
From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Shaw Carol at shaw.ar350@gmail.com
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State: Idaho

Comment:

I am writing regarding the current process of reviewing Idaho endowment land policy. We support the historic values of logging and grazing and would like to see that continue. We especially support the renewable aspects of logging and grazing, and their role in mitigating wildfires and enhancing forest health while retaining the natural beauty of the land. This also protects wildlife access to endowment lands as well as other recreational uses. Recreation needs have increased over time, which presents an opportunity to increase return by creating paid campground opportunities owned and managed by the endowment to enhance the fund (additions to Ponderosa State Park or creation of new paid campgrounds could be explored). In addition, a "percent of profit" type of payment could be added to leases of endowment lands used for commercial properties.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Jane Wurster at janesteviewurster@gmail.com
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State: Idaho

Comment:

I am writing concerning the endowment lands in McCall. I understand the state is required to seek the most profitable option for these lands to fund their intended purpose. I ask the land board to please consider the recreational value of these lands in the McCall area. Why not have people purchase an endowment lands pass to recreate on these lands thereby generating additional revenue to the timber harvest and leasing that already exists? We buy a state park pass when we renew our vehicle registrations and a similar option could be implemented for the lands in the McCall area. Recreation is a money maker in the McCall area and should be pursued by the state as a source of revenue for these lands instead of selling them off for one time development. Thank you for considering my opinion. I appreciate the difficulty of the job at hand.

From: Jan Stein <Jan.Stein.344272558@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:30 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

Idaho's public lands are better protected for public access, recreation, wildlife habitat and water quality for generations to come - not sold or exchanged to large real estate firms with the intention is to develop lakefront homes, condos and structures.

I disagree with Trident, LLC's proposal, and am concerned that, over the long-term, Idaho would lose out on this deal.

While several surrounding states have sold off most of their endowment lands granted at the time of statehood, Idaho has demonstrated that long-term retention of diverse lands is in the best interest of our schools and other endowment beneficiaries.

The Idaho Department of Lands should send a clear message that Idaho - for today and generations to come - should not to be sold to the highest bidder.

Instead, I urge you to consider options that will forever protect the public values associated with these lands.

Regards,
Jan Stein
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Mccall, ID 83638

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Sheldon Schultz at slschultz@mindspring.com
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City: BOISE
State: Idaho

Comment:

I would like to express my opinion about the proposed change in Idaho Endowment lands near and around McCall. I'm very much opposed to any change in the status of the land.

Vast amounts of land owned by Boise Cascade in the McCall area were open to the public, now that access is gone. There is a shortage of public land in the area for recreation, such as camping, picking huckleberries, hunting, hiking mountain bike riding, to name a few of the activities I partake in on the Endowment land near McCall.

There is an abundance of private land for development and most of the developments are only around 50% built up. Many developments such as Woodlands remain underdeveloped after 20 years or more.

I believe it is a very bad idea to change anything in the status of the Endowment Lands around McCall.

From: Deborah Wallace <lifeinmccall@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Idaho Public State Land near McCall, Idaho

Dear Endowment Board of Idaho Department of Lands,

My husband has lived here since 1983 and I've lived in McCall, Idaho for 20 years. We have already had a lot of land closed off by the Wilks Brothers from Texas. That's been so sad, because now our children can't dirtbike and hunt where my husband grew up hunting and dirtbiking. We love to mountain bike also.

Hearing about the potential loss of another large amount of State Land is a shock. Based on history, us locals know that regardless of promises made, when public land is sold, those promises are broken, and private land becomes gated, and in our sad case, eventually was locked up by guards with guns.

Regarding this new potential of our State Land being privatized, not only would that affect our lives, but it would effect the logging industry in this area and the tourist economy over here. Us locals need those future logging jobs. My husband hauls logs for a living.

Tourists come over here to mountain bike, dirtbike, hike, snow mobile, ski, etc. and spend money while on vacation.

Regardless of any of these facts, and proven by history, you cannot put a price tag on people being able to use the land for generations to come.

I would like to preserve the way the land is being used as multi-use. Please don't shut us out or lock up the State Land around McCall, ID. This land is still fruitful, and you can still fulfill Idaho State's Constitutional mandate by keeping it our Public State Land through venues like logging, recreation, and tourism.

As you consider our public land, please consider the local businesses, and loggers, and families, and their heritage of McCall, IDAHO over large companies from back East.

