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To whom it may concern,

The Idaho Prescribed Fire Council is a non-profit whose mission is to serve as a forum to advance the safe and effective use of prescribed fire across Idaho.

We support the collaborative, interagency development of the [Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan](#). This plan is an interagency document that outlines coordination efforts regarding fire restrictions and closures. An interagency approach for initiating restrictions or closures helps provide consistency among the land management partners, while defining the restriction boundaries so they are easily distinguishable to the public. Each restrictions area is encouraged to recruit any affected agency or landowner into restriction conversations whenever possible.

The purpose of fire restrictions is to reduce the risk of human-caused fires during unusually high fire danger and/or burning conditions, and when other prevention efforts have been exhausted. Fire restrictions impose reasonable limitations on the public and private landowners.

We recommend that IDAPA 20.05.01 include the following provision to incorporate by reference the Idaho Fire Restriction Plan and issue warnings or citations to those who engage in prohibited acts during Stage 1 and Stage 2 restrictions. Currently, Idaho law does not penalize those who engage in prohibited actions under the plan on endowment land.

020. REGULATED USES OF ENDOWMENT LAND.

07. Fire Restrictions. Prohibited acts enumerated in the annual Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan for Stage 1 and Stage 2 fire restrictions apply to endowment land.

Sincerely,

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