

Greater Boise Recreation meeting September,3 2024

5:30-6:30 pm

Bogus Basin Ticket Office

Zoom Option unavailable

There was a total of 13 people present at the meeting, three of which are on the GBR steering committee.

Agenda:

- ❖ GBR mission statement review
- ❖ Ridge to Rivers - future planning and discussion
- ❖ Ada County Parks and Waterways - open space trails
- ❖ USFS Idaho City – Whoop Um Up equestrian corral improvements
- ❖ GBR steering committee interest
- ❖ Open discussion

Ridge to Rivers

- David Gordan has been with the city of Boise ridge to rivers for 25 years
- Ridge to Rivers has gone from 130 miles to 220 miles of trail in the Boise Foothills
- Employees consist of 4 full-time and 3 seasonals with a combined total years of experience exceeding 100 years
- Fire earlier in the year resulted in loss of fencing inviting unauthorized motorized use off of trail #4 and one culvert replacement with heavier armoring
- Future planning could include connectivity from Eagle to stack rock. However, not in R2R's immediate plans, they hope for this in the next 10 years
- Adopt a trail program has 18 volunteer groups. R2R would benefit from having a volunteer coordinator to help with all their volunteer requests
- R2R includes five agencies. The city of Boise, Ada County, BLM, USFS, and the Idaho Fish and Game
- Most of its funding comes from the City of Boise, but other agencies contribute to the operating budget
- Most private land access for the R2R are revokable easements.
- Trail user message would be to “get along” if folks are respectful of others and their uses, conflict between groups would be reduced

- Avamore “west” concept idea for increase connectivity
- Cartwright trail expansion open in the spring of 2027 with a new out and back trail

Ada County Parks and Waterways

- Kevin Kostka with Ada county parks and waterways delivered a brief overview of where these lands exist and what he does to protect/improve access to open spaces in Ada County
- Eight sites total in the Treasure valley to include the Oregon trail, Hubbard reservoir, Ada bike park at Eagle, Seaman Gulch, and other conservation areas with less recreation focus.

Idaho City Whoop Um Up Corral improvements

- JW Cleveland presented improvements that the Back Country horseman and USFS personnel accomplished this summer to include installation of a new 8 stall corral and conversion of feeder box at the previous site 5 to manure holding area.
- Phase two improvements are set to be included in the Highway 21 corridor management project and could include solar pump for easier water access, Additional signage needs, gate installation, consideration of adding sites, replacement of existing restroom,
- New campsite furniture, and installation of new hitching rail near restroom.

Seeking interest in GBR steering committee

- Assistance is needed with creating a GBR Facebook page with the purpose of explaining what the GBR is and what we do for members of the public and local agencies. The page could include our calendar, definition/mission statement of the GBR, and email contact information.
- The GBR is also looking for recreation representation for motorized use, the white-water community, and/or additional agency representation from either the BLM, IDPR, or Ada County.

Brief open discussion

Next meeting December 3