunteer trends and management strategies and is looking forward to attending the NASPVA conference in November.





MANAGEMENT SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT

April – May – June 2024
Fourth Quarter, FY2024

Management Services Administrator
Adam R. Zaragoza

A blue ink signature of 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

April 1 to 5

- Attended the Tamarack Marina Open House the evening of April 2nd. Represented the project team with Tamarack, BOR and IDPR staff.
- Continued meetings with local IDL staff in McCall regarding the parcels around Payette Lake.
- Meeting with National Park Service regarding property for sale within City of Rocks. NPS taking the lead on a possible acquisition.
- General administrative duties and support for the agency.



Tamarack Marina Open House

April 8 to 12

Attended the IDPR Board special meeting on April 8th regarding the Outdoor Recreation Fund Council (ORFAC) projects. Met with representatives from Fish and Game (IDFG) regarding the Horsethief project and potential transition. Reviewed Clio leasing program with Heyburn Park manager and Real Estate Manager. General administrative duties and support.



April 15 to 22

Attended the IDPR Board special meeting on April 15th regarding ORFAC and an update on the state park conference IDPR was hosting in early May. Spent a couple days in North Idaho. Met with Kootenai County Commissioner Duncan, Heyburn leaseholders leaders and met with tribal representatives regarding the Chatcolet marina rebuild. Led a meeting between ITD and IDPR to review alternatives and surveying of Highway 54 within Farragut State Park.

April 22 to 26

General administrative duties and support. Continued conversations with IDL regarding partnership projects.

April 29 to May 3

Interviewed candidates for seasonal help around the headquarters campus. Flew to North Idaho and toured appraiser around property at Priest Lake. Toured a potential park acquisition near Bonners Ferry. Met with representatives from ITD regarding the Farragut State Park entrance rebuild. ITD provided recommendations and toured the museum at Farragut.



Museum at Farragut with David White, Liz Palfini and ITD Engineering team.



Lonnie Johnson off-roading casualty at Priest Lake

May 6 to May 10

Assisted with interviews for the vacant project manager positions. Kicked off more formal discussions with IDL regarding partnership projects. Worked with the team regarding the Heyburn marina replacements. Attended a meeting with City of McCall staff regarding the water line extension into Ponderosa State Park and the Kokanee Cove Development.

May 13 to May 17

Attended the quarterly Board Meeting in Coeur d'Alene. Attended portions of the Rocky Mountain State Park Executive Conference (RMSPEC) while touring various properties for sale in North Idaho with Board Member Beckley, Roach and Attorney General Vega.

May 20 to 24

General administrative duties and support for the week. Attended a meeting with IDPR's grant manager and National Park Service.



May 28 to May 31

Continued interviews for the HQ maintenance manager position. Multiple meetings with the Governors office and division of financial management. Attended the pre-bid meeting at Kokanee Cove (Ponderosa State Park). Met with Fremont County Commissioner Dance in St. Anthony. Toured the Ashton Tetonia Trail with Director Buxton, Representative Furniss and Park Ranger Rossman. Attended the Friends of Harriman annual meeting at Harriman State Park.



Ashton Tetonia Trail with Representative Furniss



Sundown near Harriman State Park

June 3 to June 7

Attended a special Board Meeting. Worked at Priest Lake. Hired an engineer to do preliminary cabin layouts along the Indian Creek shoreline as a partnership project with IDL. Met with local Coolin resident regarding the Rocky Point Peninsula and potential for a State Park unit.

June 10 to 14

General administrative duties and support. Ops Administrator Elmore and I met with Fish and Game representatives regarding Horsethief Reservoir and Campground. Presented project information at McCall City Council meeting regarding the Kokanee Cove project and water line extension.

June 17 to 28

Time away from work to enjoy summer with my family with a little bit of team building 😊



Golf Round with Old Mission Park Manager Niska, Priest Lake Manager Johnson and my son. We know who won.



Daughter Abby volunteering at Priest Lake Store. Thank you Sandy and team.



A little excitement at the renovated Rocky Point Lodge at Heyburn State Park. Shout out to Ranger Dalton Crane for his response to the down tree.

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

- Worked with IDL and Ponderosa Park staff to identify, process and haul out 35 trees that were blown over in a storm and had been infested with Western Pine beetles, before they became a threat to the rest of the surrounding forest.
- Collected Knapweed biological control insects from Farragut to release at the Old mission to help control invasive Knapweed adjacent to the visitor center.
- Preparing to install bud caps on the 70,000 seedlings planted at Heyburn state park the last week of August to help protect them from deer, elk, and moose browsing this fall and winter. This project re-establishes 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 competition. Project area was treated with Herbicide last summer to prep for spring 2024 planting. Funding for the project is coming from a grant awarded to IDPR by IDL.
- The timber sale to facilitate the new forestry contest stations and open a new day use opportunity for Farragut State Park is all set up and scheduled to be cut this winter (2024/'25).
- Update for the Ponderosa pine restoration project in Ponderosa State Park. The project is all marked and set up, but due to the current market values, we are getting no interest from area mills to purchase this sale for this winter. We will now wait for the market to bounce back and try again next winter (25/26) 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.
- Continued working with Park staff at Three Island, 1000 Springs, Lake Walcott, Harriman, Priest Lake, Coeur d Alene Lake Parkway, Lucky Peak,

and Hells Gate to facilitate minor maintenance projects to remove hazard trees, prune healthy trees, and plant replacement trees in their Parks.

- Helped score the Harriman trail management plan proposals solicited by the Friends of Harriman.
- Conducted a site visit to Eagle Island to consult on noxious weed management opportunities and hazard tree assessments with Park staff.
- Closed out another direct timber sale at Heyburn to address a small pocket of Douglas fir beetle damage.
- Completed the cooperative project with with IDL and ITD to remove hundreds of dead trees along the hwy 5 corridor through Heyburn state park heading East towards St.Maries. These trees all succumbed to the winter salt treatments on the highway. Funding and traffic control was provided by ITD, and on-site admin was provided by IDPR.
- In cooperation with IDL and IDFG, Winchester Lake state park will be conducting a broadcast burn on Ponderosa Pine habitat on the backside of the lake this fall, weather permitting.
- 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).
- 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.
- Working with IDFG, we completed an Overview of important wildlife and habitats of Harriman State Park. This assessment will be the foundation of future inventories and assessments that will help foster enlightened development in the park and allow the Park to focus on the highest value natural resource projects that will maintain and maximize the natural characteristics of Harriman.

COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

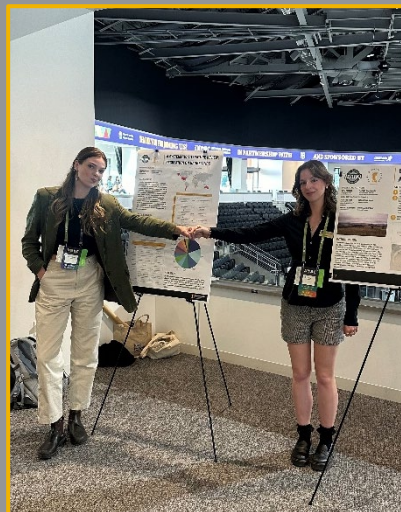


April – June 2024 Dual-Appointment Report

Taking the Show on the Road...

Spring and early summer were conference season for the Parks and Recreation Lab. At the **National Outdoor Recreation Conference** in Lake Tahoe, UI graduate students, IDPR staff, and Dr. Zajchowski delivered eight peer-reviewed presentations. Topics ranged from Palouse prairie preservation at **McCroskey State Park** to the future of outdoor recreation programs in higher education. Maddie Cottrell, Shahriar Rahman, and Anna Medlin were all awarded student scholarships to attend and present. UI's rockstar graduate students were awarded the most scholarships of any school.

The **Rocky Mountain State Parks Executive Conference** provided us the opportunity to share our success with the innovative collaboration between IDPR and UI, as well as speak to national trends in sustainable recreation management. Field trips to **Heyburn, Maury, Old Mission, and Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes** led by IDPR staff were a highlight.



With the end of the academic calendar year, field and lab research commenced for PRL graduate students:

Jacqueline Snow continued her recreation monitoring work co-advised by Dr. Jason Karl at **Rinker Rock Creek Ranch**. We have the ranch in our thoughts as fire recovery commences.

Anna Medlin visited **Priest Lake, Dworshak, Hells Gate, Ponderosa, Lucky Peak, Thousand Springs, Harriman, Bear Lake State Parks** and the **Ashton-Tetonia Trail** to complete interpretive inventories of their placards, waysides, and visitor center exhibits.



Shahriar Rahman contributed to research on wildfire smoke impacts on river-based outfitters and guides in Idaho, submitted for peer review in the *Journal of Travel Research*.

Initiatives

Outdoor Innovations

- One of my goals since arriving at University of Idaho was to bring together different outdoor recreation and education faculty, instructors, and staff to discuss synergies and future collaborative opportunities. The upshot is that individuals from the Colleges of Education, Health, and Human Sciences & Natural Resources, as well as Student Affairs are standing up the *Outdoor Innovations* speaker series in Fall 2024.



River Studies and Leadership Certificate

- This cross-college group is also exploring re-starting collaboration with the River Management Society by bringing back a certificate spearheaded by Dr. Ed Krumpke. In Fall 2024, we will begin working with other campus partners to identify potential courses to pursue a certificate application in 2025.



New Partnerships

- Superintendent Steve Thede rolled out the red carpet for a tour of **Nez Perce National Historical Park**.



We recruited two new PRL Lab members for Fall 2024. Brey Weygandt will join us first as an undergraduate intern and then as a graduate assistant on the Salmon River Basin project funded by USGS. Natalia Jaramillo Machuca will join us as a Colombian Fullbright Scholar to pursue her PhD with Drs. Paul Gessler and Zajchowski. She's been on 8 expeditions to Antarctica with the Colombian program! Hopefully, we can join on #9...

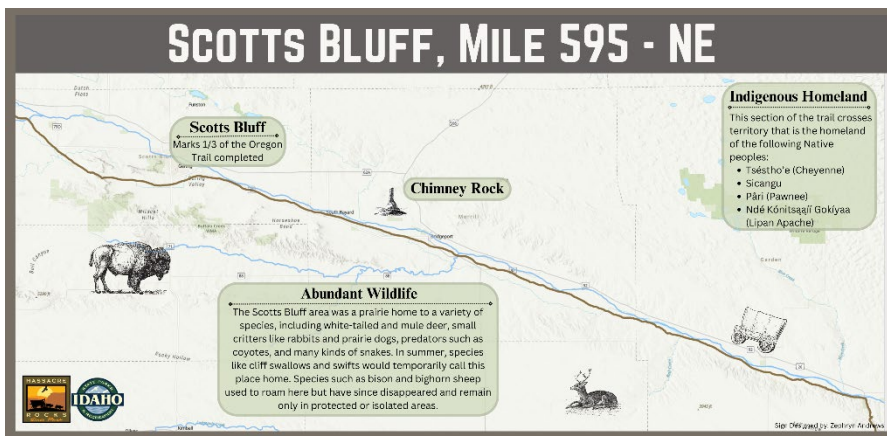


Past and Upcoming Park Visits

Park	Date
Rocky Mountain State Parks Executive Conference: Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's, Old Mission, Maury, & Heyburn State Parks	May 14th & 15th
Tour with Superintendent Thede and Staff: Nez Perce National Historical Park	May 20th
Interpretive Theme Inventory: Dworshak State Park	May 29th
Natural Resources and Society Retreat: Ponderosa State Park	June 4th & 5th

Interpretive Sign Development

- NRS 387 and NRS 502 students concluded their Spring 2024 course by creating 23 signs for **Massacre Rocks** with the assistance of Park Manager Travis Taylor and Interpretive Team Lead Chelsea Chambers. Signs are printed and awaiting installation at the unit.



- Spring 2025 partner park is still to-be-determined. On the top of the list are **Lucky Peak** and **Dworshak** which each hold a rich collection of cultural and natural resources. Stay tuned for more updates in 2025!

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Initiatives

NRS Faculty Retreat and Float

- Department of Natural Resources and Society (NRS) visited **MOSS** and **Ponderosa** in June to discuss and plan curriculum considering the new Natural Resources Enterprise Management undergraduate degree.



- We also hired **Nathan Moody**, Instructor of Natural Resource Management, who will help develop and teach coursework in the degree, including at **MOSS**. Nate, Dr. Engels and Zajchowski and a few future NREM students floated the Riggins day stretch on our way back to Moscow.



Interpretation Planning

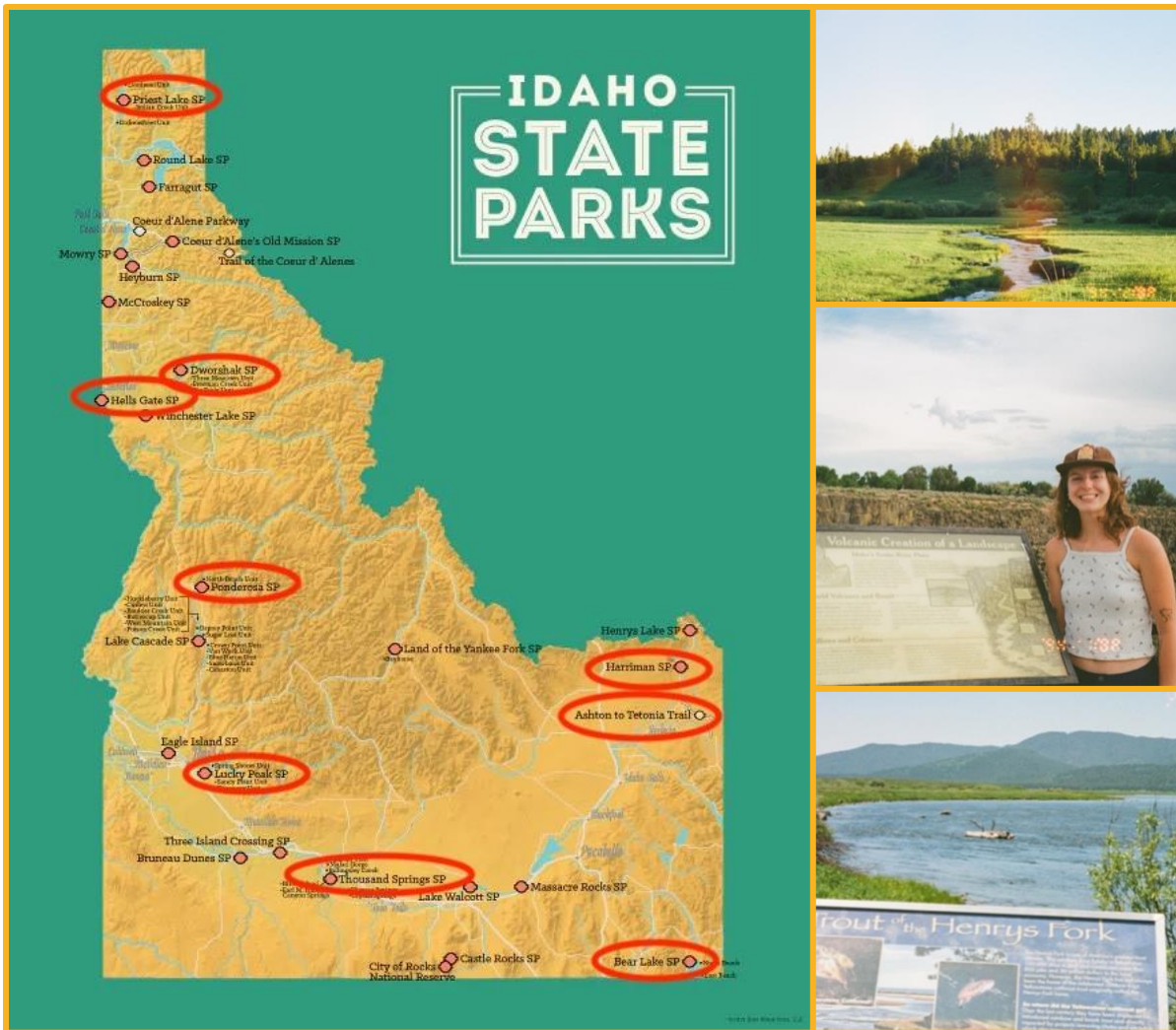
- Jake toured Anna and Dr. Zajchowski at **Dworshak** to explore a potential interpretative trail re-design.



