

**PREVENTING DAMAGE TO ENDOWMENT LAND
ENSURES CONTINUED PUBLIC ACCESS, BUT
IDL NEEDS BETTER TOOLS TO HOLD THE FEW
WHO DAMAGE THE LAND ACCOUNTABLE**

The Idaho Department of Lands manages 2.5 million acres in Idaho to generate revenue for public schools and other beneficiaries.

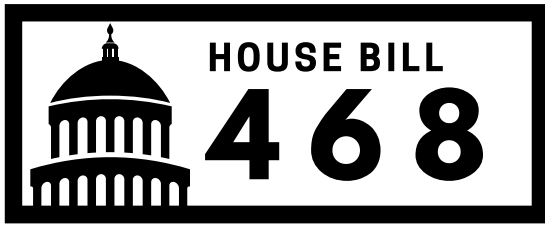
CURRENT SITUATION

- **Most people, especially organized groups, recreate responsibly.**
- **Only a few bad actors destroy valuable trees, cut locks on gates and damage resources that cost \$\$\$\$ to repair.**
- **Through registration fees recreationists paid \$159,798 in 2021 to improve access and mitigate damage.**
- **Unfortunately, 40% of user fee funding was spent repairing damage caused by irresponsible people.**
- **Criminal trespass, a felony or misdemeanor, is currently the only tool to stop the damage.**
- **HB248 creates a reasonable alternative, an infraction and fine to encourage better behavior.**

ENDOWMENT MISSION

- **Idaho's constitution requires the land to be managed for generating the maximum long-term financial return.**
- **All non-revenue generating uses are incidental, including public recreation.**
- **If recreation damages endowment land, the land may be closed to the public.**
- **IDL's goal is to keep land open for public recreation, but we need more effective tools like HB468.**





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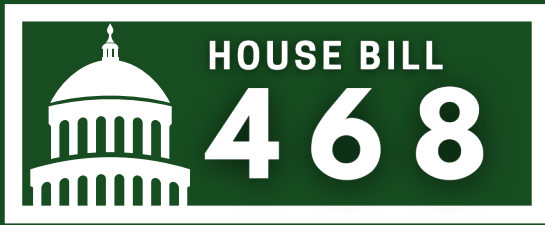
Organized users are partners in protecting endowment land from damage and ensuring it remains open for public recreation.

Here's how House Bill 468 can help keep endowment land open:

- **Allows for an infraction and \$250 fine, a more reasonable alternative than a felony or misdemeanor criminal trespassing charge.**
- **Deters those who would damage endowment land by creating a law that is fair, protects due process and is enforceable.**
- **Targets enforcement to the places where it is truly needed by requiring informative signage, and providing information online and at IDL's 14 offices.**
- **Allows more user registration fee money to be spent on creating recreation opportunities instead of mitigating damage.**



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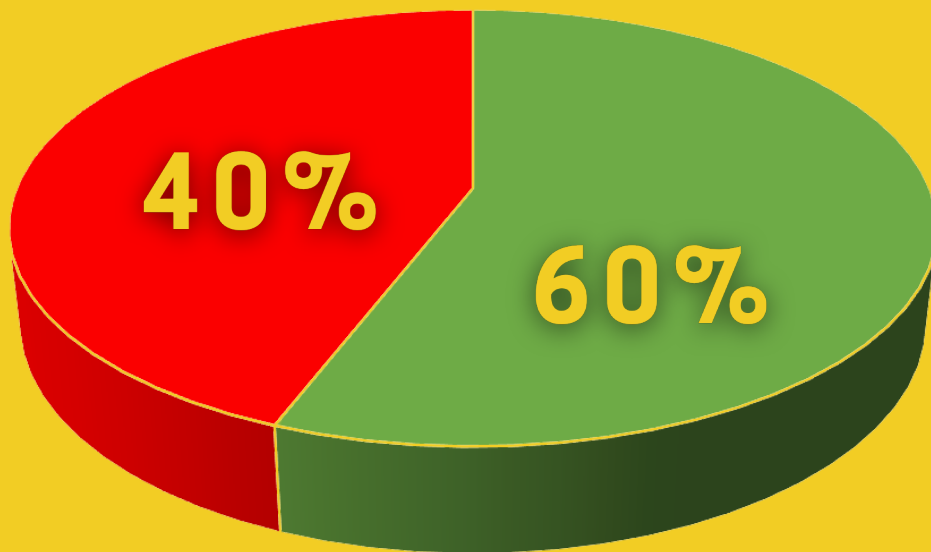


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**OHV registration fees provide almost all of the funding used to
create recreational opportunities on endowment land.**

**RECREATIONISTS PROVIDED \$159,798 TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND
MITIGATE DAMAGE ON ENDOWEMENT LAND IN 2021**

**EVERY DOLLAR SPEND REPAIRING ENDOWEMENT LAND IS ONE LESS
DOLLAR TO SPEND ON CREATING NEW RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**



\$63,545 SPENT MITIGATING DAMAGE



**\$80,455 SPENT MANAGING RECREATION ON THE LAND AND
IMPROVING ACCESS**



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RECREATION ON
ENDOWMENT LAND**

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