

Greater Boise Recreationists

Thursday September 7, 2023

Bogus Basin Ticket Office

Discussion and Ideas about what we can do at “Whoop ‘um Up” specifically to winter operations by Idaho City District Ranger, Josh Newman.

Reviewed population growth statistics dating back to 1960’s when the site was established with a population of 189,000. Today there is over 500,000 and growing

Option1- Do nothing

Option 2-Signage and outreach

Option 3- Expand the parking area (Forest priority is fuels reduction so this could take 3-5 years)

Breakout groups discuss and report out support and concerns:

- Loading area and parking concerns recommend education at pass sales, dealerships. Backcountry skiing conflicts with Moore’s Summit at the top, more centralized parking areas needed. Access to more terrain with more areas for parking. More pull outs for human access, dedicated pull outs for motorized and info signs for non-motorized.
- Expand and manage the parking area. Examples (Francine Lot, Valley County) expanding and using signage but not enforceable. Involve the yurt people because they could potentially bring in more people and are going to need their own equipment and finances. National Guard Readiness Training, Col. Stead POC as contact to do NEPA faster.
- Signage as soon as possible. IDPR commitment for signage. Overnight parking concerns. What about other locations? Signs in Idaho City? Broader scope planning needed that address HWY 21 challenges but a stand alone CE makes sense to start with Whoop Um Up. Is there conflict on the trail or just parking?
- Expansion and signage on how to park the proper way. Forest Management Plan reference identifying the need and location. Review of who pays for services (bathrooms, roads parking, grooming), private land with yurts, plowing prioritization concerns and recommendation that ITD be in the conversation.

General support for an expansion but first focus on getting signs for “suggested parking for overnight/day use” installed before winter. Sign plan development reps with IDPR working together to develop plan. IDPR will purchase the signs.

Call for support from members will be emailed with meeting notes.

Support feedback will be crafted for GBR Letter of Support for expansion improvements.

Request for GBR formalization. Next meeting to be held in December.