Interpretive Theme Development within IDPR

M.S. Candidate: Anna Medlin

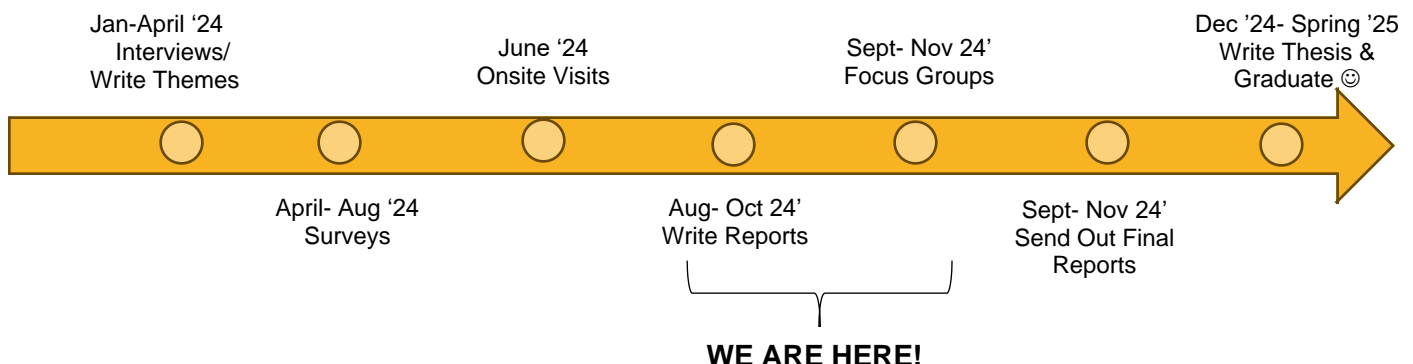
My multi-step research journey has unfolded through the seasons—spring brought interviews, summer led to road trips across nine Idaho state parks and surveys, and now fall is filled with reports!



Nine State Parks across Idaho are involved in this study (including both Harriman & Ashton-Tetonian Trail)

This summer, I inventoried all interpretive media in each park to provide management with a current overview of the stories being told and assess their alignment with the interpretive themes I developed from spring interviews

Research Timeline



Smart Signs:

AI-Driven Prompts for Engaging Interpretive Signage

Proper Engineering

Clear prompts guide Large Language Models (LLM), improving the quality of responses and utilizing the full capacity of these machines. This remains challenging as Artificial Intelligence (AI) is constantly in flux.

Principled Instructions Are All You Need for Questioning LLaMA-1/2, GPT-3.5/4

“the proposed principles can produce higher quality, more concise, factual and less complicated or intricate responses than standard prompts for LLMs” (Bsharat et al., 2023)

McCroskey State Park

McCroskey State Park spans 4,400 acres of diverse landscapes, from cedar forests to open prairies with stunning views of the Palouse. Home to fragments of the remaining Palouse Prairie, the Coeur d’Alene Tribe and local organizations like the Idaho Native Plant Society, Palouse Prairie Foundation, Palouse Land Trust and McCroskey Family will be interviewed for input on sign creation and elements of trust of AI.



01 QUESTION

What am I looking for in my sign?

02 CRITERIA

What criteria are needed to facilitate appropriate language

03 PROMPT

Do my prompts cover all needed areas? (Ex. tone, messaging, theme)

#Principle	Prompt Principle for Instructions
1	No need to be polite with LLM so there is no need to add phrases like “please”, “if you don’t mind”, “thank you”, “I would like to”, etc., and get straight to the point.
2	Integrate the intended audience in the prompt, e.g., the audience is an expert in the field.
3	Break down complex tasks into a sequence of simpler prompts in an interactive conversation.
4	Employ affirmative directives such as ‘do,’ while steering clear of negative language like ‘don’t’.
5	When you need clarity or a deeper understanding of a topic, idea, or any piece of information, utilize the following prompts: o Explain [insert specific topic] in simple terms. o Explain to me like I’m 11 years old. o Explain to me as if I’m a beginner in [field]. o Write the [essay/text/paragraph] using simple English like you’re explaining something to a 5-year-old.
6	Add “I’m going to tip \$xxx for a better solution!”
7	Implement example-driven prompting (Use few-shot prompting).
8	When formatting your prompt, start with ‘###Instruction###’, followed by either ‘###Example###’ or ‘###Question###’ if relevant. Subsequently, present your content. Use one or more line breaks to separate instructions, examples, questions, context, and input data.
9	Incorporate the following phrases: “Your task is” and “You MUST”.
10	Incorporate the following phrases: “You will be penalized”.
11	use the phrase “Answer a question given in a natural, human-like manner” in your prompts.
12	Use leading words like writing “think step by step”.
13	Add to your prompt the following phrase “Ensure that your answer is unbiased and does not rely on stereotypes”.
14	Allow the model to elicit precise details and requirements from you by asking you questions until he has enough information to provide the needed output (for example, “From now on, I would like you to ask me questions to...”).
15	To inquire about a specific topic or idea or any information and you want to test your understanding, you can use the following phrase: “Teach me the [Any theorem/topic/rule name] and include a test at the end, but don’t give me the answers and then tell me if I got the answer right when I respond”.
16	Assign a role to the large language models.
17	Use Delimiters.
18	Repeat a specific word or phrase multiple times within a prompt.
19	Combine Chain-of-thought (CoT) with few-Shot prompts.
20	Use output primers, which involve concluding your prompt with the beginning of the desired output. Utilize output primers by ending your prompt with the start of the anticipated response.
21	To write an essay /text /paragraph /article or any type of text that should be detailed: “Write a detailed [essay/text /paragraph] for me on [topic] in detail by adding all the information necessary”.
22	To correct/change specific text without changing its style: “Try to revise every paragraph sent by users. You should only improve the user’s grammar and vocabulary and make sure it sounds natural. You should not change the writing style, such as making a formal paragraph casual”.
23	When you have a complex coding prompt that may be in different files: “From now and on whenever you generate code that spans more than one file, generate a [programming language] script that can be run to automatically create the specified files or make changes to existing files to insert the generated code. [your question]”.
24	When you want to initiate or continue a text using specific words, phrases, or sentences, utilize the following prompt: o I’m providing you with the beginning [song lyrics/story/paragraph/essay...]: [Insert lyrics/words/sentence]’. Finish it based on the words provided. Keep the flow consistent.
25	Clearly state the requirements that the model must follow in order to produce content, in the form of the keywords, regulations, hint, or instructions
26	To write any text, such as an essay or paragraph, that is intended to be similar to a provided sample, include the following instructions: o Please use the same language based on the provided paragraph[/title/text /essay/answer].

Ex: Harriman State Park

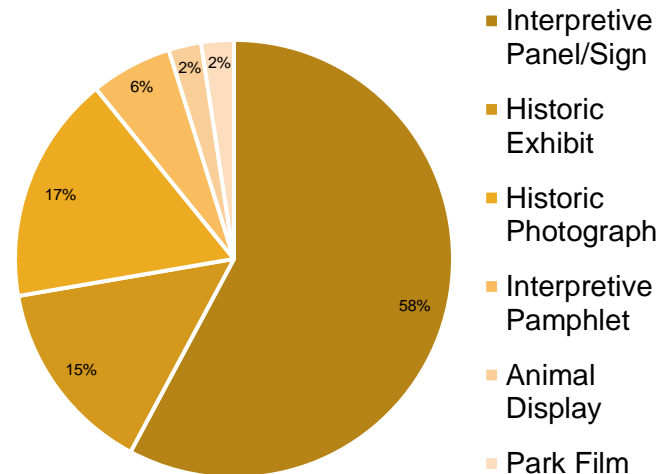
The Breakdown:

- Interviews Conducted: **4**
- Surveys Completed: **4/4**
- Onsite interpretive media: **83**

Current Interpretive Themes

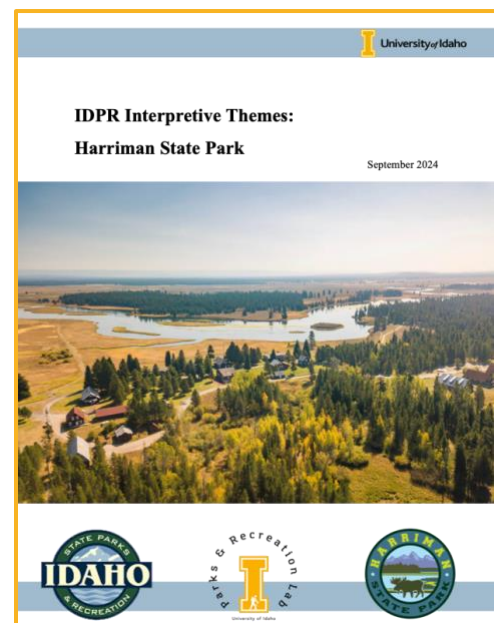
Theme #1	<i>Harriman State Park stands as a testament to the enduring value of protecting open spaces. By preserving the solitude, wildness, and interconnected ecosystems within its bounds, the park not only honors its historical significance, recognized by the Harriman family who chose to keep the ranch undeveloped, but also fulfills the contemporary need for natural sanctuaries.</i>
Theme #2	<i>When you recreate in Harriman State Park, you engage directly with its intricate and interconnected ecosystem. The pristine waterways where you might enjoy fly fishing are also vital habitat for trout and trumpeter swans, so it is important to recreate responsibly and recognize that our human actions are part of a larger, delicate web of life.</i>
Theme #3	<i>As you explore Harriman State Park's historic areas, you step into the legacy of the Harriman family, whose vision and generosity gave rise to the park. Cherishing their ranch and sharing its beauty with naturalists like John Muir, the Harrimans ultimately donated the land with a pledge to protect it from development, allowing their history and natural haven to endure and teach us the importance of preservation for now and generations to come.</i>
Theme #4	<i>Harriman State Park is not just a scenic destination; it is a vital corridor within a larger wildlife refuge, providing essential nesting and wintering grounds for trumpeter swans while supporting a balanced ecosystem that is home to megafauna like moose, elk, and grizzly bears.</i>
Theme #5	<i>Harriman State Park is a dynamic landscape where the environment and conservation efforts work hand in hand. The presence of grazing cattle is crucial for maintaining the park's ecological balance by managing invasive species, helping preserve its diverse habitats.</i>

Types of Interpretive Media at Harriman



What's Next?

- Report gets sent out to park expert participants & park management
- Conduct focus group
- Take feedback from focus group to revise reports & send final copy
- Rinse & repeat this process for the remaining state parks



NORTH REGION QUARTERLY REPORT

APRIL – MAY – JUNE 2024

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 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 then hosted 2024 RMSPEC Planning Team Meetings including all interactions with speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors as well as notice and communication with attendees. It was a great success – congrats to the team: Joanna, Chelsea, Nate, Will, Liz, and Julie.
- Participated in the Region Park Manager's weekly calls; Farragut review of centralized intersection discussion onsite with ITD representative; Park Manager's monthly calls; Heyburn Marina design discussions and Open House; Board Meeting with the Heyburn Marina's being a focal point; Mowry Development Consultant evaluations; Park Manager's monthly calls; Heyburn Marina design discussions; Special Board Meeting; CLIO presentation for use as a lease management tool; TOC Commission meeting in Plummer at the CdA Tribe Wellness Center;
- Reviewed Priest Lake, Round Lake, and Farragut Park operations with staff.
- Met with staff to discuss operations and review performance evaluations
- Met with IDHR representatives to discuss park operations and needs.
- Assisted Farragut Park Ranger interviews and Rec Bureau with the NR Trail Specialist interviews.
- Met with legal representation and Risk Management staff as part of the Hells Gate injury mitigation
- Assisted with Round Lake AA1 interviews.
- Attended and represented the Department at the annual Heyburn Leaseholders Association meeting addressing marina and boat garage issues and concerns.

NR MAINTENANCE CREW – LANNY NEIPERT, MAINTENANCE FOREMAN

Farragut:

- Investigated possible leak in water valve with Erin M and Errin B.

Heyburn

- Helped David and Nate measure all boat houses at Rocky Point and Chatcolet marinas

North Region Office:

- Put battery back in Huber grader, still wouldn't start, diagnosed a bad solenoid and battery cables, bought new ones and it works again
- Helped get ready for RMSPEC (Stuffed gift bags, loaded items in trailer, went shopping with David) then Don helped with logistics and support for RMSPEC (Getting lunches, moving coolers, filling coolers, moving heaters, etc.)
- Got backflow devices checked for irrigation and domestic water (passed)

- Spring clean-up at Nesbitt property
- Helped Keith re-wire trailer plug on Chipper
- Assisted at Ranger Round-up with teaching small engine and welding classes
- Replaced old drinking fountain in office lobby with new energy efficient model, that also has a bottle filler
- Ordered 4 new traffic counter from High Leah electronics
- Pulled old signs at North Region complex and filled post holes, designed, cut, and installed new information sign for front of Hunter education building and trimmed trees by Hunter Ed. Sidewalk
- Cut down dead trees by mailbox and chipped them, cut dead limbs from birch trees in parking area and chipped them

Old Mission/TOC:

- Helped Will and Rob try to locate broken sprinkler line by Mission

Priest Lake:

- Pre-built traffic counter loop for Lion Head group camp road
- Built drawers, installed drawer faces and drawer glides then bought particle board for cabinets, cut to size and installed cabinets and tops in Indian Creek entrance booth

NR OFFICE STAFF

- Continued training Office Specialist 2 in various office tasks and front desk duties
- Assisted WIN and RL with scheduling AA1 interviews for their parks
- Worked with HQ to help assist one of our region vendors who ran out of Non-Motorized Invasive Species several times. Provided stickers from our supply to ensure they can continue to support our customers.
- Completed LUMA and Respectful Workplace training
- Compiled responses from park managers and staff into condensed report for NR Manager on several quick turnaround suspense's.
 - Minor Maintenance Projects Needs
- RMSPEC 24 – Participated on Planning Team

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

Customer Service

- The Parkway is running smoothly. When the weather is good visitation is good.

Park/Program Usage

- 2 Higgins point shelter rentals, 1 Ironman race

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Regular maintenance ongoing

Staff Training

- Staff attended monthly safety meeting.

Park Manager's Narrative

- Seasonals are hired and projects are being worked on at the parkway.

DWORSHAK STATE PARK – JOHN SEELY, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The Big Eddy office is open 9am-5pm Monday- Friday. The marina has been pulled back to shore, but there will not be fuel available until the beginning of May.
- The marina store is open 8am-6pm Fri-Sun as of Memorial Day weekend.
- The entry station at Freeman Creek is open Saturday and Sunday 8-4:30 beginning April 20th.

- Big Eddy Lodge is closed to new public rentals due to Deck construction. Any existing reservations will be honored.
- The entry station at Freeman Creek is open from 8am -8pm on Fridays and 8-4:30 every other day.
- Registration sales are staying steady and daily calls regarding camping for the summer are coming in on a regular basis.

Park/Program Usage

- Primary users have transitioned from hunters and fisherman to weekend campers and people coming to recreate on the water.
- Reservations
 - **Campsite reservation total 852.** Campsite reservations are on par with the 4-year average.
 - **Group camp reservations total 22.** All group camps had very few unoccupied days this quarter. This is the second highest number of reservations in the last 10 years.
 - **Cabin reservations total 87.** This is the highest number of cabin reservations on record.
 - **Day Use reservations total 5.** The Big Eddy lodge is now open to new reservations; however, the deck is still under construction.
 - **Boat Moorage reservation total 292.** The Big Eddy marina had 77 reservations, and the Small Mouth moorage dock had 55 reservations.
 - **Total reservations 1,266.** This includes boat moorage. It is on par with the 5-year average

Program Services

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	2	500
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Rock Painting. Lead by the PRLD and DWO.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	3	90
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

Staff Training

- Kiona Rogers Ranger Round up 16 hours
- Jake Davis Ranger Round up 16 hours
- Tailgate safety meetings for seasonal employees

Park Manager's Narrative

- April is the true start of the camping season for us at Dworshak. The annual Archey shoot fills the park every year.

- The Well pump at Freeman Creek went out. The emergency fix has been done, but a permanent fix is on the way.
- There was a waterline break at 3M. We believe it is under the women's shower house. It is still being diagnosed.
- A culvert failed on the 3M road at Drift Creek. A temporary fix will be done in May.
- The USACE towed the marina back to shore on April 24th (it was supposed to be done on the 15th). The electric cable that powers the marina was caught in the rocks when the marina was towed to shore. It was not noticed for a week or so. The marina had to be pulled back out around 25 feet to free the cable.
- May was busy this year. Park use picked up, but most of our seasonals are students and can't come on full time until June.
- The 3M shower house leak was resolved and the temporary fix on the culvert was completed.
- The Big Eddy deck has been framed in.
- We are low on volunteers this year as 2 had to cancel at the last minute due to health reasons. Our 3M host arrived this month.
- June is a very busy month in the park. Many maintenance projects are put on hold due to the amount of park users.
- There were multiple weekends where the overflow boat parking (activity field and archery range) had to be used.

