

BOISE CITY RIDGE TO RIVERS FY26 FOURTH QUARTER PARTNERSHIP MEETING
BOISE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026
8:30 A.M.

Partners Present: Lisa Duplessie (Boise Parks and Recreation); Carrie Points, Dave Draheim, Birk Roseman, Jarod Blades, Helen Meyer, Drake Carol, Ken Anderson, and Rob Dunham (Bureau of Land Management); Scott Koberg and Kevin Kostka (Ada County Parks); Brad Lowe (Idaho Department of Fish and Game); Kristyn Stauber and Adriene Holcomb (US Forest Service); David Gordon (Ridge to Rivers); Brenda Hagadorn (Clerk).

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES:

A. FY 2026 4th Quarter Budget and Work Plan Review

D. Gordon reviewed the proposed budget and work plan. There were no questions or comments.

B. Claremont Fire Update

Partners received an update on the Claremont Fire, including current trail conditions, rehabilitation efforts, and ongoing coordination among partner agencies. Discussion focused on the status of affected areas and considerations for reopening and long-term recovery.

C. Possible Trail Damage Related to the Claremont Fire and Mitigation Strategies

Strategies were discussed to address potential post-fire trail damage, including erosion prevention, future restoration priorities, and opportunities to improve trail resilience. There was discussion to incorporate wildfire mitigation, sustainable trail design, and natural resource protection into future planning efforts.

D. 2026 Special Use Guidelines Review/Amendment Process Update

K. Kostka provided an update on the development of the Ridge to Rivers (R2R) Special Use Guidelines. Discussion included creating a more consistent process for commercial uses across partner agencies, evaluating a potential fee structure for commercial activities and how revenues could support R2R operations, balancing recreation with natural resource protection and habitat conservation, and using future master planning efforts to evaluate priorities such as commercial use, e-bike management, and long-term funding strategies.

Commercial User Perspective

Soren Marino, owner of Hiking Adventures with Kids (HAWKS), shared information about his outdoor education program and interest in obtaining permits to conduct youth nature programs on City-owned R2R properties. Discussion included current permitting experiences with other agencies, insurance requirements, safety protocols, educator qualifications, and suggestions for tiered commercial permitting, user fees, dedicated R2R funding, and future community fundraising and stewardship events. Mr. Marino was thanked for providing a commercial operator's perspective.

E. Idaho Environmental Forum E-bike Discussion

J. Blades discussed the recent Idaho Environmental Forum panel regarding e-bike use. Discussion included strong public interest in e-bike policy, the need for additional

education, outreach, trail etiquette, and ongoing enforcement efforts, particularly on the Greenbelt. Future public conversations could focus specifically on Foothills trail management.

F. Riverview Trail

D. Gordon reported the Riverview Trail project was completed. Approximately 0.8 miles of trail were constructed, and initial public feedback was positive. Future plans included the development of an overlook.

G. Corrals Trail Rideovers

Adaptive rideovers were installed at all three fence crossings along the Corrals Trail System. The improvements allowed adaptive cyclists to access the entire trail. Vehicle gates remained available for pedestrians, equestrians, and maintenance access. Staff indicated public education was ongoing regarding use of the new crossings.

H. Deer Point Timber Project Update

J. Mitchell provided an update on timber operations. Contractors were working near the Stack Rock Trail area and continuing toward previously reconstructed road sections. Existing trail closures were expected to continue through August 14, with additional closures expected following seasonal wildlife restrictions. Removed trail signs would be reinstalled upon completion of construction. Conceptual planning for reconstruction of the Eastside Trail would begin, following project completion, and with additional environmental review underway.

I. R2R Partner Updates

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

B. Lowe provided updates on wildlife-friendly fencing, erosion issues, and the continued closure of Lucky Peak Road to motorized use.

Bureau of Land Management

D. Draheim provided an update that BLM were increasing opportunities for ADA accessibility under the EXPLORE Act. Discussion included identifying potential accessible trails while balancing trail grades, environmental constraints, and wildfire access.

Ada County

K. Kostka stated that coordination continued on R2R planning initiatives and Special Use Guidelines.

US Forest Service

Other than the Deer Point Timber Project, no additional updates were provided.

City of Boise

D. Gordon discussed continued coordination among partner agencies and ongoing efforts related to trail conditions, commercial use planning, e-bike management, and public communications.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Partnership, the meeting was adjourned.