



## Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council

June 22-23, 2021

Lewiston, ID and Zoom

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	
Tim Maguire, ILRCC Vice-Chair, Ecosystem Sciences Foundation	<b>Zoom Participants</b>
Hannah Sanger, City of Pocatello	Gabe Dumm, USFS Region 1, Regional Fuels Program Manager
Mauri Knott, Latah County	Gerry Bates, Urban and Community Consultant
Regan Plumb, Kaniksu Land Trust	Janet Valle, US Forest Service, S&PF Regions 1 & 4
Jeff Handel, Nez Perce Tribe	Bill Bosworth, Idaho Department of Fish & Game
Matthew Perkins, Meridian City Arborist	Ben Roeber, Idaho Office of Emergency Management
Madeline David, Idaho Tree Farm Program	Debbie Paul, Bureau of Land Management, Acting State Forestry Lead
Randy Brooks, University of Idaho	Tyrone Daniels, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
C. Edward "Ed" Koch, IFOA	Amanda Egan, US Forest Service
Chris Town, NRCS State Forester	Elaine Clegg, Association of Idaho Cities
Knute Sandahl, State Fire Marshal	Elaine Clegg, Association of Idaho Cities
<b>IDL STAFF &amp; GUESTS PRESENT</b>	
Archie Gray, Forestry Assistance Bureau Chief, IDL	Adrienne Morrow, Forest Stewardship Program, IDL
Tyre Holfeltz, Fire Prevention & Risk Mitigation Program Manager, IDL	Michael Beaudoin, Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager, IDL
Tom Eckberg, Forest Health Program Manager, IDL	Diana Rauschenbach, Data Coordinator, IDL
Craig Foss, State Forester, IDL	Ara Andrea, Shared Stewardship Coordinator, IDL
Corrie Ivey, Grants Project Coordinator, IDL	



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At 9:00 a.m. MST the meeting began with Zoom protocol and etiquette tips along with roundtable introductions. Corrie noted that the meeting would be recorded.

Meeting minutes from the Winter 2021 meeting were tabled allowing members to review during a break because of the delay in sending them out to the group.

Corrie shared the current status of the Operating Procedures including where the draft is. She also shared the status of the member bio handbook, asking that bios be shared with her via the template provided. It was noted that the bio handbook was only to be shared internally with council members and IDL associated staff. Tim asked Corrie to share what information is being included in the bio and she went over the brief categories included: Name, Organization, Represented Interest, Short Background, previous work with the council and Forestry Assistance Bureau programs, and what you would like to provide and gain back from participation with the council. Tyre reiterated that the bio is for council use only. He also noted the member roster/lists and what information (Name, organization, term expiration) is included on the public facing list.

Zoom technical issues led to a need for members to re-login to the zoom meeting room

Archie Gray shared his update about the federal budget including the submission of the Consolidated Payments Grant to USFS. Bad news was shared first; Forest Stewardship Program funding was going to drop from 171,200 to 159,670. Forest Health funding was noted to stay more or less the same, Urban Forestry was set to increase from 269,000 to 292,000. He noted an additional 59,000 project was funded for Idaho Canopy Pests as well as conferences. National Fire Assistance funding was noted as a success for the year as well and Archie shared the projects awarded. Rural fire Assistance increased from 321,000 to 350,000; Landscape Blackfoot River Project was funded at 300,000; Conservation Education stayed the same at 15,000. Forest Legacy was noted as historically sitting at 65,000 with this year increasing to 101,000 including money for a project. Archie shared that Karen had moved on to a new position and shared the status of recruitment for filling that position. Additionally, he shared that IDL was requesting to reclassify the position to a full-time position with the new funding to back the request. Archie shared that current challenges for the program are in monitoring because of the amount of projects currently in play and that contracting that activity may be a need. Moyie River Corridor Phase II was shared to be funded and the Dinning and Simons projects were also in the works and soon to be wrapped up. He shared exciting news about Grizzly Bear presence on those CEs as well. Archie shared the status of the Clagstone project including the condemnation by ITD for the expansion of Hwy 95 including the approval by the Land Board and payments.



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New projects – Moyie project, McArthur project area, protecting the corridor in the area and connecting projects. Spirit of Mt. Spokane project, IEP planning to put chunk of 8k to 10k acres into legacy. In the works. Met last week with Bonner co commission unanimous support for these 2 projects. Archie said we already have received support letters for those projects. Janet – 2021 grant funding, extra approval processes indicative on new administration. Feedback is – flat budget, working on modernization of FS budget. Starting to work on new farm bill, new admin is very engaged. No indications for rise or fall of new budget. No new information from administration for 2022. Gabe emphasized focus on prioritizing on fuels and fire mitigation. Expect increase in fire funding.

The group reviewed and approved the minutes from the February 2021 meeting.