FARRAGUT STATE PARK – LIZ PALFINI, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Overall customer complaints are low. Number one complaint is restrooms. Weather has been rainy and cool. Day use is good on good days. Camping is ramping up. All campgrounds are open and full-on good weather days. Day use is spotty. Beaver bay is open but there are porta potties down there because of a major leak in the cinder block wall is being repaired and the walls are being painted. Buttonhook is open for day use.

Park/Program Usage

- 4 grad party; 8 wedding; 3 family picnics; 1 celebration of life; 2 county picnics, 1 adventure club; 1 boy scout troop; 1 school group; 1 hero homestead group; 4 company picnic; 1 native plant society group; 3 church group; 1 American heritage group, 1 equine clinic; 3 4H horse camp; 1 treasure hunters' group; 1 disc golf tournament.

Program Services

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	41	9235
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Brig and Jr Ranger Station closed after Memorial Day weekend for construction
- 48 backpacks were lent, 0 fishing poles, 0 tackle boxes

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation (Brig Tours)	8	1272
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	6 hours	150

School Programming	11	686
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Hazard trees were removed within campgrounds and along roadways.

Staff Training

- Staff attended monthly safety meeting.

Park Manager's Narrative

- Manager attended RMSPEC planning meetings.
- One of the water heaters in Gilmore did not make it through the winter and will need to be replaced the unit is under warranty and we are working to get it replaced and installed, the break in the waterline at Beaver Bay has been repaired and the walls are being prepped for paint and finish work. We will be using porta potties until we can open the restroom.
- Seasonals are up and running they have been working every chance they get to remove everything from the brig for construction.
- Met with contractor Veritas a couple times concerning the Brig roof project and ironed out what needs to happen before construction begins in July
- Found a firewood processor for the summer.
- West Dump station was finally pumped, and it was huge. \$28,000 worth of pumping for just that area.
- Working on a Trail ride outfitter who would like to offer trail rides inside the park – concession agreement is in the works
- Eagles scouts are working on the pond by the visitor center as well as some day use elements down in Buttonhook
- Little libraries are installed out in the park
- OSII interviews were conducted, and a candidate has been selected.
- I met with the Panhandle Back Country Horsemen chapter at their monthly meeting and discussed Peterson and the future of Equine at Farragut. I reassured them that we would not be eliminating equestrian use at Farragut, and we would work to ensure that there was always a place for equestrians at Farragut.
- Finished out the fiscal year my accounting and Luma did not match. We will need a better way for fiscal to let the park know what is being charged to the park throughout the year that we don't spend ourselves. This should help keep our books cleaner. Between June 12 and June 18 almost \$20,000 of expenses were put into our account – I am assuming these are items ordered by Boise but charged to Farragut like envelopes etc. Hopefully I can figure out how to drill down and see line-item level before next year.

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

Customer Service

- Staffing is not adequate for this time of year. Four seasonal is currently working.
- Visitation is slightly up from previous years with the favorable weather.

Park/Program Usage

- Total for the Months: Apr- 1,989/May-3,318/Jun-4,158
- Schindler Wedding: 100 pp
- Gaukler Wedding: 120 pp

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	2	220
Special Use Permit		

Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- RMSPEC – 120pp
- Garden Plaza Senior Living – 16pp
- Framework – 32 pp
- Burke Christian Tours -34 pp
- Mullan Trail Tours – 28 pp
- NW Discoveries x 3: 85 pp
- Framework Tours: 24 pp
- Group Coordinators: 25 pp

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	9	244
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	50	2612
Special Events	1	120
Special Events Held Off-Site	1	34

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Dry heads for the fire suppression system in the Visitor Center were replaced.
- Clearing down trees in Main Cemetery

Staff Training

- ICP Recertification and CPR
- Respectful Workplace Training
- Seasonal and some permanent staff attended ICP “dirty Dirt” class and CPR.

Park Manager’s Narrative

- Manager attended RMSPEC planning meetings.
- Mission staff put on an earth day program at Pinhurst Elementary School for the after-school program.
- Manager with Tribe THPO for irrigation lines
- Manager attended Idaho Association of Museums meeting
- Manager attended monthly NR managers meeting
- Washington State Park interpretation team met with Ranger and Manager to discuss interpretation at the park.

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

Customer Service

- Two 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: Apr- 10,032 /May-13,272 /Jun-15,121

- Wallace – 1,913/2,400/2,765
- Kellogg – 2,423/2,474/3,215
- Enaville – 2,736/3,688/4,100
- Harrison – 2,960/4,710/5,041

Program Services

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	100
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

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

- Clearing & chipping .5 miles of Enaville
- Removal of overhanging trees from Bullrun to Lane

Staff Training

- Seasonal staff and ranger attended CPR/first aid.

Park Manager's Narrative

- Manager attended the following meetings:
 - CDA basin meeting
 - Shop location
 - Campground location
 - Wallace 6th Street bridge replacement
 - Grays Meadow project
- Manager met with adjacent landowner to measure ROW width.
- Manager, Region Manager and Public Info Officer met to discuss potential filming on the TOC
- Manager and Natural Resource Manager did a Hazard tree assessment of the TOC
- Received Approval from ITD to Cover Bridge graffiti.
- Manager met with Tribe THPO for Campground survey.
- Bridge Repairs needed for Enaville Bridge.
- Manager attended annual ACP inspection.
- Manager toured the departments AG on the trail to look at encroachment issues.

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, 10:00am – 4:00pm and Sunday, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- June saw the end of school and the beginning of family vacations. The serviced campsites have been full throughout the week while the basic sites are full over the weekends and see a lot of one-night stays from folks passing through.

- Day use has been intense over the weekends and ebbs and flows during the week. Evenings can go one way or the other depending on the weather. Sandy beach is a continued time suck during patrol shifts.
- The disc golf course is seeing more players than ever.
- Folks are increasingly asking about the status of the new marina.

Park/Program Usage

- Camper cabins: Apr-12%/May-48%/Jun-47%
- Full hookup sites: Apr-46%/May-59%/Jun-69%
- Electric sites: Apr-52%/May-59%/Jun-75%
- Basic campsites: Apr-26%/May-36%/Jun-50%
- Marina: Apr-57%*/May-36%/Jun-12%
 - *C and D Strings 36% occupied – A and B Strings are not open to public yet

Program Services

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	32	1690
Special Use Permit	20	1960
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Several school groups were out in May.

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

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The upper marina parking lot irrigation project is slated to begin July 22nd. We will be adding above ground irrigation to replace the failed underground system.
- The south irrigation pump is operated for the most part by the Corp. They are still having issues with the switch that takes that system from the park to their HMU area south of the park. They are working on this issue.
- The north pump was replaced after failing and is producing more pressure than we've ever seen on that system. We are learning what zones can be run to keep pressure down to an acceptable level. Development is looking into a pressure regulator for this system to alleviate the need for a staff member to constantly oversee its operation.
- We will begin the repair work to Aspen's water line in July as we have received permission from the Corp to proceed. We will need to coordinate a Corp archeologist to be onsite during the digging

Staff Training

- One of the Ranger attended CIG training.
- One Ranger and the Manager attended a cold-water immersion class hosted by Clearwater County Sheriff's office.

Park Manager's Narrative

- Still 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.
 - It was determined that 28% of the decking panels will need to be replaced. Once they are manufactured and installed, they can apply the ESD coating to the entire marina.
- A waiting list for marina slips continues to grow. As of now, we'd have all 82 slips rented.
- We have permission from the Corp to move forward with the concessionaire dock without ground disturbance.
- Permission was also granted to repair the Aspen loop waterline break.
 - With a caveat of needing a Corp archeologist on-site as we dig that line.
- The four oversized vessels whose marina contracts have been cancelled are working towards removal of the vessels but it's a slow road. Two are up for sale with minimal interest and the other two are bound for Boyer Park once they are operational. Both are working on the mechanics to get the boats running.

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 open

Park/Program Usage

- Compared to March, April usage went up about 55%, however there was a 10% decrease from April 2023
- Compared to April, May usage went up about 155%, which is normal for this time of year. The usage is about the same compared to what it was in 2023.
- Compared to May, June usage went up about 5%, which is normal for this time of year. Compared to June 2023, usage went up about 4%.

Program Services

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	2	65
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	3	80
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	9	189
School Programming	3	135
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Rocky Point Lodge parking lot and landscaping has been completed.

- Mowry State Park is in development.
- All construction (Ranger house, Group campground, Mowry house) is slated to be completed by July 2025.
- MCH packets were applied 4/3/24

Staff Training

- Dalton Crane, Jim Mallet, and Courtney Davenport attended Hazard Tree Training.
- Tess Myhre and Sarah Parkinson attended Insect and Disease Training

Park Manager's Narrative

- A chlorination system has been put in place. We have been purging the lines and testing. The "Boil Water" notice was removed.
- Un winterization was completed towards the end of April. Hawley's Campground opened for walk-ins only. Reservations begin 5/3/24. Main and relief hosts both moved in.
- Chatcolet and Rocky Point Marinas are still in the development stage for replacement. An open house meeting for the leaseholders was held at North Region HQ on 4/29/24. There are mixed opinions from the leaseholders.
- 4/3, MCH packets were applied throughout the park to Douglas Fir tree.
- 4/8, Courtney Davenport met with the Plummer Public Library to help plan their summer reading program for "Adventure Outdoors" theme.
- Jim Mallet started as a ranger with Heyburn on 4/22.
- Chatcolet and Rocky Point Marinas are still in the development stage for replacement.
- The interpretive team was very busy in June with weekly hikes, campfire programs, and school groups. We also assisted Plummer Public Library with their summer programs and ran classes on camping, fire safety, and outdoor survival skills. The kids also built their own lean-to shelter.

MCCROSKEY STATE PARK – NATHAN BLACKBURN, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Customer service needs were focused on off-road vehicle information, trails, and camping.
- Questions were answered at Heyburn Visitor Center in regard to 2024 use and most stemmed around whether the Skyline was passable.
- There was minimal usage throughout the month, however, with this time of year usage seems to be on the rise again.
- Skyline was cleared of remaining fallen trees still hanging out on the side of the road as well as some trails as they become passable. Skyline Road was also rock raked to help fill in some potholes and even out the road. Maintenance crews have also begun twice a week checks and cleaning.

Park/Program Usage

- The traffic count: Apr-553 /May-525 /Jun-650
- Idaho State Trackers Association utilized a group use permit and meet at the park in May

Program Services

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	2	90
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

- Sarah Parkinson is continuing to work with the Native Plant Society on voucher gardens in order to repopulate the native plants at McCroskey.
- Preparation was done for a garden near the wellhouse by park staff and Native Plant Society. We hope to be able to begin actual planting either in Fall or Spring 2025.

Staff Training

- None.

Manager's Narrative (not covered above)

- Idaho State Trackers Association hosted a training for search and rescue personnel May 31-June 2.
- Potable water pump has been fixed and is up and running with clean test results.
- Mike Tracey made the move to Redtail Campground as our camp host.

PRIEST LAKE STATE PARK – LONNIE JOHNSON, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The store and office are open 5 days per week.
- Water was turned on to all campsites at Indian Creek.
- New mini day use areas are being built at Indian Creek in the large day use loop.
- New roof was installed on the park store at Indian Creek and on the Grizzly and Mackinaw cabins.
- The kiosk at Indian Creek was completed with new cabinets being built and installed by North Region maintenance crew.
- Asphalt Pros prepped all the pavement at Indian Creek for a top seal. Cutting out and replacing bad spots and crack sealing. The remaining asphalt areas at Indian Creek were seal coated this month.
- Stump grinding, chipping of trees and brush started at Indian Creek this month.
- All docks at Indian Creek and Lionhead were installed.
 - Repair of docks at Indian Creek, after high water and strong winds damaged them, was completed.
- Planting of 11 trees at Indian Creek done. This is from insurance claim after a semi-truck damaged many trees last August after being lost and drove into White pine loop of Indian Creek.
- The disc golf course at Indian Creek was cleared of more downed trees.

Park/Program Usage

- The Schaefer cabin is booked through the entire season.
- Visitation picked up once school was out, with more campers and people launching boats to go fishing.
- Memorial Day weekend went over nicely with no incidents.

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

- Music in the Park was a success again.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events	1	69
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- More hazard trees have been fell at Indian Creek and Lionhead campgrounds.

Staff Training

- Kyle, Christine, and Misha attended the 2-day Ranger Roundup at Farragut April 17th and 18th.
- Staff took part in the seasonal and volunteer zoom training on form completion.
- Christine attended a day long hazard tree training in Coeur D'Alene and a Helicopter training at the lake this month

Park Manager's Narrative

- Hummingbirds showed up on April 29th.
- We took part in the annual Memorial Day parade in Coolin. Much candy was given out to the many spectators.
- All the projects have been coming along nicely. Many completed and many more happening throughout the summer months.
 - The Indian Creek Headquarters building was painted
 - An upgrade was done to the Indian Creek Headquarters building fire suppression system this month. A new main line and all new sprinkler heads were installed.

ROUND LAKE STATE PARK – MARY MCGRAW, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Visitor center hours were increased to our summer hours 11:00am to 9:00pm
- 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 summer months.

Park/Program Usage

- Park use was steady with day users, Dog walkers, & fisherman. The nice weather has brought people to the park.
- Campground has been full on the weekends and about half full during the week
- There were 11 group use permits approved this quarter They are all for summer and fall shelter reservations
- 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 (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	16	725
Special Use Permit		

Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Bart presented a hike for the Bonner County Library program, the librarian read a story to start the hike and Bart lead the hike around trail.
- Selkirk Outdoor leadership and Education had their first Jr. Naturalist weeklong camp at Round Lake. They also had their leadership camp for the old kids - 4th to 12th grade youth.
- Master Naturalist has set up a tabletop presentation on Friday evening along the trail to discuss current blooming flowers and answer questions related to the natural environment.
- School programs in the park were all on their own. No programing was provided by the park staff.
- IDF&G presented programing at the park with the help of Trout Unlimited & Idaho conservation league.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	8	130
Traditional Interpretation	5	144
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	4	93
School Programming	1	24
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Campground improvements continued from last fall, installing living pads and realigning spurs.
- MCH packets were installed in the campground, shop and trailhead areas to help protect the Doug fir trees.

Staff Training

- Ranger attended a class on Birds and Flowers in ID (8 hours)
- Ranger attended a class on river ecosystems (4 hours)
- One ranger attended the ranger round up training (16 hours)

Park Manager's Narrative

- Manager attended and presented at RMSPEC
- The Manager attended a meeting with Development regarding campground improvements and a lot of time has been spent assisting contractors with laying out campsite design.
- Manager worked with H2O to get the water system repaired. Estimates came in over 25,000 for repairs so they will be working with TML contractors to complete the work to get the system repaired and a few upgrades to bring us into compliance with DEQ. During January's cold snap (-22 F) and power outage the Well control panel lost its software programing, and the well pump had issues due to the brown out effect during the power outage along with excessive ware over the last five years.
- Resumes were reviewed and interviews were completed for the new Admin. Asst. 1 position
- Summer staff was hired, Uniforms for seasonal and full-time staff and other supplies are being purchased
- We have worked with the reservation staff to get notices out to our campers prior to their arrival by sending them an email reminding them to plan ahead for the new living pads and to leave their Hammocks homes. These notices will start just before the 4th of July weekend.
- We have had the website updated to reflect the changes in the campground.
- Handrails on the east side bridge were replaced and some minor repairs were made on the boardwalks as identified on the spring inspection

- Staff have been bagging ice for resale program and have been bagging wood for the retail program
- The chimney and roof repairs were completed at the visitor center by the Division of Public Works
- Staff were all hired before Memorial Day weekend, one quit just before the weekend and a second quit after the weekend. One position has been filled and will start this month.
- We are working with Panhandle Special Needs Program to provide work for a special needs teenager, this is going very well. They pay the person for 60 hours of work at the park.
- The ranger has been grinding stumps in the lower loop to allow placement of road edge rocks.
- Trail work was completed after a few brief windy days.
- Work Continues to be done to remove dead timber from the shop area after the beetle infestation to the lodgepole pine trees.
- We have been working on cutting wood and splitting it for next season's firewood sales and bagging wood for the retail program.

WINCHESTER LAKE STATE PARK – DYLAN GOODELL, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Staff have been arranging prizes, donations, and partners for the fishing tournament.
- Staff have continued posting engaging content on social media, increasing followers.
- We have been opening the waterline in the B and C loops making repairs as needed.
- Staff has started programming for the upcoming interpretation season, as well as, arranging videos in the park on Saturday nights.
- We have been preparing the Winchester Days float.
- We have purchased three new canoes to replace the most worn-out ones.
- Staff have been performing minor trail maintenance on the lakeshore trail.
- We were able to paint the Lodgepole Yurt deck and scheduled the other three in August.
- We were able to level and repaint the amphitheater stage.
- Lauren has onboarded all the volunteers and Beth has hired a full seasonal staff. Wahoo!