Thank you so much for all you have done for Idaho. Our prayers go out to you all for wisdom in every choice you make.

Sincerely,
Robert and Debbie Wallace

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 8:02 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Christopher Cash at jccash2424@gmail.com
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State: Idaho
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Comment:

Please buy all available land from DF Developement and Wilks Ranch Idaho. This is a great opportunity to return the land back to the people of Idaho. These companies do not have Idaho's best interest in mind. These property's fit well into the IDL's land plans for multi-use.

Thank you for your time,
Chris & Judy Cash

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Julie Murphy at murphy_julie@icloud.com
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State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:
Dear Land Board,

I'm resending the letter below as a reminder for your next meeting with a few additional thoughts. I drove by private property by Payette Lake and noticed that a huge grove of huckleberry bushes was gone. Once the land goes private, the State, on behalf of the general public loses control. Also all the houses Trident would like to build with lake overlooks, those home worth millions of dollars, those home owners will not be satisfied with no private lake access. They will strongly request for dock space or the marina to expand. The marina would have to triple. The amount of boats on that small lake would be dangerous. Even with today's rate of use, the lake is like a ocean from wave action all summer. The question is where is the line that cannot be crossed. Who but you all to protect one of the soul places in Idaho. Please find a way to protect the land around the Lake permanent. If not Alex, enriching himself at the expense of the lake, then another until we have damaged our state like California has by the sheer number of people and Hawaii (all the coral beds around the island are mostly dead). Please preserve Payette Lake.

PO Box 884
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July 11, 2020

I would like my letter below included as part of the record for this coming Tuesday's Land Board meeting as regards the agenda item, "Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall/Vicinity." Agenda item #8 on the published Final Agenda. Thanks for making sure this letter gets included as part of the formal record. My comments are directed at considering issues related to "Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, McCall/Vicinity."

Dear Land Board,

Endowed lands given to the State of Idaho and its citizens were a one-time gift not to be squandered. They represent income from natural rights, tourism, but also they represent a beautiful Idaho. They represent biological diversity and preservation.

They require long term protection for two reasons:

One, Idaho's population is exploding like never before. Due to the small population living in the state up until now, the need to protect lands has not been so urgent. That is quickly changing.

Two, because of our lack of dense population over time, Idaho continues to have areas of natural beauty that have not been overrun with people. Those lands have been discovered as some of the last unspoiled areas of epic natural beauty

in the USA and developers are drooling. They come not to cherish. They don't come with the love Idahoans feel for their state's natural beauty.

In making any decisions for Idaho lands, not just money has to be taken into account. Specifically, Payette Lake is already stressed by human habitation, pesticides, nutrients in the water. Cascade lake had a major outbreak of toxic blue/green algae. That water problem began upstream in Payette Lake. As Boise grows, so do the human numbers in and around the lake as do the boat numbers that are creating erosion on one of the rare natural lakes in the USA that also has natural beaches. Payette Lake is a Gem.

Right now you can make the decision to manage Payette Lake lands with thoughts towards what the lake needs. It does not need more, permanent people-pollution. It has as much multi-use as it can tolerate. It is not a big lake like Lake Pend Oreille. It is more fragile.

Lake Payette is one of the rare natural mountain lakes in the USA. It's size and beauty is a natural wonder and should be cherished by the State of Idaho. Further, I must emphasize, it is one of the rare natural lakes that has natural beaches, maybe the only one. It should be considered a rare site of excessive beauty and protected as such.

Because we are blessed with lakes in the State of Idaho, we can easily take them for granted. We must not consider Payette Lake as one of the last bits of real estate of its kind in the USA.

I suggest that in viewing the endowed lands around Payette Lake through the lens of today, any endowed lands close to the lake or river system should be changed to park lands or national forest, if possible. Basically, endowed lands in the McCall area need preservation not development and out-of-the-box thinking.

Doubtful any school or institution or citizen of Idaho wants the money from the privatization of Payette Lake lands. Doubtful that any school or institution, or citizen of Idaho wants any state held lands around the Great Payette Lake to be unprotected and in private hands for any amount of money.

Ringling Payette Lake with more over-large houses, sewer systems, paved roads, will forever create a deep anger within the hearts of the citizens of Idaho towards the government of Idaho who did the deed. Remember when Albertsons was sold.

