



Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Fund Annual Report

[Idaho Code 67-7126\(4\)](#) 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.

FY20 OHV Fund 0075-73

Beginning Cash Balance 6/30/19 **551,805.05**

Revenue

Transfers In	132,074.00
Total Revenue	132,088.40

Expenses

Payroll	40,610.70
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The OHV/Recreation Program Specialist who administers the recreation program is a ½ FTE.

Administrative Cost	15,635.71
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Travel expenses airfare, lodging, fuel and meals for meetings around the state. Miscellaneous purchases supporting program activities and functions for repairs and purchases of necessary items. Materials for upgrading shipping container with amenities to store recreation equipment and materials.

PL: Off Road Vehicle Mitigation	8,329.17
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Mitigation work was completed by a contractor to remove a gate and install bollards for increased OHV access to roads on Indian Cr. Signs were purchased to replace damaged or missing signs and help guide the OHV public. Concrete blocks were placed to keep OHV's out of a class 1 stream.

POL: Hayes Gulch/Mirror Lake	5,425.87
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Project costs include travel and expenses for installing signs, trail reroute design and layout, building trail reroute and reworking sections of trail to improve trail tread. Iron Mask trail project near mirror lake, installed turn outs, some of the slope was slope cut, trail tread was widened, and the climbing turn radiuses improved.

POL: Hoodoo	5,605.97
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Project costs include travel and expenses for the construction of a new reroute started but stopped due to equipment breakdown and weather. The IDL fire crew was utilized to heavily brush and clear one mile of reroute.

Mica: Rec Use Mitigation 13,687.02

To assist with mitigation of OHV use on the Cable Creek area, fencing materials and game cameras were purchased for future installation on the Cable Creek unit. The fencing will be used to reduce encroachment from the Spokane OHV park and prevent unauthorized trails from being created. On the Chilco unit, two gates were installed with the help of the fire crew on sections closed to vehicle use.

SJ: Gates and Kiosks 8,561.92

Kiosks, game cameras and gates were purchased to assist with management and provide informational guidance for recreationists. Twelve (12) kiosks were purchased and eight (8) were installed with maps and information to assist OHV recreationists in navigating and understanding the expectations of the public. Four kiosks remain for future installation.

PON: Moose Creek Rec Repairs 5,091.00

A contractor was used to reclaim unauthorized routes, repair damage to meadows from mudding activities and create a barrier to protect the meadow from future activities.

SW: Thorn Creek Fence Project 9,950.76

This is an ongoing project to enhance and mitigate recreation activities on the unit. GPS sign inventory is being recorded as new signposts and decals are being replaced. Expenses include the rental of an excavator and trailer to restore old trails and install a ¼ mile reroute. Maintenance work included replacing straw bales at the beginner OHV Loop/sled hill area, additional fencing material and plexiglass to improve kiosks. IDL seasonal employees assisted with several ongoing projects.

SW: Sheep Corral Camp Site Restoration 4,677.71

Excavator rental was used to retrieve, haul and distribute large boulders around the sheep corral camping area near Idaho City to better define the camping area and eliminate new unauthorized trails. IDL fire crew assisted with the project.

East Idaho: Kelly Canyon Project 35,983.72

A mixture of mitigation and improvement projects were completed. Project costs include travel and expenses for construction on the roads and trails in sections of the 9,000 plus acres in the Kelly Canyon area near Ririe. Recreation enhancement to the area included 2.5 miles of OHV trail designated as 50" or less and signed with a route number and designation. An additional mile of trail has been designed and laid out for construction this fall. Mitigation included the removal of 11 unsustainable or duplicate roads and trails, and the rehabilitation of two meadows where mudding activities damaged a significant amount of vegetation. The new trails and completed mitigation provide a better experience, trail system connectivity and better guidance while enhancing land productivity. Sign decals, posts and ride over cattle guards were purchased for the continuation of projects to be completed in FY 21.

Security Patrols 37,360.67

The security patrol contractors and Idaho Department of Fish & Game monitored recreation use on endowment lands and enforced closures. They interacted with the recreating public to provide education on access issues and department policies. Problem areas were identified, gate breaches were repaired, and mitigation was performed under other contracts. Each year the security contracts assist with management, by providing accounts of the challenges they see. The information provided by IDFG and the security patrols are valuable to assist with addressing challenges.

Priest Lake Patrol 10,113.14

Pend Oreille Patrol 7,000.00

Mica Patrol 9,855.79

Ponderosa Patrol 2,409.01

Payette Patrol 7,982.73

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.

Total Expense	193,694.70
Net Increase / (Decrease)	(61,606.30)
Ending Cash Balance 7/1/20	490,198.75