Park/Program Usage

- The traffic count: Apr-3,407 /May-8,338 /Jun-9,223

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	9	785
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- We held a successful fishing derby with about 100 participants.
- Seasonal interpretive programming started with a few different school groups.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education	10	267
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site	1	3

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Maintenance staff have been picking up firewood from IDL forest thinning project to sell as campground firewood.

- Staff replaced the effluent pump for the shop septic system before backfilling.
- We rebuilt the dock abutment and handrail at the boat launch.
- Staff have been placing dogwood stakes in Creekside thinned area by shop.
- IDL has been out several times checking for burn conditions, monitoring wildfire conditions.
- MCH packets have been distributed with the help of IDL.
- IDFG biologists banded and counted geese.
- Staff communicated with IDFG and customers about protective deer with their new fawns.
- Staff continue to spray invasive species, hounds' tongue, mullein, various thistle, and orange hawkweed and removing hazard trees.

Staff Training

- Staff completed respectful workplace training
- Ranger Roundup both Beth and Lauren attended, Lauren was the chairperson.
- Dylan is finishing spring semester. Environmental Project Management, Environmental Philosophy

Park Manager's Narrative

- Beth and Lauren have continued to do a great job with seasonal staff and volunteers.
- Summer is here and we are busy with visitors.
- We distributed playground chips at the playground and have been completing items listed on the building inspection list.
- Meetings with IDFG have been going well. MOU has been reviewed with no changes at this time between the two agencies moving forward.
- IDFG has decided to partner with us during our fishing tournament by hosting their 125-anniversary celebration at WIN and will have their fish trailer onsite.
- We were able to install the new dump station tower.
- We have installed the Starlink dish on the roof of the VC and now have better connectivity.

OPERATIONS DIVISION QUARTERLY REPORT
APR – MAY – JUNE 2024

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

GOALS:

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

OPERATIONS DIVISION – TROY ELMORE, ADMINISTRATOR

- Participated in monthly manager meetings. South, east, and north region managers each conduct meetings which I and other executive staff members attend. This helps me understand what is and isn't working in our parks located across the state, and to relay information to the field in a timely and efficient manner.
- Conducted weekly region manager Teams meetings. Same concept as above, only weekly with my region managers. The consistent line of communication helps us stay up to date despite our geographical separation. If a special project or topic is being discussed, I invite others to participate in our conversation.
- Worked with Steve Martin in preparing the IDPR FY26 budget request. Gathered enhancement requests from the region managers and established a prioritized list to move forward during the upcoming budget process. We have been successful in gradually increasing our operating and seasonal budgets to try and get the parks better prepared to manage their park visitors and meet staff needs.
- Participated in the Cascade marina open house in Cascade. The public was invited to review the Tamarack marina proposal, provide written comments, and engage in discussion with IDPR and Bureau of Reclamation staff. Most people I spoke with seemed supportive of the project upgrades and the proposal for IDPR to consider changing the annual concession into a long-term lease.
- Participated in the Heyburn marina open house in Coeur d' Alene. Discussed the marina proposal with Heyburn recreation residence lease holders and boat garage owners. I heard numerous concerns about the future of the boat garages. Most attendees just want to have a clear path forward to allow them to either sell or dismantle their property, making way for the new marina to be built. We encouraged written comments and assured them we would share their input with the Board.



Gorgeous sunset at Rocky Point Marina, Heyburn State Park

- Participated in an Eastern Idaho Grazing Association (EIGA) meeting to discuss the ORFAC grant project near the Blackfoot River. I previously toured a portion of the area during a Governor's Ride sponsored by the Idaho Cattlemen's Association. The EIGA would like to identify designated routes and mitigate non-designated routes in the area. A signing and mapping effort would accompany the travel plan, which would help stop continued route proliferation. I offered IDPR trails program staff to help with implementation of a travel plan and to purchase and install cattle guards. I suggested they look at hiring a contractor to do route inventory and design a designated trail system. IDL offered to provide some recommendations for contractors that they had recently hired to do similar work.
- Attended the IDPR-hosted RMSPEC conference in Coeur d' Alene. Toured Farragut and Heyburn State Park. IDPR staff did an amazing job planning and executing this well-attended conference in North Idaho.



Old Mission Park Manager, Will Niska, giving a tabletop presentation to RMSPEC attendees



RMSPEC entertainment at Cataldo Old Mission

- Engaged in Horsethief campground discussions to identify capital improvements and the possibility for IDPR to take over operations when economically feasible. Explained the current budget situation and the inability to absorb the fiscal impact of a park that will operate at a loss at this time. I stated that the Department has had a long-standing interest in Horsethief going back to the 1990s and that I believe it makes sense for IDPR to manage it in the future. I emphasized that until the Department can secure an increase in our on-going funding to support the operations of an additional park, we won't be able to afford to operate it.
- Attended Governor's Ride in Elmore County. Met with partner agencies and members from the ranching community. Discussed OHV law enforcement progress (IDPR conducted first OHV law enforcement academy). Talked about the programs our department administers and how they benefit Idaho's economy and rural communities.



Governor's Ride attendees moseying down the trail in Elmore County

Our park employees continue to do an amazing job at providing safe and sustainable outdoor recreation at our parks, despite the recent challenges created by our development projects, fiscal process changes, and continued peak visitation. Our recreation programs also continue to do wonderful things for the recreating public that come to enjoy our state. Trail maintenance, public outreach, online mapping, and education classes all contribute to providing unique opportunities for the public we serve. Keith Jones' efforts in managing our natural resources contribute to park visitor safety, provide timber revenue, and keep our forests healthy. I'd like to acknowledge my sincere appreciation for not only our operations division, but for all IDPR staff.

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 routine tasks around the office.

- OHV Education had 571 students completed the Responsible Riders course in 80 classes. 28 New OHV Instructors from 7 agencies were trained in 9 Train-the-Trainer classes.
- The 1st Annual OHV LE Academy was held in Boise and successfully graduated 20 students from 11 agencies. This was a two-day classroom session with one day field training and a final exam. This academy is a POST accredited curriculum and will continue to be held in the spring each year.
- The South Region Education Coordinator participated in Rec Fest in Boise and the Magic Mountain OHV Safety Fair in Twin Falls.
- Hosted Idaho Mechanized equipment training with Forest Service training Forest Service Trails staff and IDPR staff trails equipment operation and trail building techniques.
- Held annual Trail Ranger/Trail Cat training.
- Hired East Region Equipment Operator Phillip Buttler, this position was converted from an 8th month seasonal position to a full-time position in FY24.
- Attend planning meetings for 7 bridge projects in the East Region this season including, Harriman State Park, North Fork Big Creek, and 5 on the Palisades Ranger District. Work with partners to order, ship, permit, and receive new bridge for North Fork Big Creek.
- Attended (ISSA) Idaho State Snowmobile Association spring board meeting held in Island Park, ID. Discussed Snowmobile registration numbers as well as funding for trail signage we have budgeted using snowmobile plate funds in FY25.
- Attended Caribou Targhee Forest Plan revision meetings. The CTNF started initial steps in Forest Plan Revision for both the Caribou and Targhee National Forest. The revision plan was put on hold to a later date due to other forest having priority but will resume at a later date.
- Attended International Snowmobile Congress held in Green Bay WI. Present for the (IASA) International Association of Snowmobile Administrators meetings and general congress breakout sessions.

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.

- In May, the Idaho City Yurt Ranger position was filled by Zane Patterson.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program staff attended a heavy equipment training to learn



Learning how to build a rolling grade dip with a trail dozer

how to maintain trails with mini excavators and trail dozers.

- The Non-Motorized Trails Program staff attended the Mountain West Trails Conference in Vernal, Utah to discuss the challenges and opportunities of trail management in the mountain west.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program Coordinator is managing and auditing the non-motorized trails layer of the Idaho Trails Map to ensure we are providing the most up-to-date information.
- The Non-Motorized Trail Program Coordinator 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.
- Program staff met with the Idaho City Ranger District for the bi-annual check-in about the Idaho City Yurts and surrounding trail system.

- Program staff continued maintaining the Idaho City Yurts and surrounding trail system.



Gathering wood for winter at the Idaho City Yurts

- The Non-Motorized Trails Program received an RTP grant for two new snowmobiles to maintain the Idaho City Yurts.
- Non-Motorized Program staff attended two Pistenbully snowcat maintenance trainings.
- The program received official approval from the Forest Service to rebuild the Whispering Pines Yurt, which burned during the 2016 Pioneer Fire. In partnership with the Development Team, the Non-Motorized Trails Program is coordinating new yurt construction.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program Coordinator attended the Capitol for a Day in Idaho City to provide information and answer questions about the Idaho City Backcountry Yurts.
- 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 Trails Program Coordinator gave a presentation on the Idaho Centennial Trail to recreation managers from Idaho's national forests. Each region of the Forest Service gave Idaho Trails Association \$20,000 for additional maintenance on the Idaho Centennial Trail.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program Coordinator, with help from the Forest Service, is auditing the official route of the Idaho Centennial Trail to identify trespasses.
- The Non-Motorized Trails Program Coordinator met with the Idaho Centennial Trail Liaison from Idaho Trails Association to discuss route issues on the ICT.

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 2024 Marine Law Enforcement Academy April 25th-May 2nd.
 - Twenty-five deputies successfully completed the academy, and three new instructors were trained.
- In June, the program coordinated a PWC Swift Water Rescue Course in cooperation with Clearwater County in Orofino.
 - Thirteen students and two new instructors were trained
- Between April and June 2024 our marine law enforcement partners completed 8,244 vessel safety inspections, issued 3,561 warnings, and 269 citations for boating safety violations.
- During April-June 204 people successfully completed a classroom Boat Idaho course, 99 completed the home study course, and 145 people completed our Paddle Sports course.
- Boating safety outreach contacts via our IDPR educators and law enforcement partners are estimated to have reached over 5,000 people during this time.

Collaborative Program: The following is a list of activities of the Lands Program by Land Access Coordinator for the April-June reporting period.

Fifteen collaborative, field trip, agency, and stakeholder meetings were attended, notably:

- Collaborative efforts included a working group to complete new bylaws for reconstitution of the Targhee Forest Collaborative.
- Relationship-development with land management agency staff, motorized stakeholder clubs, and user community representatives was ongoing.

Policy Status, Analysis, and Official Comments

- From April through June, staff submitted formal agency comments for four separate 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. Typical of the ongoing policy analysis process, several more minor NEPA projects were analyzed and determined not to require comment due to lack of application to recreation access.

- An ongoing retroactive review of older NEPA Decisions affecting recreation access revealed opportunities to help promote improved access, by discovery of project actions not yet implemented from such years-old plans. Staff used this information to communicate opportunities with land management agencies and encourage partnership with the Trail Program to re-engage in projects to complete access improvements. Four proposals to restart previously-approved, unimplemented trail projects were communicated to Forest Service shortly after this April-June reporting period.
- National-level Policy processes potentially affecting recreation access: BLM's Solar Policy and the Greater Sage Grouse Plan Revision studied during the reporting period are nearing a conclusion with Decisions expected in the Fall, including last-minute changes to the draft GSGR Plan which State of Idaho has criticized and which may complicate the process outcome.
The Mature and Old Growth Forests planning initiative affecting BLM and USFS ground will continue to set back all Forest Plan revisions for Idaho National Forests by many years, with no further action expected until 2028 at the earliest, past revisions to address the MOG initiative.
- Staff participated formally in Objection Resolution meetings along with recreation stakeholders subsequent to release of the final EIS for the Nez Perce Clearwater Nation Forest Revised Forest Plan. Staff advocated for resolution of issues that will impact access in future Travel Management planning which will be guided by the land management prescription changes in the Revised Forest Plan. The Plan's Final Record of Decision was issued in June with no significant changes to Recreation Opportunity Spectrum, nor the policy to manage recommended wilderness as if it were already Congressionally-designated Wilderness, both which will impact access.
- Staff continued contributions to an advisory working group to foster the re-establishment of the Targhee Forest Collaborative. The TFC approved bylaws shortly after this reporting period and will progress forward although anticipated Forest Plan revision for CTNF is delayed by the Mature and Old Growth EO and planning initiative.

Idaho Trails Mapping Applications

- Summer Edition: Improvements to state of update continued with ongoing comprehensive audits to USFS and BLM data and travel management plans revealing errors or undetected/unannounced changes to access designations. IDPR's map continues to lead all third-party apps, and USFS and BLM public data, with many updates for accuracy and reroute changes. This is due to the nature of delays inherent in federal agencies' layered update process. The reliance by third-party apps on consuming national data or questionable open-source data causes app providers to fall behind IDPR's presentation thus rendering value to the *Idaho Trails* app's funders and users.

- Winter/OSV: Functionality was corrected and tested for the web app after a technology update by the vendor required some restoration work, well in advance of the snowmobile trail grooming season.

RESERVATION & REGISTRATION (R&R) PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT
April – May – June '24

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	CY 2024	Apr-Jun 2024
Boat	83,496	45,022
OHV 1 yr	41,686	21,760
OHV 2 yr	59,595	29,462
OHV 1 yr Non-Res	10,699	5,542
OHV 2 yr Non-Res	6,891	3,497
Snowmobile 1yr	8,354	17
Snowmobile 2yr	1,895	49
Snowmobile - Non-Res 1yr	11,585	41
Snowmobile - Non-Res 2yr	483	9
Snowmobile - Rental	41	0
PAISS Non-Motorized	123,908	58,492
PAISS Not Reg. in Idaho	11,826	5,258
Park N Ski 3-Day	933	35
Park N Ski Annual	580	1
Annual MVEF	2,346	1,062
OHV MVEF	1,387	668
OHV MVEF Non-Res	259	98
Totals	365,964	171,013

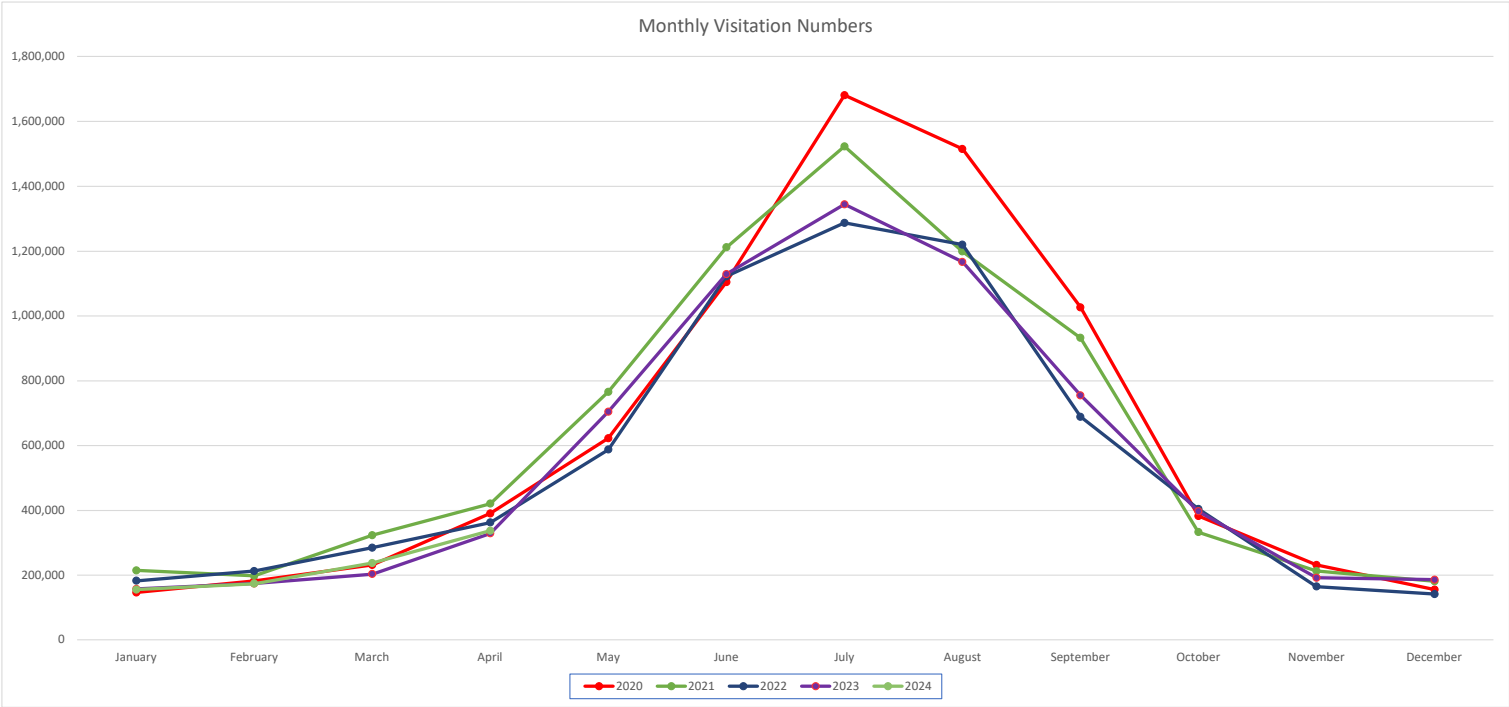
Recreational Management System Conversion

Staff has been working diligently with Brandt on our new system. Brandt staff came to Idaho for a week to tour parks and talk to them about system challenges that they may be able to assist with. Current projects being working on with Brandt are product/inventory import, campsite inventory attributes, registration & permit development, and the map project. IDPR is also working with ISP on a data share to verify registration and permit purchases and with ITD on Passport and RV registration verification.

