

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

Partners Present: Lisa Duplessie (Boise Parks and Recreation); Carrie Points, and Dave Draheim (Bureau of Land Management); Scott Koberg and Kevin Kostka (Ada County Parks); Ann Moser (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 3rd Quarter Budget and Work Plan Review**
D. Gordon reviewed the proposed budget and work plan. There were no questions or comments.
- B. Professional TrailBuilders Association 2026 Conference Recap**
Conference highlights were shared, with approximately 450 attendees despite challenging weather. Boise generated strong interest as a recreation destination. Key themes included increasing recreation demand, evolving trail use, and user conflict considerations. Continued partner coordination was emphasized.
- C. 2026 Special Events Discussion Summary/Guidelines Revision**
The Special Events Guidelines were scheduled for five-year review this summer with partner input. Increased interest in special events and commercial use were noted, along with the need for more consistent interagency guidance. The item would be revisited with an update provided to partners.
- D. Spring Trail Conditions**
Spring conditions were impacted by recent storms, with erosion noted in several areas throughout the system. Heritage Trust funds supported additional contract maintenance efforts to augment Ridge to Rivers crew efforts. Camel's Back area was identified as more heavily impacted due to sandy soils. Ongoing maintenance needs were noted.
- E. Spring/Summer Trail Projects**
Seasonal maintenance continued as conditions allow, though weather and staffing had limited progress. Authorization was received to remove select internal fencing at various locations to improve wildlife passage. State partnership work continued, though implementation challenges were noted. Corral's Trail ride-over improvements were delayed due to weather. Hulls Gulch continued to experience persistent wet conditions, and engineering support was requested for a spring along Owl's Roost Trail.
- F. 2027 Deer Point Timber Sale Plans**
The Deer Point Timber Sale was anticipated but delayed due to weather. Traffic control and intermittent closures were discussed for April 27 through June 19, including scheduled daily closure windows of 9:00–11:00 a.m. and 1:00–3:00 p.m., with additional weekend and off-hour restrictions as needed. Hazardous tree removal would occur along the main roadway corridor. Signing and notification along Bogus Basin Road include weekday timing restrictions and posted closures.

G. Eastside Trail Reconstruction Planning Discussion

Discussion focused on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, funding constraints, and limited capacity. Partners reviewed scope assumptions for a potential six-mile new trail alignment. Estimated costs had increased from approximately \$10,000 per mile historically to approximately \$20,000 per mile. Logging and prescribed burn cleanup would be required prior to trail planning. Multiple sequencing and coordination dependencies were identified. Clarification of funding documentation language would be pursued, and consideration of a new trail alignment were discussed.

H. Fall Planning Effort Discussion

Potential planning efforts, including collaboration with the Rocky Mountain Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) to support research and planning, were discussed. NEPA analysis was expected to be a critical component. The need for multiple planning alternatives for public consideration was emphasized. Funding and partner involvement priorities were discussed, and a follow-up meeting would be scheduled to identify next steps.

I. R2R Partner Updates

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

A. Moser provided updates for wildlife-friendly fencing, and erosion issues. Barbed wire fencing repairs were ongoing across trails and valley areas. Coordination with federal partners included fence removal permissions and boundary management. Work continued with Idaho Power on Highland Valley and Lucky Peak trails.

Bureau of Land Management

D. Draheim provided updates regarding staffing and organizational changes. Trail system coordination continued. Planning with the City of Eagle included approximately 5,000 acres of open space.

Ada County

K. Kostka explained that planning and development coordination continued, with increased interest in commercial use and expanded public lands access, which included areas near landfill-adjacent lands and Big Springs. These efforts weren't expected to impact existing Ridge to Rivers corridors. Increased Bureau of Reclamation interest in open space was noted. Historical jurisdictional context involving dam-related BLM sites was discussed, along with potential expanded collaboration. Mapping and public information improvements were discussed.

US Forest Service

A. Holcomb and K. Stauber shared updates regarding leadership transitions, organizational restructuring, and staffing challenges affecting operations. Minerals and mining were identified as current priority focus areas.

City of Boise

D. Gordon provided updates on system coordination, trail conditions, and public communications. Increased trail use and demand were noted. Opportunities to improve mapping tools and centralized information systems were noted, along with regional coordination to include the City of Eagle.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:

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