

**BOISE CITY RIDGE TO RIVERS FY22 SECOND QUARTER PARTNERSHIP MEETING**  
**BOISE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022**  
**8:30 A.M.**

Partners Present: Sara Arkle and Doug Holloway (Boise Parks and Recreation); Brent Ralston and David Draheim (Bureau of Land Management); Scott Koberg (Ada County Parks and Waterways); Everardo Santillan, Jessup Wyman, David Francomb, Lynn Oliver and Kristyn Stauber (US Forest Service) Brad Lowe (Idaho Department of Fish and Game); David Gordon (Ridge to Rivers).

Others Present: None

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**MEETING SUMMARY NOTES:**

**A. FY 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget and Work Plan Review**

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

**B. Winter Trail Work Update**

Ridge to Rivers crews were preparing for spring by working on tool maintenance.

Crews check and post daily trail condition reports. Lower trails were being used while muddy, causing damage to the system. The partnership was also working with the city's Community Engagement Department on social media blasts of the daily trail condition report.

Trail work resources (cleaning supplies, tools, etc.) were increasing in costs. Outhouse pumping costs are now incurred by partner agencies.

**C. Idaho Dept. of Lands and US Forest Service Stewardship Projects**

Lynn Oliver presented on the shared stewardship's goal of collaborating land management across jurisdictions to address challenges on shared landscapes. In December 2018, Idaho was the first state to sign a shared stewardship agreement with the US Dept. of Agriculture. This agreement identified four million acres across Idaho's landscape to prioritize collaborative projects.

There were project opportunities for the future, and next steps were to secure funding, determine partner interest and identify project plans.

**D. Hawkins Loop Trail Update**

Construction of the directional six-mile trail on Hawkins Range Reserve had started, although the contract work was not consummate to either party. The city did not receive any viable bids on its second posting.

The location where the trailhead was designed to be constructed was not viable due to covenants on the site. The city was now working to relocate the trailhead and rework access.

**E. Trail Contracting Challenges**

Trail construction had typically been done through contract work, but high construction costs and employee shortages were presenting a challenge in efforts of hiring contractors across the system.

The Hawkins Loop Trail would likely be a hybrid effort between contractors and Ridge to Rivers crew members. Volunteer efforts were also an opportunity.

**F. Outfitter Guide Prospectus**

Dave Draheim explained the process for commercial uses (mountain bike events, guided hikes, etc.) in the Boise Foothills. BLM Special Use Guidelines provided some direction for a recreational use permit. BLM was in partnership with the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board and would work with Ridge to Rivers on potential commercial uses throughout the system.

This was an ongoing effort that would eventually create a more comprehensive and complete guide across the partnership agencies and private landowners.

**G. Memorial Wall Update**

The city was moving forward with design of a memorial wall, where folks could purchase a plaque in memory of a loved one. The plaque revenue would go to the Ridge to Rivers Heritage Trust Fund. The conceptual location was in Lower Hulls Gulch Reserve. The landscape architect was working on the engineering and Public Works permits. Next steps were to identify funding for construction of the wall.

**H. Ridge to Rivers Map Revision**

The Ridge to Rivers Map was being revised for the first time since 2017. The city had contracted former-BLM staff to assemble the map. Revised maps were anticipated to be printed and ready for distribution by spring.

**I. Ridge to Rivers Partnership Update**

**Ada County**

The new Trail Crew Foreman was working on the Oregon Trail recreation area with surface improvements, which would help with alternative recreational opportunities to using muddy trails.

The county hired a new Program and Education Specialist who was creating education and communication surrounding county programs. The position would be able to boost Ridge to Rivers daily trail condition reports.

**Boise City**

The city was working with the county on a potential project at Hubbard Reservoir and anticipated submitting an application for Open Space and Clean Water levy funds in the coming months.

Partners were encouraged to send the city any needed interactive map updates.

**Idaho Department of Fish and Game**

Josh Royce would be the new regional supervisor.

Signs about the new dog off-leash rule (leashes would be required Nov. 15 to May 1) were completed and would be installed this spring. Leashes would be available for people to pick up.

A vault toilet would be installed at the archery range.

**Bureau of Land Management**

Stan Buchanan, the district's law enforcement officer, was retiring. The new hire contact information would be shared.

The City of Eagle had submitted a proposal for a recreational development plan for the 1,600-acre parcel north of Eagle. There were a number of proposals that were coming in for the parcel that would be worked through in the coming years.

**Boise National Forest Service**

The Entrance Exam Trail had officially been closed from both access points and removed from online trail maps.

Contracts for toilet cleaning services were being sought out for Stack Rock and South Fork of the Boise River regions.

**V. IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:**

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