Switching to a new contractor provides IDPR with the ideal opportunity to make some operational changes that will help standardize the customers' experience between all parks. Some changes that staff will be looking at include making group camps equitable by using a yearly lottery draw, opening parks to same-day reservations, removing the walk-in seasons and making all park inventory reservable online, and change of pricing structure to allow dynamic pricing.

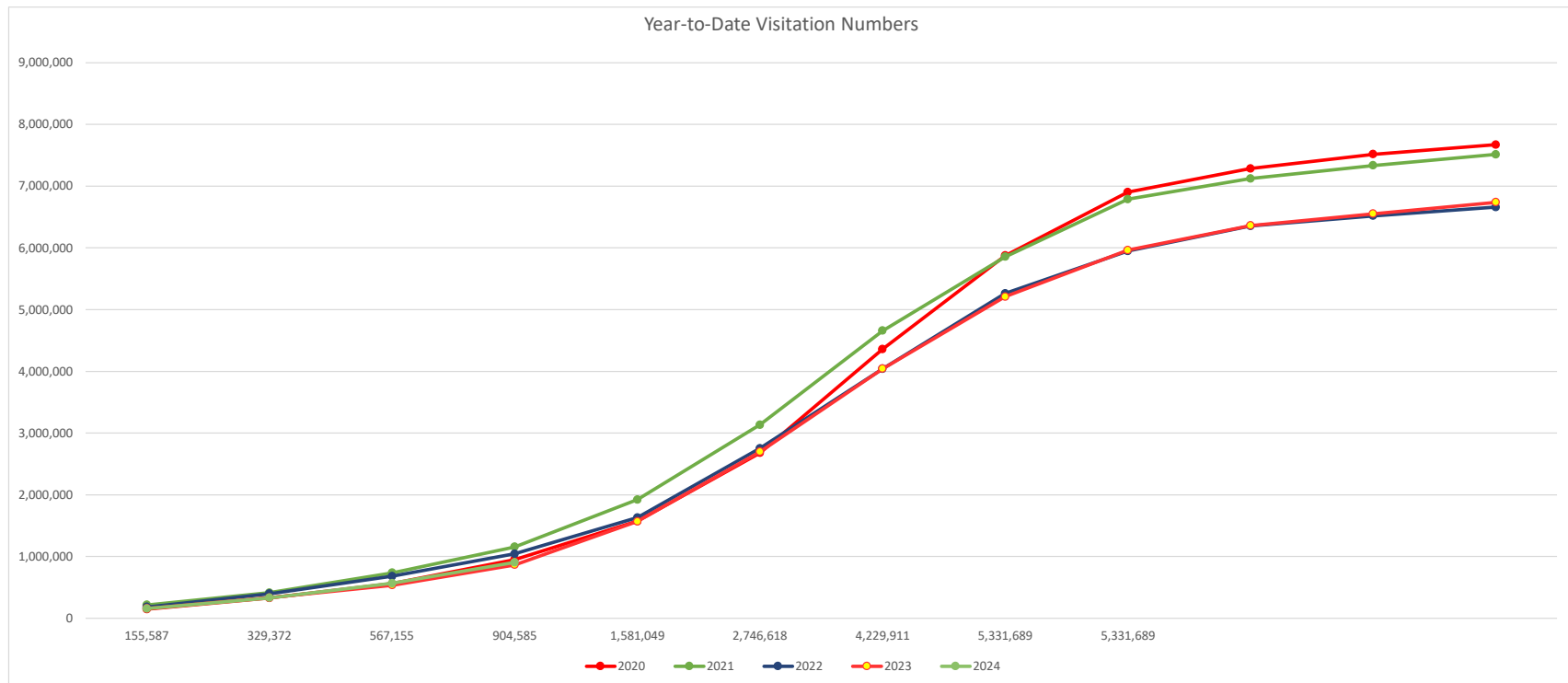
YoY Monthly Visitation Numbers

	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%
2024	155,587	173,785	237,783	337,430	676,464	1,165,569	1,483,293	1,101,778	0	0	0	0	5,331,689	
%Δ	-0.83%	-0.43%	16.97%	2.61%	-4.02%	3.24%	10.33%	-5.58%						-20.88%



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%	
2024	155,587	329,372	567,155	904,585	1,581,049	2,746,618	4,229,911	5,331,689	5,331,689	5,331,689	5,331,689	5,331,691	5,331,691	
%Δ	-0.83%	-0.62%	6.07%	4.75%	0.81%	1.83%	4.65%	2.36%	-10.59%	-16.17%	-18.63%	-20.88%	-20.88%	



*CDA Parkway using vehicle multiplier - strictly a trail counter - 2022 numbers averaging ~50% less
 *2022 NEW traffic counters at parks where previously they supplied estimates

**EAST REGION QUARTERLY REPORT
APR –MAY– JUN 2024**

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

GOALS:

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

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

Staffing Updates –

- **Bear Lake** – Bear Lake State Park had one Ranger vacancy open this quarter. Last quarter we filled this position, but the employee misrepresented themselves and didn't have the skill set needed for the position. This has been a consistent problem for Bear Lake State Park for multiple years. The Park Manager has indicated the source of the difficulty is due to the lack of housing options in the area making recruitment difficult from a shallow pool.
- **Lake Walcott** – Last quarter Kirsten March was promoted from a Ranger to the Park Manager, this created a Ranger vacancy that we filled in May with Kylee Gustafson. Kylee came to the agency from Utah State Parks where she has worked seasonally for the last four years. She has smoothly transitioned into the Lake Walcott staff and has been a great addition to their team.
- **ERC** – We hired Robert Lords as the Utility Craftsman for the East Region Crew. Robert came to us from ISU where he worked as a Utility Craftsman for their maintenance department. He hit the ground running, working with Brad to complete the Bunk House remodel at Castle Rocks State Park and a variety of other projects. I expect he will be a great addition to the Region Crew.

Operations Update –

- **SMM** – As spring began, the Supplementary Minor Maintenance Program in East Region kicked into high gear. We initiated and completed many projects ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Some projects involved hiring outside professionals and for some, we purchased materials and completed them with IDPR labor. This has been a large effort for the ERO, ER Construction Manager, ER Region Crew, and each park's Manager and staff. Thanks to everyone's efforts, this program is ahead of schedule in the East Region. I can provide a full update of projects along with dollar amounts committed upon request.
- **ERO** – With spring came a boom of requests for traditional minor maintenance, road and bridge, and SMM requests from parks. We worked hard to get all these needs prioritized and resolved. Due to the rising costs of goods and services, our allocations for traditional minor maintenance and road and bridge projects don't go as far as they used to. We'll be trying to get increases to those regional allocations.
- This quarter we moved into support mode for our parks as they began hiring seasonal help and gearing up for the busy season. I made multiple trips to each park and helped wherever I could.
- The front desk at the Region Office was very busy through this quarter with OHV and boating registrations as the seasons began to change. Through April, May, and June the office made 40,834 dollars in registration sales.

- **ERC** – This quarter we made progress on the Region Crew’s headquarters facility at Massacre Rocks and worked with the Purchasing department to complete the purchase orders for all their seed equipment.
- Steele Structures, the company constructing the shop building at Massacre, visited the site. During the visit, Travis Taylor, Nathan Powers myself, and their team identified the site location, existing utilities, and acceptable staging areas for the new facility. Travis and I are working on ways to mitigate the impact of construction on our customers.
- For procuring the Region Crew’s heavy equipment we used the State’s contract with John Deere through the C&B dealer in Idaho Falls. They supplied us with two light excavators, a large skid steer, and an array of attachments that will serve as the heavy equipment backbone of the program. We will also be securing a backhoe to supplement these tools in FY26.
- For mobilizing around the Region, we will have an F550 and an F250 with a large flatbed trailer, dump trailer, and an enclosed construction trailer. Throughout this quarter we also purchased all the light-duty hand tools that the crew will need.
- In the end, we dedicated all the funds that were made available to get this program up and running. We are off to a good start!

BEAR LAKE – ANDREW STOKES, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Had a tractor fire in April that impacted our ability to complete a few tasks before the season started, however the impact on our visitors was kept to a minimum.
- Cold temps delayed our turning on the culinary water system until just before the Memorial Day weekend.
- Several minor maintenance projects are underway in the park. While major impacts are not expected, some areas under construction may affect access to facilities.

Park/Program Usage

- We had a handful of visitor’s camp in April. May brought higher usage both in camping and day use with a little over 300 nights reserved.
- Many GUP permits were received for shelter and group camp reservations.
- The month of June brought in revenue of over \$200k, with a good portion coming from day use. Approximately 12,000 vehicles visited the park during the month.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	32	1593
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- We teamed up with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to hold a birding event at the Bear Lake Wildlife Refuge that borders North Beach. We took the kids around to identify as many birds as we could. After, they came to the VC where we made bird feeders and had a hawk demonstration.
- A fourth-grade class, teachers, aids, and a few parents came out to Mountain Fawn day use area where we shared the story of Mountain Fawn. We also did a water safety demonstration.
- We hosted our second annual Cops and Bobbers event, joined by IDFG with their fishing trailer and officers, plus officers from Montpelier Police Department, Idaho State Police, and Bear Lake County Sheriff. This popular event is growing, enjoyed by both participants and local officers.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	1	94
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	1	24
School Programming	1	43
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Attended meetings with the Highlands Cooperative Weed Management Area group to discuss spray days.
- We remain active in our Environmental Coordination Committee group and pump storage discussion with PacifiCorp, despite recent slowdowns.
- We are working with Bear Lake Watch on issues that need to be addressed on Bear Lake. They are a very helpful organization made up of landowners around the lake.

Staff Training

- No training to report.

Manager's Narrative

- Interior and exterior work continued on our North and East Beach kiosks and they both look great.
- Campsite markers have been updated with treated wood posts and new signage.
- We met with architectural design students at USU for a presentation regarding the work they have completed on long term plans for the Bear Lake Valley. We spoke with their professors and hope to work with the university on some projects.
- Finished up our Mountain Fawn group camps 100 & 101 for use by July 1. These are our most popular sites and will provide more opportunities for overnight camping.
- Working with Nathan from development on creating a new day-use area at the park that will include a motorized trail system on the east side.
- We have our very first camp host. It has been very helpful having a set of eyes at the campground.
- We had roughly 2,000 tons of soil delivered to Sage Springs day-use area to improve access to the beach and help protect the parking lot.
- RIDE Bear Lake has begun bringing equipment over to provide rentals on the east side. This will help us with new opportunities for activities.
- One of the breaks in our irrigation system introduced a significant amount of sediment into the main line and we had to replace several valves and sprinkler heads.
- The ramp at North Beach was closed for about a week while we had the asphalt replaced above the east ramp. Several areas along the jetty and entrance were also fixed. The project came well under budget, saving thousands of dollars.
- We have all our seasonal staff but lost one of our full-time rangers. We will manage with a little overtime until we can get someone hired.
- As mentioned earlier, June was a good month. We had good usage, good revenue, and have been able to get a lot done. We're getting plenty of smiles and sunburns!

CITY OF ROCKS –TRENTON DURFEE, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- We continue to post on Facebook to let the public know about road conditions and renovations. We are also promoting park programs on KMVT Rise and Shine morning show.
- We received a few complaints that we didn't advertise the endurance ride held at the park by an outside group. It may be helpful to post events like this on our Facebook page.
- Maintenance and visitor center staff were complimented by a wedding party for the help given during the event.
- Our camp hosts have been providing excellent customer service. They've helped campers with broken-down cars, put out the MVEF's every day, and helped answer questions. It has been wonderful having them here.

Park/Program Usage

- Usage for this quarter: Campgrounds = 5892 site nights; Lodge = 17 nights; Glamping Yurt = 48 nights; Bunkhouse = 11 nights; Shelter = 2.
- Vehicle Count Quarterly: City of Rocks 2,815; Castle Rocks 4,874.
- Visitor Center attendance 928 in April; 928 in May; and 3,189 in June.
- Traffic Count: CIRO 12,199; CRSP 18,140.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	4	175
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other Permits-Back Country Camping	12	35

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Sophia attended the Twin Falls Library Earth Day Fair and helped children participate in the Jr. Ranger Leave No Trace activity.
- Other programs or events this quarter included the Oregon-California Trail Art Unveiling and Metal Detecting, Ranger Led Hikes, Ranger Led Talks, Fishing Fridays, Migratory Bird Day, and California Emigrant Weekend. Weekly Jr. Ranger programs started in June.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	5	116
Traditional Interpretation	8	50
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	6	4
School Programming	9	277
Special Events	2	113
Special Events Held Off-Site	2	138

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- California Trail markers have been placed.
- Boy Scout Troop 77 assisted the park on June 8-9 by treating the wagon replicas and helped with trails.
- Assisted Lake Walcott with spraying Scotch Thistle and Hounds Tongue infestations.
- Sprayed approximately 297 gallons of herbicide and 6 gallons of insecticide. Completed MCC and Cassia County noxious weed agreements. Sprayed with Cassia County noxious weed personnel in Emigrant Canyon.
- Completed yearly fuels reduction efforts around Keiser's Helmet.

- Cleared dirt and debris that had filled up underneath a bridge causing water flow obstruction on Creekside Towers Trail.
- Installed a large water bar on the South Fork Circle Creek trail.
- The Student Conservation Association removed vegetation at Flaming Rock loop and Tea Kettle trail.
- Rebuilt the bridge on Box Top trail over South Creek.

Staff Training

- Reservation & Registration Training East Region Office - Michelle, Austin, Trenton and Sam (5.5 hours each).
- OHV Training - Bryce, Phil, Sam, and Talion (4 hours each).
- East Region Interpretation Training-Massacre Rocks.
- Supervisory Academy in Shoshone for Bryce and Sellie.
- Respectful Workplace for Trenton & Michelle.
- Chainsaw Safety Training for Gage, Phil and Sam (3 hours each).
- All Employee Orientation.
- Trail training with Ryan Buffington: Sam, Phil, Ryan S. and Trenton (4 hours each).

Manager's Narrative

- In May, Smoky Mountain campground's water was turned on, bathrooms opened, and new campsite information tags were installed at Smoky Mountain and City of Rocks campsites.
- Several staff members were involved in helping complete the Bunkhouse project. This work included finalizing sheetrock, taping, mudding, priming, painting, installing flooring, lighting, and cupboard doors. Furniture and furnishings were planned and ordered to get everything ready for opening. The bunkhouse reopened for reservations on 06/18/2024.
- Michelle met with Mike Spencer at the Graham property early in June to discuss gravel placement. Mike began hauling base gravel with Bryce using the road grader to spread it. The project was paused due to a grader malfunction and will resume once repairs are complete.
- Maintenance staff and the Youth Conservation Core revamped the archery course by clearing the trail, repainting yardage markers, and installing 22 new 3-D archery targets worth \$10,000.
- We documented and reported sign theft and vandalism near Logger Springs Road.
- Replaced "Camping by Reservation Only" tags in Smokey and started on campsites in City.

Trail Work



Before and After Bunkhouse



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

Customer Service

- Winter Access Fee ended April 1, snow was melting, and trails were no longer being groomed.
- Resale at the Visitor Center shifted to Bear Aware and spring and summer items.
- The Idaho Falls Ski Patrol will be helping this summer with trail patrol.
- Harriman is now participating in the Idaho Fish and Game loaner fishing rod program for use at East Harriman Fishing Pond.

Park/Program Usage

- Fishing season within the ranch complex opened on June 15 which increased our visitation.
- Dry Ridge Outfitters commenced horseback riding operations.
- With the reopening of our rental facilities, housekeeping activities have increased due to the popularity of these facilities.
- The Henry's Fork Watershed Alliance held their Wildlife Festival at Harriman this year with over 300 in attendance. They had 13 groups sharing information and activities for youth, a food truck, and IDFG had their bear trailer and traveling bear to test one's bear spray abilities. Harriman staff offered nature walks and tours of the historic buildings.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	300
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- As park visitation started to increase in May, staff took the opportunity to interact with visitors in informal ways by pointing out loons on Silver Lake, moose in the Henrys Fork River, elk, sandhill cranes, and curlews in the meadows. Scheduled nature hikes were offered but no visitors participated.

