

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-03

IDAHO OUTDOOR RECREATION FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Idaho is experiencing a surge in outdoor recreation with historic numbers of users visiting State Parks, hiking, biking and riding trails, boating, using off-highway vehicles, and hunting and fishing on public and private lands; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis estimates outdoor recreation provides a \$2.8 billion annual boost to Idahos economy, supporting more than 37,000 jobs and fueling rural economies throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, this dramatic uptick in outdoor recreation creates opportunities and challenges as Idaho must contend with serving the needs of millions of new recreationists while also preserving and protecting the special places and natural features that make Idaho s outdoors great; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes the unintended impacts outdoor recreation can have on rural Idaho, lacking the infrastructure, resources, and revenue streams to support increased recreationists; and

WHEREAS, continued investment, support and coordination is key to the successful and responsible growth of outdoor recreation in Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of Idaho, hereby recognize the Idaho Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council as a group to expand access and opportunities on state and other public lands in Idaho.

- 1. The Council will advise the Governor and the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board on projects and policies that support expanded access to outdoor recreation opportunities in Idaho.
 - a. The Council will recommend projects that expand opportunities for camping, fishing, hunting, accessing trails and other outdoor pursuits by utilizing \$5 million from Senate Bill 1196 in the Fiscal Year 2024 Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Budget for inter-agency collaborative projects.*
 - b. Specifically, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Idaho Department of Lands will work together to propose projects, manage under-utilized resources to enhance recreational access, and monetize outdoor recreation for long-term sustainability.**
- 2. The duties of the Council are advisory to the Governor and the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board to develop additive outdoor recreation access and capacity in the State of Idaho. Final action on the proposals accepted by the Governor shall be presented to the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board for review and approval.*
- 3. The Council will focus on statewide outreach and educational efforts to create a better understanding of the importance of where outdoor recreation opportunities are most needed, geographically.*
- 4. The Idaho Parks and Recreation Board shall set forth criteria for projects considered by the Council.*
- 5. The following thirteen (13) members are hereby appointed to the Council and will serve at the pleasure of the Governor:*

- a. Director of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation or their designee
 - b. Director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game or their designee
 - c. Director of the Idaho Department of Lands or their designee
 - d. Representative of the Idaho State Senate
 - e. Representative of the Idaho State House of Representatives
 - f. Representative of the Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission
 - g. Representative of rural Idaho communities
 - h. Representative from the recreation community
 - i. Representative from the sportsmen community
 - j. Representative from the agricultural community
 - k. Representative from the forestry or mining community
 - l. Representative from the business community
 - m. Representative from the conservation community
- i. The Governor will appoint one (1) non-agency Council member to serve as Chairman.
 - ii. Non-agency members will be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho on this 7th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE