

BOISE CITY RIDGE TO RIVERS 4TH QUARTER PARTNERSHIP MEETING
BOISE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021
8:30 A.M.

Partners Present: Sara Arkle (Boise Parks and Recreation); Brent Ralston (Bureau of Land Management); Scott Koberg (Ada County); Brad Lowe (Idaho Department of Fish and Game); Stephaney Kerley (Boise National Forest Service); David Gordon (Ridge to Rivers)

Others Present: None

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES:

A. FY 2021 4th Quarter Budget and Work Plan Review

There were no questions or comments on the budget or work plan.

B. Summer Trail Update

Trail use had been low due to extreme temperatures. Maintenance on the trails continued throughout the summer, with construction of Heroes Trail starting and cribs being installed in multiple locations. Modifications to Cartwright Ridge trails would start in the fall and continue into next year, dependent on easements.

Most trail users were pleased with the piloted management strategies. There had been cases of folks disregarding the signs and using the trails incorrectly on off-days.

C. 2021 Pilot Management Strategy Update

About 1,100 responses had been received to the mid-way survey. The pilot guidelines were most frequently ignored in the Lower Halls area, but most users and responses were positive to the overall pilot program.

Bogus Basin had provided signage for the Around the Mountain trail changes.

The department would use the survey results to make decisions regarding the permanence of the strategies when the pilot program ends in November.

D. Hawkins Loop Trail

Construction of the directional six-mile trail on Hawkins Range Reserve would start in the fall. Three bids were submitted, but two were disqualified for administrative reasons. The contract was awarded to YRU Contracting for \$115,915. A separate contract for design and development of a trailhead would move forward next spring, with the goal of both projects being completed August 2022.

E. Cartwright Ridge

Easements with Hidden Springs and Cartwright Ranch would allow Ridge to Rivers to connect Barn Owl Trail.

G. Ridge to Rivers Map Revision

The last trail map revision was in 2017, though there have been significant additions and changes to the system since and an update would be produced. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had historically designed the maps.

H. R2R Partner Updates

Ada County

The first singular-use directional trail on Junkyard had received positive feedback.

Barber Park continues to be busy during river float season.

Avimor is potentially looking at donating trailhead parking, which would supplement what was available at Dry Creek Trailhead.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

The department was interviewing for a new wildlife management area biologist.

Dogs would need to be on-leash in the wildlife management area from November 15 to May 1.

The group discussed coyote sightings and safety.

Boise City

The city was working with Harris Ranch on its foothills development proposal, specifically for a connection from Peace Valley Overlook Reserve to Homestead Trail. Finding adequate parking was presenting a challenge.

Mesa Reserve (on the southeast side of Table Rock). Deeded a parcel that connects Homestead to Table Rock.

Bureau of Land Management

The Resource Management Plan was moving forward. State Director John Ruhs was scheduled to retire at the end of the month and wanted to have the plan completed before then.

BLM was working with Harris Ranch on a 275-acre acquisition for big game range. Emergency funding was approved for the acquisition. North part of Harris Ranch, L-shaped parcel bordered by Forest Service and BLM.

The City of Eagle had approached BLM regarding management of a parcel along the ridgeline, surrounded by multiple development proposals.

Significant heat and weather were causing an intense fire season.

Boise National Forest Service

An interpretive signage plan for the Mores Mountain trail system was underway.

V. IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Partnership, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.