My grandfather, O.A. Fitzgerald, a picture of him still hangs in the Agricultural School at the University of Idaho, wrote about the lands and people of Idaho. He also photographed the state. He nearly had a coronary as he watched a short-lived industry of huckleberry harvesters ripping out the bushes with their mechanical harvesters. You all do realize that the huckleberry bush cannot be domesticated. When they are pulled out for roads, houses etc. they are gone, as would be these endowed lands

There is a responsibility to areas of natural beauty to be lightly inhabited. Look at the problem in Brazil, its Amazon forests being slashed and burned in the interest of industry. While Idaho lands are not cleaning the world's air, there is still a responsibility here for areas of natural beauty for posterity. Giving away endowed lands to private entities is permanent and not for-looking.

Idaho is lucky to have her natural wonders mostly still intact. Slow population growth, up until this time, has been good to us. Stewards of lands in Idaho have weighty decisions ahead to keep our environment healthy and our scenic wonders intact. Be those people.

The secret is out. Names have been named. Endowments are a sacred pact to the citizens of Idaho.

Sincerely,

Julie Murphy

From: Ryan Montoya
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2020 8:03 AM
To: Dustin Miller; Jim Elbin; Bill Haagenson; Jay Hein; Scott Phillips; Scott Corkill; Neil Crescenti; Sid Anderson; Michele Andersen
Cc: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: FW: Memo on McCall Endowment Lands
Attachments: PELA Paper for IDL.pdf

From: Julie Manning <j4manning@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2020 7:49 AM
To: Ryan Montoya <rmontoya@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Memo on McCall Endowment Lands

Hi Ryan,

Hope you are well. As per our last phone conversation, attached is a memorandum by the Payette Endowment Lands Alliance (PELA) providing input on the McCall area endowment lands.

PELA drafted this memo based on its research and after meeting with and receiving input from local and state officials, local stakeholders and numerous organizations that are working on this issue. PELA is continuing to collaborate and work to find specific solutions to fulfill its mission of preserving the McCall area endowment lands.

Please feel free to call or write with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,
Julie Manning
(208) 514-5266

MEMORANDUM

To: Ryan Montoya, IDL Real Estate Services Bureau Chief
From: Payette Endowment Lands Alliance
Date: November 3, 2020
Re: Input on the McCall Area Endowment Lands

The purpose of this document is to provide input to the Idaho Department of Lands ("IDL") for consideration in preparing its draft McCall area endowment lands strategic plan ("IDL Plan") to be presented to the Land Board at the meeting on November 17, 2020 and its final plan. Our input focuses on the 5,500 acres of McCall Area endowment lands located in the City Impact Zone, but the Payette Endowment Lands Alliance ("PELA") is equally concerned with the other 22,500 acres within McCall. We are also prepared to give input on the importance of protecting those crucial lands.

A. OUR VALUES

The ideas we are suggesting are based on our values as outlined in our mission statement:

1. MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF THE ECOSYSTEM

The primary shared value that must drive decisions is maintaining the quality of the resource, i.e., the land and water, the living ecosystem. Long-term financial gain set forth in the constitutional mandate can never be achieved by degrading the ecosystem. Dustin Miller acknowledged this in his letter to the public several months ago: "Given our long term management mission, we understand that improving the ecological conditions of the lands we manage improves the bottom line for our beneficiaries." In the 1992 asset management plan, it is clearly stated that "The Land Board has the responsibility to ensure maximum long term financial return to the endowment funds while protecting lands and related resources." The 1992 plan also recognizes the importance of seeking out input from local stakeholders, stating that the "Needs and concerns of other agencies, the community of McCall, Valley County, and the citizens of the State of Idaho will be sought and considered before adoption of the plan." We agree with this statement because the human economy, the wildlife, the health and welfare of the people of McCall, and their drinking water source all depend on the care of that ecosystem- most especially the watershed and the lake.

IDL and the Land Board not only have a public trust obligation for the endowment lands, but the lake and river are also held in public trust. The endowment lands are corollary to the public trust that holds the lake. They are integral to its protection and feed the streams that nourish it. With increasing pressure on the lake in the last decade, locals have noticed changes in the lake. There is presently an independent scientific study based out of the University of Idaho examining the eutrophication potential of Payette Lake. Ecosystems have tipping points and the lake must be protected from reaching a point of no return. Restricting new development on endowment lands around the lake is integral to

that protection and fulfilling that public trust. It is clear that degradation of Payette Lake would lead to lower valuations of the land around it with financial repercussions to the beneficiaries. The effects on Cascade reservoir and other downstream waters also need to be considered. The undeveloped lands around Payette Lake should be held in perpetuity as a public treasure and a living buffer for the lake. Also, with the reality of climate change enveloping us and the increasing frequency and intensity of fire, restricting any more development in the urban/wildland interface is crucial to the safety of McCall.

