

BOISE CITY RIDGE TO RIVERS FY25 SECOND QUARTER PARTNERSHIP MEETING
BOISE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025
8:30 A.M.

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

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES:

A. FY 2025 4th Quarter Budget and Work Plan Review

D. Gordon presented and reviewed the FY25 fourth quarter budget and work plan, highlighting trail maintenance activities, volunteer coordination, and ongoing work allocations for summer projects.

B. Sideshow Trail Project

A Long-term maintenance plan for the 1.7-mile Sideshow Trail was discussed. Maintenance would be more intensive than the average trail, and handled by Ridge to Rivers (R2R) staff with volunteer support beginning in 2027. The trail will be closed each winter, from December 1 through March, with work planned the week prior to reopening, depending on weather and wildlife conditions.

C. Harris Ridge Trail Project

Integrated Trail was awarded the contract. Progress was slower due to challenging rocky conditions. The trail had been cut wider than desired and not built at proper grades, necessitating much more project oversight than expected. Maintenance corrections may be necessary, however Hunter Homes is responsible for this until 2031. The trail had been added to the interactive map.

D. Idaho Power Project Update

An update was provided on the powerline upgrade project and its impact on trail access. Coordination with Idaho Power continued on completed and upcoming work, with input sought by Idaho Power on trail needs. Fencing and temporary trail closures were expected to be ongoing, with the most significant impacts in the Tablerock area.

E. Deer Point Timber Sale Update

Weekly updates were being sent every Friday regarding this timber sale. Trails and roads would be open on weekends beginning July 21, with cleanup work ongoing at the Stack Rock Trailhead log landing. Outreach on closures continued, and citations of up to \$280 were being issued for unauthorized access.

F. New Trail Plan Process Discussion #2

Discussion included management strategies for several popular trails that experienced high use. Staff continued working with partner agencies to evaluate future reroutes and to ensure ongoing maintenance support.

G. 2025 Ridge to Rivers MOU

The 2025 Ridge to Rivers MOU was in the process of being signed by partner agencies, with the City as the final signatory. As with previous agreements, all partners provided input before finalization. The agreement was expected to be finalized by the end of September.

H. Summer Projects

Upcoming projects included bridge replacements on Around the Mountain, Deer Point, Dry Creek and Hawkins Loop trails as well as all-weather augmentation on 700 feet of Table Rock Trail. Additional priorities would be determined later in the season.

I. R2R Partner Updates

Partner agencies provided updates, including seasonal staffing plans, coordination on fire mitigation, and feedback from public trail use. Continued communication among partners on multi-jurisdictional projects and land management efforts was discussed.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

B. Lowe reported limited activity overall, noting several complaints related to e-bikes and officers dedicating time to enforce trail use. There were multiple instances of campfires and fireworks. Increased signage had improved compliance in the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) lands, and “no e-bike or e-scooter” signs were now in place in these areas.

Bureau of Land Management

No update

Ada County

K. Kostka reported that one less seasonal employee was hired this season, which had worked out, though staffing needs varied with annual workload. The team remained focused on general maintenance tasks.

US Forest Service

K. Stauber left at 9:07 a.m.

City of Boise

D. Gordon presented the fiscal year budget, which was approved. Training and certifications for seasonal staff were a collaborative effort, covering ATV safety and sensitive areas on hills and slopes.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:

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