

# Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Fund Annual Report FY19

<u>Idaho Code 67-7126(4)</u> established the OHV Fund within the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL). One dollar from every OHV registration is allocated to IDL to "provide off-highway vehicle opportunities and to repair damage directly related to off-highway vehicle use." The statute requires IDL to "annually publish a report specifically identifying the uses of moneys allocated" to the OHV Fund.

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600,875.29

Beginning Cash Balance 7/1/19

#### Revenue

Transfers In	145,500.00
Total Revenue	145.500.00

### Expenses

Payroll 50,206.44 The OHV/Recreation Program Specialist who administers the recreation program is a ½ FTE. Other costs include wages for seasonal employees who posted signs, collected data and administered contracts related to the projects associated with OHV funds.

Administrative Cost 58,818.13 Higher administrative spending in 2019 included the purchase of a vehicle and motorcycle to aid the program specialist with field work.

PL: Off Road Vehicle Mitigation 8500.00 Mitigation work was completed by a contractor to repair road damage and reclaim unauthorized OHV routes. Native seed was purchased for current and future need as a part of the reclamation process.

Mitigation work completed this year included reclamation of unauthorized routes and road damage created by OHV use. Kiosks were built and installed and boulder barricades were installed to help reduce the amount of non-compliance from OHVs where damage is occurring to streams, cut bank, roads and log landing areas.

POL: Hayes Gulch 12,233.96 The project costs include travel and expenses for installing signs, purchasing sign decals, building trail re-routes and constructing fence.

POL: Hoodoo 1,056.70 Project costs were for Carsonite trail sign installation tools and travel expenses for trail layout and design of an initial ATV trail opportunity. Mica: Slaughter House Project 209.90

This project purchased signs to inform recreationists of the allowed use and to identify reclaimed and closed routes and replace locks that were cut.

SW: Thorn Creek Fence Project 778.35

This is a multi-year project in the Thorn Creek management area. The "sled hill" located near the Steamboat trailhead needed additional straw bales after the winter to help guide OHV's on the beginner loop. A bull gate was purchased to install in the Case Creek area replacing the existing wire gate. Labels were purchased to modify incorrect information on the physical maps provided to the public.

East Idaho: Kelly Canyon Project 26,123.96 A contractor was hired to GPS roads and trails on 9,000 plus acres in the Kelly Canyon area. The information gained included the location of all the routes, route types, and condition of each route along with other information to include camping areas, water troughs, fences, gates and cattle guards. This will be an ongoing project that will improve access and assist with management.

Security Patrols

#### 28,119.85

The security patrol contractors and Idaho Department of Fish & Game monitored road usage and enforced gate closures. They interacted with road users to inform them of access issues and provided handout information related to recreation activities. Hundreds of miles of roads were monitored, problem areas were identified, gate breaches were repaired, and road maintenance was performed under other contracts. With the continued use of the security patrols, IDL is beginning to see less impact from improper recreational use. There are fewer places where trash is left, gate locks are cut and indiscriminate OHV trails are pioneered.

Priest Lake Patrol	12,507.95
Pend Oreille Patrol	10,771.75
Mica Security Patrol	8,522.95
Ponderosa Patrol	4,840.15

## Recreation Program: Budget Spend Down

To address the recreation program cash balance surplus the OHV/Recreation Program Specialist worked with the recreation committee to create a five year plan to reduce the surplus to a more manageable level. While reducing the surplus by spending down the cash balance is a priority, the focus remains on utilizing the fund for quality projects and purchases.

Ending Cash Balance 6/30/19	551,805.05
Net Increase / (Decrease)	(49,070.24)
Total Expense	194,570.24