2. PUBLIC ACCESS AND THE PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE HABITAT

The endowment lands are the backyard of McCall, a close and accessible portal to the joy of being in the natural world. Many people have responded to our questionnaire talking about how “in 10 minutes, I can be in a place I love:” “kayaking to the islands;” “skinny skiing off trail;” “burrowing under boulders with my kids;” “picking huckleberries, mushrooms, medicinal plants;” “climbing up the rocks to get a different view of the lake.” As one man put it, “I spend a lot of time outdoors and I’d have to say in the last 30 years of living in McCall, I have probably spent more time on those particular lands than on the rest of the Payette National Forest combined.” It is that easy access to a quality experience of the natural world available to everyone that is crucial to so many of us and fast disappearing.

Other respondents who grew up here or visited here as children talked about how it brightened their childhood to be in that “more-than-human” environment. People of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds and from all over Idaho use those lands as a place of refuge and renewal. The endowment lands provide, on the east side of Payette Lake, some of the only public access to the lake and beaches, crucial to locals and visitors alike. Our respondents concur that these lands are essential to the health and well-being of not only locals but many long-time visitors.

Throughout the endowment lands are big game migration corridors that are vital to keep intact. The area provides habitat for moose, bear, deer, mountain lions, elk, turkey and many other small mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds. A functioning ecosystem depends on diverse vegetation and wildlife for its vitality and that vitality depends on landscape connectivity. The contiguous landscape of the endowment lands that also border the national forest provide the connectivity that is essential to the health and resilience of the ecosystem.

The close presence of wild animals enriches any human experience on that land. For example, the Blackwell Lake migration corridor provides good big game hunting opportunities as well as opportunities for trapping of fur-bearing species. This area attracts hunters from all over Idaho, which in turn provides revenue for local businesses during the two shoulder seasons in McCall. The access to the lakeshore for fishing is also important.

3. OTHER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC VALUES

We appreciate the jobs and skills of local IDL employees who are knowledgeable about these lands. The presence of the IDL office in McCall facilitates efficient management and higher returns to the beneficiaries and allows interaction with the community. The

lands have provided jobs in the timber and grazing sectors of our economy and contributed to revenues in recreation, tourism, and the service sector. The uniqueness and diversity of the McCall area endowment lands is not only ecologically important, but also provides valued viewsheds and possibilities for multiple revenue streams. The fact that these lands are connected to each other, to the forest service lands, and to the state park supports biodiversity in the natural system and provides for migration, dispersal and movement that maintains a healthy ecosystem.

B. STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS

1. MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO

Whereas IDL's financial statements demonstrate that the McCall area endowment lands are earning the requisite revenues for the beneficiaries, there is no financial imperative to change the management strategy. Overwhelming public opinion supports continuing the management of the lands as they are now.

The Land Board must approve any proposal from a developer before it can proceed. The lack of a financial imperative and the increasing financial value of these lands, as well as the public consensus to refrain from developing the McCall area endowment lands and the need to protect the watershed would give the Land Board every justification for saying no to new development. (See **Appendix A** for more financial information.)

2. TRANSFER OF LANDS TO STATE PARK SYSTEM

Various members of PELA have spoken to Matt Linde of Ponderosa State Park, Garth Taylor, regional manager of the State Parks, and Susan Buxton, the new interim Director of the State Parks. We talked to them about the possibilities that some of these lands could be transferred to the state park system. We understand the financial constraints on the State Park system, the "pay to play" imposed on them by being excluded from the common funds, and the need for IDL to initiate any transaction. But we suggest that costs could possibly be limited by managing at the lowest level of State Park management options-- minimal, or no development except signage-- and that creative ways could be found and alliances formed to generate revenue that would make transfer a viable option.