- On May 8 and 9, park interpretation staff participated for the first time in the DEQ Water Festival in Idaho Falls at Tautphaus Park. Harriman's presentation covered the four local state parks, the Harriman family's gift to the state, trumpeter swans, and an aquatic web of life presentation.
- Eight school field trips were held in May, ranging in size from 15 to 250 students per trip. Three large schools had to cancel because of bad weather (including snow!).
- Tours began in the historic buildings on the Friday before Memorial Day. Visitors can also see the historic buildings with a volunteer or ranger to ask informal questions. In June, there were over 300 contacts in that area answering questions about the history and buildings.
- The June calendar was full of activities which were held every Saturday and Sunday as well as some weekdays. In addition to formal programs, interpretive staff visited folks at trailheads, took informal hikes, answered questions, shared park information, and gave out activity sheets.
- Programs were scheduled for July, and planning began for August and September programs. Posters were hung in the park, published in the local paper, and listed on the park website and Facebook.
- In addition to the Junior Ranger Day in June, Junior Ranger activity books were also filled in throughout the month for a total of 78 new Junior Rangers.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	3	112
Traditional Interpretation	31	494
Environmental Education	11	168
Jr. Ranger Programming	5	90
School Programming	5	332
Special Events	1	17
Special Events Held Off-Site	2	300

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Construction crews continued the process of replacing roofs in the Railroad Ranch buildings. This is rotating between buildings for the next several months.
- The Ranch Office that has been condemned for over two years is finally getting refurbished. The interior has been removed and plans are to basically remodel the entirety of it. Log replacement has commenced and is bringing the building back to life.
- Below ground oil fuel tanks from the Ranch Foreman's House, Cattle Foreman's House, and Ranch Manager's House have been removed and replaced with above ground propane tanks that have been fenced in with an old-style wooden fence so the visual aspect would be less impactful.
- Staff conducted a team-building exercise by initiating a much-needed highway cleanup on two separate days.



Staff Training

- Two staff participated in Aspira training at the East Region Office. All staff participated in Aspira training at the park.
- Our maintenance ranger went to a weeklong NPS preservation training in Jackson Hole, WY.
- Five Staff members completed a 4-hour CPR/First Aid class conducted by Fremont County EMS Director.

Manager's Narrative

- A family donated a park bench in memory of their deceased father who frequented the park and area for decades. The bench was placed at the Osbourne parking lot area.



- In June, the Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol held their end-of-season lunch after volunteering for their spring workday. Seventeen attendees volunteered an additional 60 hours to cut wood and distribute it to the yurts and dorm.
- Interpretive staff helped the Ashton-Tetonia staff with a road sign inventory and were able to assist in a minor flooding event at one of the parking lot areas. They also met with the Ashton-Tetonia Ranger to plan monthly activities at the trail and offered their first program.
- Grazers have begun to bring cattle into allotments at both Sheridan and through the Home Ranch to be able to access their USFS allotment.
- Management met with members of our Friends of Harriman group, the leader and crew lead for Youth Employee Program (YEP), and members of the USFS for trail restoration projects being conducted by the YEP crew this July.
- Management met with different entities about the possible location and design of the new park Visitor Center.
- The park's vehicle maintenance is becoming more of a financial challenge. Instead of conducting routine minor maintenance, it is turning into routine breakdowns. For the park's older, higher - mileage vehicles, maintenance is becoming more labor-intensive to resolve issues which increase cost dramatically. When vehicles break down, this leaves park staff short-handed to be able to utilize necessary equipment to perform their responsibilities.
- With the help of the Friends of Harriman, staff and volunteers gathered at the Sheridan Unit to clean up the old rotten fencing material that surrounded the structures, trees, and willows.
- With the support of Friends of Harriman, Snake River Trails Alliance, Rivers West Construction, IDPR staff members, and local community members, the park was able to successfully replace the Thurman Creek Bridge.



Thurman Bridge

ASHTON TETONIA TRAIL

Customer Service

- A public meeting/open house was hosted on Friday, April 26, for community outreach in Teton County concerning the paving of the trail. A comments page on the Ashton-Tetonia Trail paving project was created on the Ashton-Tetonia Trail website.
- Staff attended the Teton High School Career Fair on April 24.
- Staff began sanding/repainting picnic tables, kiosks, and bike racks along the trail and at the visitor center.
- Social media and emails are checked regularly to respond to questions and provide updates on the trail.

Park/Program Usage

- The trail was mostly inaccessible through April but there were many questions and eagerness about trail conditions.
- Parking lot car counts resumed in May.
- Visitor Center car counts started on opening day, May 20, 2024.
- May car counts: Marysville 702; Judkins 673; Ashton Visitor Center: 276
- June car counts: Marysville: 694; Judkins: 736; Ashton Visitor Center: 2,959
- A concessions permit was issued to BikeTender for guided bike rides and shuttles on the trail.

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

- Public meeting in Teton County.
- June 15 from 10 am to 2 pm: Volunteer Workday with Teton Valley Trails and Pathways, totaling 44 volunteer hours.
- June 30 from 10 am to 3 pm: ATT Fishing Day at the Ashton Visitor Center.

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	2	60

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Surplus minor maintenance projects are in the works for repainting the Marysville box car and repairing Ashton House roof.
- The Ranger was interviewed by a University of Idaho Grad student to gather interpretive themes for the Ashton Tetonia Trail.
- Construction on the Ashton Visitor Center is underway. Tiling was just completed in the bathrooms, installation of the new furnace is almost complete, the concrete ramp/porch has been demolished and is ready for a new pad to be set, the hearth for the pellet stove has been installed, and the office almost fully constructed.
- Holes north of Bitch Creek Trestle have been filled and stabilized.
- Seasonal staff and volunteers started in May and were trained on the trail and visitor services operations. Seasonal staff/volunteers have been a tremendous help in daily park operations. Funding for a seasonal position is greatly appreciated by the ATT ranger.
- Volunteers helped clear 1.5 miles of trail; trimming back trees and brush and tackling the removal of noxious thistle.
- Fremont County finished spraying herbicide on the Ashton Tetonia Trail. 2, 4-D was applied to the sides of the trail to preserve native grasses but kill noxious broadleaf weeds. Round-up was applied to the center of the trail to eliminate all vegetation in the pathway.

Staff Training

- Staff attended R&R training with R&R staff at Harriman State Park.
- Staff attended the Surplus Minor Maintenance refresher training.
- ATT Ranger attended the Mountain West Trails Conference in Vernal, Utah from May 13-15 (24 hours of training/sessions).

Manager's Narrative

- Conditions on the trail were fully melted out by Memorial Day.
- Access is currently limited inside the visitor center due to the concrete patio being demolished. Visitors think we are closed since it looks like a construction zone outside of the building. Staff have been trying to walk around outside the building to interact with visitors as much as possible while access to the building is limited.
- The gate located north of Bitch Creek Trestle was removed and run over. This is a common problem for the area. The gate will be replaced with security signage to hopefully deter vandalizers.
- The Marysville, Felt, and Judkins parking lots fill quickly on weekends and holidays, forcing trail users to park on the grass and county roads. This issue, ongoing for years, is worsening. Plans to expand the lots to accommodate more and larger vehicles (camper vans, horse trailers, snowmobile trailers) are being considered.
- IDPR headquarters staff and park staff attended a special city meeting on May 29 with the City of Ashton to discuss and sign the final paperwork for the Ashton Visitor Center Purchase.
- IDPR headquarters and park staff met with local government and nonprofits to discuss trail paving updates and establish open networks of communication.
- IDPR headquarters and park staff gave Representative Rod Furniss a brief tour of the Ashton Tetonia Trail to show challenges, exciting opportunities, etc. of the park.
- IDPR headquarters and park staff met with Tetonia Mayor Brent Schindler to discuss Tetonia Trailhead upgrades.

HENRYS

Customer Service

- The park's hike/bike and tent sites were added to the reservation system on April 11 to make reserving a site possible.
- We opened the double vault toilets at the boat ramp in April and the ice came off the lake later in the month.
- Putting the docks onto the lake with the new wheels was done in record time, two hours.
- The water pump for the Adams/Blue Dun loops, shop area, kiosk, and fish cleaning station had an emergency shut-off on May 24 and not repaired until May 29, leaving these sites without water over the Memorial Day Weekend and causing a few cancellations.
- As the east part of Caddis Loop water was turned on in May, it was found that the water pressure was very low in Sites 64-68. We were able to move the reservations to other campsites for a period of three weeks so the repair could take place.
- The broken dump station remains a problem. Recently, two people argued with expletives over a sewer site, despite neither having the right to dump there.

Park/Program Usage

- April's vehicle count was an estimated 488, up by 232 from 2023, due to the road to Henrys Lake being open most of the month. Temperatures were mostly above normal, with lows in the single digits and highs near 60 degrees. There were several snowstorms, with a lot of melting in between.
- Despite 44 nights sold before the park officially opened, fewer campers visited during the opening compared to the last five years. Contributing factors included year-round fishing reducing Memorial Weekend usage, no water in Adams and Blue Dun Loops, a malfunctioning dump station, and windy weather.
- May's vehicle count was 5,971, a decrease of 1,723 from 2023 at 7,694. The decrease was, in part, because of the above reasons, especially the lake being year-round.
- Henrys Lake Campground numbers were about the same as last year, 73.23 sites per night to 73.4 sites per night in 2023. There were 82.28% of the campsites in use, 26.66% of the tents (making the sites reservable seems to be helping) and .0033% sites per night of the Hike/Bike sites (1 night in 1 site in June).
- June's vehicle count was 14,087, an increase of 568 from 2023 at 13,519. Fishing was good from the shore for most of the month and ok from boats.

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

- Programs or events offered at Henrys Lake State Park in June included: Wildflower Wander; Avian Adventure; True Tales Animal Storytelling; The Nature Games; Insect Safari, Intro to Kayaking; Sun Salutations Yoga; Aspen Loop Nature Hike; and Bear Aware.
- Junior Ranger activities included: Idaho State Symbols Animals/Trees, Tracks and Feathers, and Tree Rings and Things.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	12	62
Traditional Interpretation	8	176

Environmental Education	0	0
Jr. Ranger Programming	5	28
School Programming	0	0
Special Events	1 Wildlife Festival	35
Special Events Held Off-Site	0	0

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The Trumpeter swans returned to Howards Slough in June. The first sighting of the five cygnets was on June 18. A professional photographer was the first to see the new family and sent staff a couple of her photos. As they moved to the lake later in the month, there were only four cygnets.

Staff Training

- Seasonal hiring timeline-Teams Meeting hosted by Lupe Arteaga (1 hour).
- Aspira/Reserve America training by Rebecca Honsinger (3.5 hours).
- Harriman State Park Interp interview with Anna Medlin at U of I (1 hour).
- Weed and spray training from Fremont County Weed Control (1 hour).

Manager's Narrative

- As of June 19, the lake level was 100% full and the Upper Snake River system was at 100%. It has been a long time since this has been the case. Henrys Lake was still 100% full at the end of the month, but the Upper Snake River system was at 92% of capacity.
- The seasonal cabin was accidentally flooded as water was turned on for the season. Staff were able to do the demolition.
- The Dept. of Tourism sent a camera crew to Henrys, Harriman, and Ashton-Tetonia Trail to film the parks. Henrys was done on May 15 and will be posted online in July.
- We continue to work on the Emergency Action/Fire Plan. We added the Fire Evacuation Plan and an entry to the Active Shooter section that will address what to do in case an unattended firearm is found in the park. In June, a pistol was found in the men's Adams-Blue Dun restroom.
- A couple from Nebraska are hosting in the Adams and Blue Dun Loops, doing the evening shift in the entrance station along with other duties.



MESA

Customer Service

- The Visitor Center at Mesa Falls officially opened on May 23 and is off to a very strong season with sales and visitors.
- Two seasonal employees are manning the visitor center, along with the Harriman State Park Admin Asst, to ensure coverage for all Mesa visitors.

Park/Program Usage

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

- The seasonal staff for Mesa Visitor Center completed Orientation training and CPR/first aid training held by the Fremont County EMS.

Manager's Narrative

- When we opened for the season, we were without any internet/wi-fi service, the center ran all sales by hand and then processed them at the Harriman Location.
- Starlink was installed in June and Mesa is fully online for operations.

LAKE WALCOTT – KIRSTEN MARCH, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Lake Walcott staff are working with visitors to help them fill out GUPs, and to be more proactive with day use and group camp reservations to make sure they have access to expectations and rules for facilities. A new pre-pay guideline has been implemented for those event organizers who want to pay the entrance fee for their guests.
- The visitor center and entrance kiosk are now operating on summer hours, open 7 days a week, Monday – Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday – Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The kiosk is open when there is coverage Monday – Wednesday and is open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. from Thursday to Sunday. Being able to stay open later on weekends allows staff to be available when the majority of campers are arriving for their reservations.
- Staff worked with Chaos Wars organizers to maintain garbage and restroom services during the event. However, the wrong size and number of dumpsters and portable toilets were delivered, adding strain to park facilities.
- During large events, the disc golf course may be closed for safety due to high disc traffic. Despite social media and website updates, many visitors don't check beforehand, leading staff to redirect them and ask them to move so as not to interfere with the event. While most understand, some become upset, and request refunds and leave the park. Staff are planning to post signs at the park entrance to better notify visitors of closures.

Park/Program Usage

- April 1 kicked off boating season at Lake Walcott. The boaters wasted no time hitting the lake and they were out in the water before the visitor center opened at 8:00 a.m. Camping also saw an

increase. The campground host arrived in May which alleviated the increased workload with springtime campers.

- The 2nd Annual John Evans Memorial Championship Disc Golf Tournament (70 participants) was held in April.
- The campground was full most weekends in May. There were several events occurring in nearby communities of Burley and Rupert, such as softball tournaments, archery shoots, and the Tactical Games, where participants camped at the park.
- In May, several schools visited Lake Walcott, including two on the same day without prior scheduling. The nice weather allowed them to spread out and avoid overcrowding.
- In June, the park hosted two large events; The Mad Pelican disc golf tournament and the Chaos Wars LARPing event, each expected up to 500 attendees. Visitation increased by 21% from last year, with Father's Day weekend being the busiest.
- Throughout the quarter there were fishing tournaments, graduation parties, disc golf tournaments, family reunions, RV groups, day use and campers especially on weekends

Type of permit issued (after event)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	15	915
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Two Jr. Ranger badges were earned in April.
- The Walcott Open – Disc Golf Tournament was held in May.
- Ranger led programs were given to school groups and the topics included the history of the park, pollinators, planting native plants, first aid, way finding, and animal tracks/furs/calls. Some students also participated in a nature walk, disc golf, and fishing.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	1	2
School Programming	4	194
Special Events	6	1965
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- In April, staff worked to get potable and irrigation systems running to begin watering of grass and trees. Mowing began for the season.
- Staff removed several Russian Olive trees in the park with the assistance of Work in Lieu of Detention (WILD) work crew. A tree fell in the park and staff were able to limb and buck the large cottonwood in one day. BOR assisted with the removal of the wood with their backhoe.
- The spray crew from Castle Rocks State Park came to Lake Walcott and assisted in applying over 60 gallons of herbicide. To mitigate noxious weeds, staff has sprayed 135 gallons of 2,4-D Dicamba Glyphosate mix.

Staff Training

- Reservation and Registration Training, Kirsten (6 hours)
- ATV course taught by Tom for City of Rocks (4 hours)

- Mastering Dialogue, Kirsten (16 hours)
- East Region Interpretation Training – Taught by East Region staff including Manager Kirsten March. Cancelled due to all but one student cancelling.
- ATV Training for 3 Lake Walcott staff, (4 hours each)
- First Aid/CPR – 6 staff (3 hours each).
- First Aid/CPR – 2 staff (2 hours each).

