

BOISE CITY RIDGE TO RIVERS FY25 SECOND QUARTER PARTNERSHIP MEETING
BOISE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026
8:30 A.M.

Partners Present: Lisa Duplessie and Sara Arkle (Boise Parks and Recreation); Brent Ralston, Carrie Points, and Dave Draheim (Bureau of Land Management); Scott Koberg and Kevin Kostka (Ada County); Brad Lowe (Idaho Department of Fish and Game); Kristyn Stauber, Jaclyn Mitchell, and Adriene Holcomb (US Forest Service); David Gordon (Ridge to Rivers); Brenda Hagadorn (Clerk).

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES:

A. FY 2026 2nd Quarter Budget and Work Plan Review

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

B. FY 26 Federal Funding

Partners discussed the federal funding outlook, including current uncertainties and implications for ongoing and future projects.

C. 2026 Special Events Discussion Summary/Guidelines Revision

A recap of the recent special events meeting was discussed. The anticipated list of 2026 special events was provided and the Special Use Guidelines were reviewed. Further coordination among agencies would occur as planning progressed.

D. Hike to Become proposal/presentation (10 minutes) – Jessica DeAngelo

A proposal was presented for guided business strategy hikes, proposing 1–2 events per month from April through November, primarily on weekday mornings from 7:00–10:00 a.m., with 5–15 participants per event. The model focused on executive and strategic facilitation, incorporated Leave No Trace principles, and included insurance coverage and Wilderness First Responder certification. Discussion centered on trail congestion, user experience, appropriate trail width and locations, loop versus out-and-back routes, mountain bike interaction considerations, and the potential need for a streamlined permitting structure. Further agency review was required.

E. Fall, 2026 Planning Initiation Discussion:

Partners discussed initiating planning efforts related to e-bike management and potential updates to the 2016 Management Plan, which did not specifically address e-bikes. Considerations included whether to pursue a focused NEPA process or a broader plan with a lead agency and cooperating partners to address jurisdictional complexity due to mixed land ownership. Examples from Moab, Bend, and Fruita were referenced. Agencies indicated they would elevate the discussion internally, form a smaller working group, and determine scope and leadership before proceeding.

F. Deer Point Timber Sale/Eastside Trails Area 2025 Accomplishment and 2026 Plans-Jackie Mitchell, USFS

An update on the Deer Point Timber Sale was provided. In 2025, approximately 159.9 acres had been commercially harvested (about 13% of the total), 3.4 miles of road reconstruction had been completed (90%), 43 acres of hazardous trees removed, and approximately 2 miles of Eastside Trail had been converted as a road, with culvert removal and trail decommissioning initiated. Challenges included limited mill capacity due to

wildfire salvage, long haul distances, contractor fire assignments, and public non-compliance with road closures. For 2026, operations were expected to be snowpack-dependent, with potential weekday Bogus Basin Road closures and increased trail closures. The contractor intended to make substantial progress, and continued strong interagency communication was emphasized.

G. Winter Projects

Illegal vehicle access at 8th Street was addressed through fencing installation within the Idaho Power right-of-way. A pipe gate would be installed and additional fencing was dependent upon BLM NEPA clearance. The City reported that it was fabricating steel fence posts to replace deteriorated doweled fencing, with plans to replace 70–80 posts annually over five years, prioritizing Camel’s Back and the Old Penitentiary area. Improvements on the left side of Camel’s Back Chute were planned to include steps, fencing, and revegetation. Corrals Trail was expected to receive cattle guard ride-overs to replace 3 gates, and an accessible latch at the remaining gate.

H. 2026 Rock Garden Plateau Trail Addition

Plans called for approximately 4,000–4,500 feet of new trail on the recently acquired Satz property, near Table Rock. The design was expected to include climbing turns and minor rock work.

I. R2R Partner Updates

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

B. Lowe shared updates on access management and mapping coordination efforts with partner agencies.

Bureau of Land Management

D. Draheim reported on land management activities, interagency coordination, infrastructure issues, and current trail conditions.

Ada County

K. Kostka reported on planning initiatives, development coordination, and collaborative projects affecting trail connectivity and land management.

US Forest Service

K. Stauber shared a staffing update and general operational status.

City of Boise

D. Gordon provided updates on trail conditions, maintenance activities, project implementation, and coordination with contractors and partner agencies

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:

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