Michael Beaudoin, UCF Program Manager, provided updates on the UCF program as well as basic programmatic information. Provided updates on the CARS data including trends and funding history. Information regarding the various meetings, committees, and seminars was provided as well as the NASF UCF sub-committee meeting for 2022 for which Craig Foss is a member of. Michael shed light on the Western UCF Network including states included and his position as the Chair which expires at the end of 2021. Links and information regarding the CWSF annual publication and the UCF electronic newsletter were shared as well as how to sign up for the newsletter. Craig asked if there was any data regarding who received/viewed the paper newsletter and if that contributed to the navigation away from paper to the electronic version. Michael noted that it was mainly due to costs associated with the printing of the newsletter but that there are now widgets in place that track visits and “click-through rates” for the electronic newsletter. Tree City USA updates were presented, and Michael noted that we will likely lose CSI as a Tree Campus because of their Horticulture program closing. However, Michael was optimistic that BSU would soon attain certification. Lastly, Michael presented on the current UCF projects, their direction, and the status of each.

Craig took a moment to recognize a few folks that had passed away in recent years noting their tie to forestry (UCF in particular) and the importance of carrying on their legacy through program implementation and development.

Tim Maguire presented on the Forest Economics LSR grant project, providing a status update, discussing overall objectives and collaborative efforts taking place through the effort. Tyre supported the presentation including long-term outcomes from this project and the anticipated path forward utilizing the collection of data and affects on modeling. Craig added that the ability for us to collect and share the data from the projects is critically important and will put us ahead of the game. Michael asked if, for the southern Idaho canopies, any studies were being included from the intermountain region or just the



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PNW. Tyre noted the data had yet to be shared from that region. Tim expanded on that with notes about national, peer reviewed data being the main source used for this project.

Tyre presented on the status of federal grants (LSR, WSFM & HFR) within IDL's administrative umbrella across the state. He shared a map of participating cooperators by county with 31 of the 42 currently participating. He highlighted a handful of projects adding their goals and objectives. Riparian restoration through LSR, Firewise education/prevention, Fire Warden projects on endowment lands, and other projects were discussed. Archie, Tyre, and Craig discussed how human caused fires were on the rise and prevention was a critical piece often missing from the mitigation and preparedness efforts. Tyre went on to paint a picture of the County Wildfire Preparedness Plans (CWPP) across the state and the progress made to bring more county's up to par with this planning need. Rural Fire Capacity (RFC) funding was also highlighted including tracking of expenditures for sake of showing that funding is appropriately being spent for the greatest overall impact, with the highest potential value/outcome. In closing, Tyre shared that IDL is currently working on 58 individual projects across the state to the tune of about \$2.1 million per fiscal year in federal grant funding, bringing in about \$3.25 to \$3.5 million per fiscal year in total for grant funding. He noted the difference in expenditures vs award is due to projects in planning status but also capacity to implement work on the ground.

After the Council's lunch break, Craig and Tyre presented on the University of Idaho's Joint Position, specifically how fire seasonal changes are impacting the availability of seasonal workers, many of which come out of college during the summer months and return to school in early August when fire season is in full swing. Craig noted that the U of I was pursuing positions in the following legislative session to support mitigation and prevention capacity, potentially co-locating the new positions within agency offices such as the IDL. The positions would bridge the gap between organizations and communities for various wildfire education needs. The ask was at 8 positions at the time of discussion and the positions would be hired over time, staggering them as the program was developed and the framework established. Tyre shared that a 2-page document exists that shares the background of this effort as well as the intent for using the shared positions including community support, agency support, and research support. Gabe Dumm asked about a role for cross-boundary, interagency interaction or if it would be more community based. Tyre said yes there could likely be an interagency interaction component as that is a priority aligning with Shared Stewardship; making sure everyone is working together on this effort. Craig agreed with that answer and perspective.

Ara Andrea provided the group with updates on Shared Stewardship. GNA has new agreements (in addition to 4 existing agreements) with Caribou Targhee National Forest, and Bureau of Land Management, and Idaho Fish and Game recently signed into a new agreement with the Nez Perce



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Clearwater National Forest. In addition to Shared Stewardship Coordinator position, IDL has brought on board 2 new GNA shared stewardship cross-boundary foresters to assist with cross-boundary efforts. Additionally, 2 contracted forestry consultants (Inland Forest Management and All About Forestry) were brought on board to assist with the north and south priority landscapes. Postcards were sent to targeted adjacent landowners in the northern part of the state and will be sent to the southern part soon. This outreach method has been well received by landowners, nearly 100% responded to the mailing. Landowner interactions are tracked in a secured database. The database is accessible by IDL, NRCS and our contractors and will be a useful collaborative tool.

Archie Gray updated the group on the Forest Practices Act Rulemaking. IDL is in the process of responding to comments and will be proceeding with the language as presented.

Regan Plumb introduced the group to the Kaniksu Land Trust, primarily focused on conservation. Recently the Land Trust has extended its efforts to education and recreation opportunities. The service area encompasses 4,000 acres across three counties. Pine Street Woods Community provided many opportunities for education and recreation. It was purchased and opened to the public with 20,000 visitors in 2020. A committee of foresters from the community authored the forest management plan. A portable mill provides revenue and the opportunity to affordably offer locally grown lumber.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m. PST on 6/22/2021 with a field trip taking place on 2/23/2021.