Manager's Narrative

- Steve's volunteer time in April was monumental. His maintenance roles included mowing, cleaning the shop and shop yard, and cleaning bathrooms while the full-time staff focused on spring start up. The WILD work crew volunteered at the park twice in April. They spread the new rubber mulch in the playground, raked leaves, and finished installing the new stop sign throughout the park.
- We were able to do a few public outreach events in April. Lake Walcott was invited to present at the Mini-Cassia Chamber Luncheon. Kirsten presented the history of the state park and the ongoing projects at Lake Walcott. There were about 50 people in attendance. Kirsten and Tom attended the Career Fair at North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture conference hosted by College of Southern Idaho. Over 500 students attended the career fair, and we were able to answer questions about employment at state parks.
- The Fish & Wildlife Service assisted the staff with several projects including dock installations with the use of their barge and their staff also ran a program with park staff for a school field trip and provided supplies for the students to plant their own native flowers and taught the students about pollinators. The Bureau of Reclamation assisted with the removal of a fallen tree with their backhoe.
- There are several ongoing projects at the park using the Surplus Minor Maintenance Program. We have purchased 150 replacement sprinklers for repairs to our irrigation system. We are also working on replacing 21-disc golf baskets with championship standards for the disc golf course.
- During the first week of June, a pressure relief valve on the irrigation sprinkler system failed and created an impressive new 30-ft water feature. Staff worked together to get the valve replaced to get water back up and running within three days of the valve failing.
- The vacant ranger position at Lake Walcott State Park was filled in June. Lake Walcott State Park is now fully staffed with FTEs and seasonal employees, which hasn't been the case since July 2023. The new ranger Kylee started on June 10 and jumped right in to park operations.
- Manager March assisted the Fish & Wildlife Service with hiring a GS5 Wildlife Technician. The Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge is currently short staffed and is looking to hire two positions. The hiring system at the federal level is a long process. Park staff assists Fish & Wildlife Service with projects such as surveys and maintenance when staff are available.
- Two bathrooms at Lake Walcott State Park were renovated in June. The bathroom near FWS headquarters and the Gazebo bathroom were both closed due to plumbing problems. Harris Plumbing came out and replaced the toilets and the plumbing as part of a Surplus Minor Maintenance project. Bathrooms were finished in time to open for the Chaos Wars event.
- While the campground was closed for the Chaos Wars event, the maintenance crew spent several days giving the campground a facelift. All the campsites had the fire pits leveled. The crew was also able to clear low hanging limbs, sand and stain benches, and remove noxious weeds.



Playground project

LAND OF THE YANKEE FORK – RON JENKS, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The Visitor/Interpretation Center is now open 9am – 5pm 7 days a week.
- The Challis Hot Springs Campground is open, and the hot pools are open 8am – 9pm daily, except for Sunday. Pools close at 6pm on Sunday for cleaning & maintenance.
- Dump stations at both the Visitor Center & Hot Springs Campground are now open with water available at both.
- The Gold Panning Station is available to the public.
- The Bayhorse Townsite is open 7 days a week, 9am – 5pm.
- The Dredge & Custer Townsite opened on May 24.

Park/Program Usage

- The Visitor/Interpretation Center had 145 visitors in April and 374 visitors in May.
- The movie was shown 16 times, to 42 people in April and 34 times to 153 people in May.
- Day use visitation at the Hot Springs was approximately 443 in April and 1856 in May. With the traffic in the office, the ability to track each visitor/guest is challenging, especially now that we are open for camping.
- In May we had two school groups visit the park, 3rd graders from Mackay (24 students) and Salmon (60 students). While here, they watched the movie, participated in scavenger hunts in the museum, went on a walk to the Bison Jump Site, and panned for gold.

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		
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Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- At Bayhorse, there was a site visit with Melanie, Nathan, Ryan, John and Justin (Veritas), Nina, and Ron. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the work that Veritas will be doing beginning in May.

Staff Training

- Rebecca was here at the campground to help train full-time & seasonal staff with Aspira & Reserve America. Staff appreciated Rebecca's time and said the training was very beneficial.

Manager's Narrative

- The campground in April was fully operational and busy getting our seasonal staff trained to work at the Campground, Bayhorse Townsite, and at the Visitor Center.
- On May 23, 5 IDPR Staff (2 Rangers & 3 Seasonal Staff) spent the day assisting the USFS in opening-up Custer Townsite.
- Our trail crew, with the help of Brian & Phil, have been very busy. The Lombard Trail is completely open to Bayhorse.
- We have already lost one of our seasonal staff, as he has accepted a job at the local mine.
- Our last volunteers arrived in June. One will work at the Visitor Center, and a couple from Idaho Falls will be helping us at the campground.

MASSACRE ROCKS – TRAVIS TAYLOR, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Camping was very busy through the spring, with being close to full most weekends. We had a lot of traffic through the visitor center as well with early spring travel.

Park/Program Usage

- This was our first April with the lower loop being open. It was extremely successful with over 140 camp nights and 30 cabin nights; we are realizing some great revenue potential. ~\$5000 new revenue in April alone.
- We started to see overnight camping trips in April from several private/charter schools and overnight trips from the scouts again.
- The lower loop campground was near capacity on weekends in May and usually about half full during the week.
- The upper loop had about half as many campers, which is normal when both loops are open.
- Cabin usage was high in May as well.

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	1	3
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	4	240

Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Met with archeologists on May 13 during the PreCon meeting regarding the upcoming boat ramp parking lot project.

Staff Training

- Nothing to report.

Manager's Narrative

- Travis sat in on several meetings regarding the new maintenance crew shop to be located here at the park
- Travis and Chelsea Chambers finished up meeting with students from Chris Z's class on the new interpretive signs at the park.
- All water in the park was turned on the last week of April. This was possible, because we finally got a break in Idaho's 6th winter.
- Travis sat in on interviews for the East Region Utility Craftsman position and on Walcott's Ranger interviews
- Boat docks were repaired at the end of April.
- Memorial Day was very busy, and all went well.
- Finishing up most of our FY24 spending.
- Met with Contractor about repairs to fishing access bridge. Due to costs, I think we'll handle repairs with ERM.
- Had several meetings with contractors regarding the ERM shop and upcoming parking lot and septic projects.

EAST REGION MAINTENANCE CREW - BRAD GILMER, FOREMAN

East Region Crew Setup/Operations

- Went to Boise to pick up the ¾ ton pickup.
- Setup East Region crew Sherwin Williams and Wurth Louis and Company accounts.
- Participated in interviews for Utility Craftsman position.
- Secured funding, completed months of research, and ordered all necessary equipment in May. Equipment arrived in June except for a few pieces of the hammer attachment. Once the trailers arrive, we'll transport our equipment to Massacre Rocks State Park. We expect the flatbed for the F-550 to arrive in early July and are awaiting the arrival of the actual truck.
- Toured Lava Hot Springs with Ryan, Nathan, Ron, and others to discuss maintenance with Lava's manager and share ideas.
- Completed equipment training in early June.
- Robert, our East Region Utility Craftsman started on June 10.
- Andy Stokes picked up our Mini Excavator and took it to Bear Lake, saving significantly in equipment rental.

Bear Lake State Park

- The contractor finished insulating the North Beach Kiosk, and we were able to hang the sheetrock on the walls and taped and textured them.
- Sealed and caulked the outside of the Kiosk for paint.
- Trim for the North Beach kiosk was milled, stained, and sprayed with finish. It is now ready to be installed.
- Side panels and under panels for the North Beach kiosk were milled, stained, and sprayed with finish and attached to the boxes. They are ready to install.
- Most of the cabinet doors were assembled, finished and installed on the boxes.

City of Rocks/Castle Rocks State Park

- The bunkhouse project was completed this quarter. I added extra support to the existing trusses and made them more stable and framed out an attic access for any future accessibility needs. Went over supplies needed with Michelle and picked them up.
- The bedroom portion was insulated, sheet rocked, taped and textured.
- Prepped the floors and poured self-leveler to get the floors ready for LVP flooring to be installed.
- Built the cabinet boxes and installed them in the bunkhouse so the granite guy could come get his measurements.
- Glued the door panels, they are ready to be cut to final size.
- Cut, milled, stained, and finished all bunkhouse trim, now ready for installation.
- Milled, stained and sprayed the side panels with finish and installed.
- Assembled, finished and installed the cabinet doors.
- Installed toe kick, crown molding, cabinet hardware, floating shelves, cooktop, and sink, including plumbing.

Lake Walcott

- Dropped the skid steer off at Walcott State Park in preparation for the rubber mulch to be delivered there.

Ashton Tetonia Trail

- Accompanied Nathan to Ashton Visitors Center to inspect and plan repairs for exterior window casings before painting.
- Met with the Sherwin Williams representative and discussed what products would be the best to use in repainting the Ashton Visitors Center.
- Visited the boxcar with Abby and discussed plans for redoing the ramp up into the car.

Henrys Lake State Park

- Assessed the damage to seasonal housing with Nathan and Ryan.

Harriman State Park

- Met with Ryan, Nathan, Jess, and Joe to discuss a maintenance plan for the park.

SOUTH REGION QUARTERLY REPORT
APR – MAY – JUNE 2024

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

GOALS:

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

SOUTH REGION SERVICE CENTER – THERESA PERRY, SOUTH REGION BUREAU CHIEF

- Park managers continued with projects that are funded with Development Bureau Surplus Minor Maintenance and Region Minor Maintenance funds. The unique opportunity to access surplus funds have made a significant and positive impact for south region parks. Park staff work directly with contractors on projects less than \$25,000 to complete much needed repairs and replacement of items (i.e; lighting, flooring, water systems).
- Parks were focused on bringing staff and facilities online in preparation for the busy day use, camping, and reservation season. Seasonal and volunteer recruitment and retention is a challenge for many parks, which continues to add stress to existing staff and impacts services.
- Efforts with the Lake Cascade Poison Creek-Tamarack Resort marina concession continued. Design details and the moving through the required NEPA process continues. Tamarack will continue to operate this summer with the same services that have been offered for the last several years.
- Interviews for the new Assistant manager position at Thousand Springs and two ranger positions for Ponderosa were held. These additional staff positions will make substantial improvements to the park's service and operations.
- A variety of community meetings and local events were attended this quarter, including meetings on the relicensing for the Lucky Peak dam, meeting with Valley County commissioners, and participating in a career fair for Cascade high school and local community.
- Attended the Rocky Mountain State Park Executive (RMSPEC) conference in Coeur d'Alene in May – it was a great opportunity to network with other professionals and get an updated view of our state parks.
- Development projects in the region continued during this quarter. Significant projects included the Eagle Island campground project and historic building work, the Thousand Springs Billingsly Creek campground project, day use improvements at Lake Cascade, and work on the Kokanee Cove project to name a few.
- Site visits to all South Region parks continued, providing a better understanding of the needs and challenges being faced. Communication and support of South Region parks continued regarding seasonal and operations budgets and closing out the fiscal year.
- Worked closely with park managers on Group Use Permits (GUP) and concession agreement throughout the region. These efforts also included discussions about minimum fees for GUP and clarification of insurance requirements.
- A variety of interpretive programs and special events were hosted during this quarter with extra effort given to the upcoming Bronco Wild event at Thousand Springs.

BRUNEAU DUNES – BRYCE BEALBA, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The visitor center had 2390 visitors in April, 3089 visitors in May, and 2652 visitors in June.
- The park had 338 sandboard rentals in April, 494 in May, and 445 in June.
- The car counter malfunctioned and was replaced in June, reading 4440 vehicles for that month.
- The new retail program in the Steele-Reese Education Center generated revenue and improved facility function. The park creatively upgraded the space and selected the products.
- Numerous schools visited the park, increasing the number of school Group Use Permits.
- The park held an extra Sunday night observatory program on Memorial Day weekend.
- Ranger Harman made several improvements to the observatory and planetarium networks.
- Park staff continued to work with the Development Bureau to get bids for repair of the main observatory as crowds coming for the observatory programs exceed the capacity of either standalone facility.
- Park staff had ongoing difficulty finding an ice cream supplier and may resort to purchasing our own freezer and stocking it with Walmart products.
- A purchase order was created for an emergency/recue ATV.

Park/Program Usage

- Both camping and day use were busy this quarter but slowed in June with the hotter temperatures.
- The park's campgrounds were sold out on the weekends in April and May.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	23	1209
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- On nights with good visibility, the observatory is very busy.
- Both new rangers will be attending next year's interpretation training and have been asked to give programs in the upcoming season.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	28	3,266
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	2	28
Special Events	7	495
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The lakes were refilled in April and the river pump station repair project is complete.
- Our Dark Sky application was approved, and the announcement was made.
- IDFG electroshocked the lakes in May to evaluate fishery health, we are waiting on the results.
- Landscaping choices at the new observatory are proving problematic as invasive weeds are significantly impacting the appearance of the grounds.
- Park staff trimmed most roadside areas in the park to increase fire breaks and we put stage two fire restrictions at the equestrian campground.

- A main irrigation line broke in Eagle Cove, irrigation was shut down for a few days for repairs.
- Park staff re-seeded the Eagle Cove campground, although the production is below expectations and alternative solutions have been discussed.
- Ranger Myrick removed trees and brush along the Small Lake shoreline to increase access.
- The addition of another irrigation well has been funded but may have hit a snag as there is a new Owyhee County ground water study done by IDWR that may prohibit an additional well.
- Park staff purchased fencing poles to prevent off-roading in the problem areas.
- Increased arsenic levels in the well are still a concern. Park staff is still working 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

- Park staff attended the Mountain Home Travel and Tourism meeting.
- Manager Bealba attended Rotary.
- Two employees took the online portion of their CPR/First Aid training.

Manager's Narrative

- Two seasonal employees failed to show up for their first day of work and another quit after one month. We currently have one maintenance seasonal and are having significant problems finding applicants to fill the other three positions.
- The applicants to fill the ranger position do not meet experience nor education requirements.
- Finding an Eagle Cove campground host has been difficult and the camp host at Broken Wheel resigned in June.
- Despite being shorthanded the park looks good, and all systems were up and running.
- The increase in permanent staff coupled with a proposed FY2025 ranger will require the park be granted more O&E funding as the project backlog gets addressed. A B8 request was made.
- The Steele-Reese intern housing project is almost complete.
- Seasonal housing is a necessity to attract qualified applicants. The housing being constructed at the dormitory will be used for interns (1-2) and does not satisfy the personnel need.
- The addition of the new telescope will necessitate an increase in seasonal employee funding as at least two part-time astronomers will need to be hired. We may be able to attract interns hired through the NASA grant at BSU.

EAGLE ISLAND – JOHANNES GIESSEN, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The visitor center has been stocked with new retail items for summer to boost revenue.
- The disc golf course remains a large attraction, and staff put several hours a week into maintaining it. The compliments keep pouring in.
- Park rangers continued to spend time in the field educating the public about the campground construction project and helping them find alternate routes to access the trails as well as traffic routes as both entrances remained sporadically open, causing much confusion for visitors. The contractor (Knife River) and the subcontractor for traffic (Idaho Traffic Control) have neglected to update signage along state highway 44, even after several meetings.
- Potholes in the overflow lot and on other dirt roads were patched.
- Equestrian users remain unhappy about their usual parking lot being closed for construction, but we had great success in May with using the overflow lot for horse trailers.
- In May, we brought on four maintenance seasonals after a long time of having candidates decline offers, and their presence in the park has been a great help to visitors.

- With full staff in the kiosks and visitor center, and we're able to keep both open until 8pm.
- The old shade sail for the playground was repaired by a local store and visitors are happy.
- The park received mixed feedback in response to the press release about the water slide closure. South Region Crew began removing pieces of the slide.

Park/Program Usage

- The traffic count in April was 6635, 9256 in May, and 16140 in June.
- Lower visitation in April and May can be attributed to the construction project but with the summer weather and school ending, visitation increased in June.
- The main activities this quarter were disc golf, birding, dog walking, biking, and swimming.
- This quarter saw many shelter reservations.
- Several of the hot air balloon owners who have permits to launch and land in our park came out in May. Visitors loved to watch the balloons take off.
- Three concessions operated daily - Tropical Sno, Paddleboard Idaho, and the Agricultural Concessionaire. Gateway Zipline is still waiting on contractors to improve the safety of the operation and has not been open.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	9	2,165
Special Use Permit	1	25
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Our rangers and one seasonal hosted a few interpretive events.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education	6	44
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events		
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Park staff spent a lot of time in April mitigating damage to the slaughterhouse due to constant break-ins. A contractor with Veritas has admitted that at least one of those "break-ins" was him removing a board to get in. The natural resource concessionaire helped secure the slaughterhouse by bringing a concrete slab to put in front of the usual break in spot.
- There were multiple entries and vandalism into the fenced off dormitory building.
- Contractors came out in May to put metal mesh over all the openings in the calf barn, presumably to keep birds out. This had the regrettable effect of also trapping birds in.
- Volunteers came out in April to cut all the suckers off the Cottonwood stumps in the parking area. They also installed caging on trees around both lakes in the park to protect from beaver damage.
- Controlled burns of the ditches in the park continued throughout April.
- The Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Department did a controlled burn in the park as a training exercise. We spoke with them about burning our slash piles for future training exercises, as the piles exceed our capabilities with all the dumped trees from the construction project.

- Many windstorms downed cottonwood trees across our trails, some of which park staff was able to handle and others required professional services. There are countless dead trees in the park ready to fall, and each new storm presents us with new trail blockages and new hazards.
- Many Russian olive trees have also fallen on the disc golf course, and staff stayed busy keeping the fairway cleared of deadfall.
- Seasonal staff sanded and painted wooden benches and railings around the park, to weatherproof and preserve them for another year.
- Several patches of poison hemlock were cut down in order to mitigate the excessive growth.
- The irrigation system has several zones that do not communicate with the irrigation timer due to broken wires, resulting in a lot of underirrigated grass despite staff efforts to troubleshoot.
- Park management has been working with Knife River Construction on restoring irrigation to the fields that have been cut off due to the construction project.
- Students from the Boise Valley Adventist helped spread a new layer of bark onto the playground.

Staff Training

- Chainsaw certification training was held at the park, and many dead trees in the east field and on the disc golf course were felled as part of the training. Three staff members attended.
- One staff member instructed the CPR training at Lucky Peak, and two staff members attended.
- Two staff members attended the Aspira training at headquarters.
- Both of rangers completed the DHR Leadership Academy.

Manager's Narrative

- Two new and two previous campground hosts arrived at the beginning of April and started to work immediately.
- A challenge for this year has been the planning of park events for the upcoming season, a challenge for the park due to uncertainties related to the construction project.
- Park management continued to be challenged by the impromptu choices made by the construction contractors. There seems to be a general lack of awareness of the public setting they are operating in, which needs to be balanced by park staff to ensure visitor safety.
- Staff satisfaction continued to be a major concern due to the park's state of transformation.
- Park staff noticed our main lift station was without power and hadn't been running for a short amount of time. The power outage was due to the main fuses being blown, concerning because of the amount of work that was completed during a system overhaul in 2023.
- The need for a traffic signal on Linder has drastically increased since the beginning of summer due to the influx of people. Traffic on Hatchery Road has backed up to the park entrance at times due to people wanting to make a left turn on Linder. This problem will be exacerbated by the upcoming closure of the State Street entrance.
- With the current workload, full time park staff has been stretched pretty far in the effort to cover all park needs. Additional staff will be needed when the campground project has been completed.

LAKE CASCADE – BLAKE PACKER, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Park staff completed a purchase for a yurt wall to replace the damaged and failing yurt wall on the Bluebird Yurt at Osprey Point.
- All 14 water systems were energized, and all boat ramp locations and handling docks were open and accessible to the public by May 1.
- Park staff installed new fire rings in Crown Point Campground on May 10.
- All park campgrounds, boat ramps, and day use areas were opened and accessible by May 23.
- The park has continued to experience an increase of visitors seeking boat registration, OHV permits, OHV Idaho State Passport, and invasive species stickers.

Park/Program Usage

- Anglers started to access the lake with boats by the third week in April, increasing visitation quickly. By June, visitation became busy at all units.
- Osprey Point group use area visitation was slower this quarter compared to 2023.
- The park had a total of 12 shelter reservations at Big Sage and Poison Creek.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	1	41
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- A total of 32 visitors were served with 1 program inside the park during May.
- The park hosted the Idaho Mountain Amateur Radio Society's 2024 ARRL Field Day in June.
- The park assisted Idaho Fish and Game, the City of Cascade, and other partners with the 2024 Idaho Free Fishing Day on June 8.
- The park hosted five fishing tournaments and a sailing regatta this quarter.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	10	225
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events	1	122
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Park staff continued to monitor unauthorized motorized access into closed units throughout the park to ensure that resource damage did not occur.
- Park staff evaluated units for hazard trees which included dead trees which are the result of drought, beetle kill, and other identified diseases observed throughout the park.

Staff Training

- Park staff completed the parks host orientation at the Trinity Pines Conference Center.
- Ranger Cardona and Ranger Nuttall completed the North Region Ranger Round-Up in April.
- Manager Packer, Assistant Manager Grogan, and Ranger Katchmar completed Backcountry Horsemen Chainsaw training in April.
- Manager Packer completed DHR Crucial Accountability training.
- Ranger Cardona completed IDPR Interpretative Training at Three Island Crossing.
- There are still training needs not yet met.

Manager's Narrative

- The parks large concession agreement with Tamarack Resort started operation in May.
- Park staff completed a purchase requisition for a new boat from the FY24 Capital Purchases list.
- Volunteer and seasonal paperwork was completed and submitted to HR in April.
- The lack of housing and affordable housing options continued to be a limiting factor in the recruitment of both seasonal and permanent staff.
- Purchased fencing materials for the repair of park fencing throughout several park units.

- Park staff purchased road material and parking bumps to replace parking bumps in several day use areas and boat ramp parking areas from July through October.
- Park staff continued to cover multiple shifts including night shifts. The training and orientation of the park's newest ranger was a priority for the park.
- Meetings Valley County Waterways and Cascade Chamber of Commerce continued.
- The park had one IRS report for the month of June, which was the result of a physical altercation between the contractors working on the Blue Heron Repaving Project and an irate visitor. This IRS report will include the incident report from Valley County Sheriff's Office.
- A variety of issues were documented within the park's patrol logs related to paying the MVEF, extra vehicle fees, overnight parking/camping fees, noise complaints, and pets off leash.

LUCKY PEAK – SURAT NICOL, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- Sandy Point hours expanded to 8 am to 9pm in May.
- Pets were required to be on leash from May 1 to October 1 with no pets at Sandy Point until October 1.
- Spring Shores concessionaire, Redline Recreational Toys, opened in May after being reinstated proceeding a notice of violation due to multiple bounced checks.

Park/Program Usage

- With a full lake and warming weather, more boaters came to the park towards the end of the quarter as the beginning was still cool with inconsistent weather.
- Lake is at full pool and all ramps accessible for launch
- Spring Shores served as a parking and shuttle area for the Race to Robie Creek in April.
- Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety started their safety ride at Sandy Point.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit		2550
Special Use Permit	2	1250
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Two interpretation programs started in June.
- Administrative Assistant Rader organized a summer wreath building class.
- Assistant Manager Sabin organized a special event called Outdoor FUNdamentals. Staff and community members set up stations featuring outdoor recreational opportunities. Topics covered were hiking, yoga, fishing, rock climbing, astronomy, and other topics.
- Spring Moorage Meeting was held at Spring Shores. This was an opportunity for moorage customers to check in and get updated on the latest news on the boating system.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	1	2
Traditional Interpretation	8	144
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming		
Special Events	1	80
Special Events Held Off-Site	1	400

Staff Training

- Seasonals were trained on CPR/first aid in April.
- Ranger Bailey attended interpretation training at Three Island put on by Assistant Manager Sabin.
- Manager Nicol, Assistant Manager Sabin, and Ranger Bailey attended IDPR ATV training.
- Staff attended safety training from Ada County Sheriff's Office.

Manager's Narrative

- Marine Law Enforcement school was held at Spring Shores throughout the duration of the quarter and Ada County Sheriff's Office held a swift water training at Discovery in June.
- Three new park interns started in May.
- USACE conducted their annual safety inspection at Lucky Peak. The park did well and will make corrections when the final report comes out.
- Ranger Barney attended a meeting on refugees and providing job opportunities for them.
- USACE employees from all over the nation toured Lucky Peak. Manager Nicol got a chance to talk and answer questions.
- Lucky Peak Interagency meeting took place at Spring Shores. It is an opportunity for all lake partners to talk about the upcoming season and what changes will take place. Boise County Sheriff's Office, Ada County Sheriff's Office, IDPR, and USACE had a great open discussion on many different topics.
- Manager Nicol met with Iron Man representatives on the first of three annual races in Boise starting in 2025. The last Iron Man events in Boise were held 15 years ago.
- Ranger Barney met with an individual interested in helping us process logs from recent hazard tree removal. A mobile mill will arrive in August to process logs into boards for benches, tables, cutting boards, shelving and other items.
- Manager Nicol was a guest on a radio program to talk about summer recreational activities and outdoor safety.

PONDEROSA – MATT LINDE, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The visitor center was closed down for the first two weeks in April for maintenance to the floor and shampooing the carpets as April is one of the slowest months for Ponderosa.
- Starting Memorial Day weekend, the entrance station was staffed for short durations then staffed every day in June.
- The visitor center was opened every day in May from 9am -5:00 with the later shifts in June being harder to staff.

Park/Program Usage

- Roots preschool was the biggest user of the park in April.
- Park visitation increased drastically in May.
- Camping dominated the park usage in June with campgrounds full on weekends and near full on weekdays, but visitation decreased a bit with the construction and the fee increase.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	2	111
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Ranger Grant prepared programming for three school groups in April, Wildlife Awareness Day in May, and interpretive walks in June.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming	2	32
Traditional Interpretation	4	202
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	4	107
School Programming	4	153
Special Events	47	817
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- The project to sign the Meadow Marsh 2 cut area hit a snag the last week of April with one tribe reluctant to have other tribes mentioned in the signs. Park staff moved forward with the signs while taking out the tribes' language and kept strictly to what the park did to process this cut.
- Work continued on the Water Tower 2 natural resource project slated for this fall. Park staff also worked with SITPA to do an under burn on the Meadow Marsh 2 project this late fall.
- Park staff actively cut hazard trees in the campground and worked with Ikola Logging to get the rest of the logs taken to the mill.

Staff Training

- Assistant Manager Coyle attended 24 hours of DHR training.
- Ranger Grant, Ranger Kindall, and Admin Assistant Kolsky attended 16 hours of verbal judo.
- Ranger Kindall and Administrative Assistant Kolsky attended 14 hours of chainsaw certification.
- Assistant Manager Coyle attended a supervisor training in May.
- Manager Linde attended DHR's Getting Things Done training.

Manager's Narrative

- Assistant Manager Coyle ran park operations while Manager Linde was on a three-week vacation.
- All positions were hired for the maintenance crew and the office staff in April; however, some staff have since left unexpectedly.
- Two new rangers were hired in June.
- We will close Chokecherry loop down the day after Labor Day to try to finish utility upgrades before the snow falls.
- Construction moved smoothly in June but weighed heavy on the staff as people don't want to see any development in the park.

THOUSAND SPRINGS – DAVID LANDRUM, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The visitor center was opened seven days a week after Memorial Day.
- The park saw an increase in visitors at all of our park units compared to previous years.
- The Rock House, Yellow House, and Pink House on Ritter Island remain the Thousand Springs Hot Spot. Even with the fee increase, there was no decrease in reservations.

Park/Program Usage

- The visitor center averaged 143 visitors a day in April, 83 in May, and 168 in June.
- The Billingsley Creek visitor center had a record-breaking day, on the Sunday before Memorial Day there were 384 visitors through the doors.

- Staff led two school group tours at Ritter Island to hear the history of the island and Malad Gorge to learn about the geology of the area.
- Day use in our parks has increased over this past year. The park visitors have been hiking Box Canyon and enjoying walking/biking the bike path at Billingsley Creek.

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

- The Junior Ranger program continued to be a hit.
- The park hosted the annual St. Patty's Day Fun Run and Waterwise at Malad Gorge.
- The park hosted our first 4-H flag retiring ceremony.
- Ritter Island hosted our interpretation team as they held their training here.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation		
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming	26	293
School Programming	3	352
Special Events	2	225
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Over Memorial Day Weekend, the park hosted the annual Mountain Man Rendezvous at Malad Gorge. This event featured how things were done in the past, from leather working, making items with beads, black powder rifles, and learning to hunt with a bow and arrow.
- Construction on the Pink House on Ritter were completed, and it is now on the reservation system. Several reservations have been made as people discover what a special house this is.
- The visitor center at Billingsley Creek has been open for over two years with temporary interpretive exhibits. The next phase is the design and installation of the interpretive/exhibit displays. We are working with the National Parks to come up with ideas for the design. MOEY was selected to put together the final design and make it come to life in our building.
- Work on the new campground was stalled due to issues.

Staff Training

- Ranger Copperi attended the North Region Ranger Round Up.
- Staff participated in weekly safety training, all staff full-time, seasonals, and volunteers.

Manager's Narrative

- Manager Landrum was on leave during this quarter, staff kept park operations moving smoothly.

THREE ISLAND – NITA MOSES, PARK MANAGER

Customer Service

- The Oregon Trail History & Education Center (OTHEC) was open from 9am to 4pm this quarter.
- The Jr. Ranger table was reintroduced and was a success this quarter.
- Park rangers received positive feedback on program advertising.

Park/Program Usage

- The OTHEC served 1809 visitors in May, 1321 April, 2530 June
- Traffic counter read 4644 vehicles in May, 3697 April, 4758 June
- Park staff have received positive feedback from Syringa Disc Gold Tournament organizers and participants regarding the conditions of the course and courtesy of the park employees.

Type of permit issued (<i>after event</i>)	No. of Permits	No. of Attendees
Group Use Permit	9	705
Special Use Permit		
Film Permit		
Other permits		

Park Sponsored Program or Event

- Filer Elementary brought 100 fourth grade students and 30 supervisory adults to learn about the Oregon Trail from park rangers in April and May.
- STEM/STEAM programs were held at the park.

Program Type	No. of Programs	No. of Attendees
Experiential Programming		
Traditional Interpretation	2	45
Environmental Education		
Jr. Ranger Programming		
School Programming	7	258
Special Events	2	56
Special Events Held Off-Site		

Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and/or Historical Resources

- Staff helped establish 48 new trees.
- The Puncture Vine population has drastically decreased.
- A large Russian Olive tree fell in the Wagon Wheel campground in June. Staff increased efforts to monitor hazard trees parkwide.
- Staff continued to monitor invasive species through Integrated Pest Management.
- A volunteer group called “Travel With Care” helped park staff dig tree-wells, pull weeds, and rake pine needles in the park. Park Ranger Redd was interviewed by the media for this event.
- Two major, main-line irrigation lines were damaged due to the planting of the 48 new trees. After these were repaired additional breaks kept popping up in other areas of the lower Trailside Loop. It seemed to be a chain reaction, but staff worked speedily to make all the repairs because the new trees in that area desperately needed water.
- The irrigation pump that had been previously removed for repairs was reinstalled, but it does not put out the amount of PSI that it did before the replacement. Park Manager Moses told staff to stop using that pump until RM Mechanical solves the problem. The park’s vegetation and trees were struggling with less water, especially the new 48 young trees.
- The City of Glenns Ferry had a major waterline break early in the month. Staff informed campers that they would lose water while the city made the repairs. They have more lines in need of repair that will likely impact the park. The mayor continued to keep Park Manager Moses informed.

Staff Training

- Administrative Assistant Kirkland and a seasonal employee attended the South Region Interpretive Workshop in May.
- Ranger Barron attended a seminar that counts toward his professional applicator license.

- Ranger Barron attended the classroom portion of the Sawyer Workshop.
- Rangers Redd and Fossen attended chainsaw training at Eagle Island State Park.

Manager's Narrative

- Two maintenance seasonal employees started in April. A volunteer couple started but needed to leave the park.
- The shop washing machine broke and staff had to go to the local laundromat to wash and dry cleaning towels and cabin futon covers.
- Administrative Assistant Kirkland started part time after his left knee surgery.
- Total field deposits this April \$6,628.08, May was \$8,720.79, June was \$10,392.89.
- The park hosted the South Region Interpretive Workshop. Attendees made use of the park's camper cabins and the workshop took place in the Conference Room at the Oregon Trail History and Education Center. Classes were taught by Assistant Manager Sabin from Lucky Peak and Ranger Barron from Three Island Crossing.
- Park Ranger Fossen made an appearance on KMTV to advertise our Night Sky Programs.
- Two of the park's UTVs are down due to bad tires. The park anticipates making major tire purchases at the beginning of the new fiscal year.
- A seasonal park aide was hired to address staffing needs.
- A camper drove away with his trailer still hooked to the dump station hose causing the water line and pipe housing to break. Rangers Redd and Barron fixed the break, pipe housing and reinstalled the tower.

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Bruneau Dunes

- Helped park staff repair irrigation line in the Eagle Cove camp grounds.

Lake Cascade

- Moved all equipment up to Valley County.
- Installed the docks at Van Wyck and Sugar Loaf.
- Graded Boulder overflow parking area.

Ponderosa State Park

- Graded Shop yard and road back to all the ranger houses
- Cleaned up and moved dirt pile around the new shop area, moved dirt to peninsula shelter parking area to help expand it
- Put in culver on grooming trail to help with early season access

Thousand Springs

Niagara springs

- Fix the old waterline from the building with the restrooms to the shelter on the south side of the park. Started completely from scratch tee in from the building. Rerouted line to the outside of the building and then to the new water spicket.
- Helped Park staff finish water line from main building to the shelter

Box Canyon

- Poured cement for the kiosk sign and poured cement to help reinforce the Iron Ranger on site, removed all forms and did the cleanup /landscaping around that pad.