PELA suggests the following specific properties that could be considered for transfer to the state park system through land swap, purchase, leases, or creative alternative solutions:

- The land north of Ponderosa's North Beach boundary extending to Brush Creek excluding the overflow snowmobile parking area (sections 11 and 2). This land with the many river meanderings is specially designated for its rich wetlands, its diversity of riparian plants and abundant wildlife. It should be protected for itself and as part of the watershed. Because of the abundance of wetlands it has limited potential for development.
- State land north of Tamarack Bay on the east side extending to the Ponderosa Park

boundary at North Beach and the southern border of section 11. These lands are very dear to generations of Idahoans- especially the lake access, the little coves and beaches, the high cliffs, the places to launch canoes or kayaks, and the trails to access National Forest land to the east. They also contain four, year-round streams that nourish Payette Lake.

- The Shellworth and Cougar islands would also be a perfect addition to Ponderosa Park and could be managed at the lowest level to reduce costs.
- The west side contains many trails including the beloved Green Gate access point to traditional huckleberry picking. The Payette Rim and Payette Bike Trail need to stay accessible to the public. This area could also be a candidate for conservation or recreation leases as it is so popular and well used.

3. A COMBINATION OF APPROACHES

Another suggestion is to combine conservation or recreation leases or easements and State Park acquisitions or leases with the current IDL management of endowment land. Money to finance leases would take effort and time, but there is much energy and interest in the McCall area. All options would have to include public access and consideration of any impact on the Lake and its watershed. Conservation leases are further discussed in Appendix B.

4. A JUST ACCOUNTING OF LAND SALES ON PAYETTE LAKE

A few years ago when cottage leases on Payette Lake were sold, the sales generated millions of dollars that were put into a land fund. More cottage sites and lots may be sold in the future generating additional millions of dollars. PELTA is asking for clarification about the process used in the accounting of those large amounts of money. We have received conflicting information from Idaho officials about whether management areas are required to generate a certain amount of money each year or whether all revenues from endowment lands throughout the state are aggregated for purposes of determining whether these lands are generating sufficient revenues. There seems to be inconsistency on this subject.

It should also be considered that the high financial value of these cottage sites or lots was and is partially the result of the desirability of McCall as a place to live - a quality of life to which the culture of McCall has contributed directly. The management of city lands, the long legacy of care and protection of resources, the emphasis on the arts, healthy living, and recreation all have led to higher land values. These McCall community efforts have contributed to the millions that have been and will continue to be generated by the cottage site and lot sales. Because of this contribution it would be just to consider the people of McCall's wishes in regard to the endowment lands. It would also be just to give a more lenient target for revenue that has to be generated by remaining properties around the Lake. If we have to be strictly tied to "maximum financial gain" or just taking the "suitcase with the biggest amount of cash" with no consideration of long-term protection of ecological integrity, municipal water sources, and public access, we will be doomed to decisions that may turn out to be detrimental to the endowment lands and beneficiaries as well as the communities, citizens, and our democracy.

5. THE DEINHARD PROPERTY

The Deinhard property could be acquired by a coalition of housing authority, City of McCall, Valley County, federal funds, and Habitat for Humanity to create affordable housing in a park-like atmosphere with plenty of room for gardens, outdoor living, places for kids to play and explore, and a community center. It could be an example of high-quality affordable housing that respects peoples' needs and ability to create community. The county may have the ability to acquire endowment land property without going through a public auction, which would make this more feasible.

6. JURISDICTION OVER ISLANDS

Cougar Island is presently platted and slated for sale although it has not been sold to date. However, a legal scholar questioned whether the islands could even be considered as endowment lands. They may be more correctly defined as part of the public trust of Payette Lake since they emerge from the lakebed and all access has to be moored. In that case, they could not be leased or sold.

7. SECTIONS 35 AND 36

Parts of section 35 near Pilgrim Cove and 36, which lies north of Little Lake, are of concern to the public. Again they provide wildlife habitat and connectivity for migration as well as access to the trails leading to the Crestline. They are important lands for recreation and could be considered for recreation or conservation leases. This land could also be a candidate for transfer or trade to the Payette National Forest.

8. LITTLE LAKE

Although the north section of Little Lake is not included in the McCall Impact Area, it is important to mention. The area is adjacent to the other lands we talked about, extremely popular and well used by locals and tourists, gives access to boating on Little Lake, and provides the only snow-free hiking and wandering in the early Spring when people are so hungry for clear ground. It needs protection not only for the health of Little Lake and Lake Fork Creek but also because it is heavily impacted by campers and has only one public toilet at the boat ramp. It is also crucial to wildlife and essential to support biodiversity. The big game migration corridors that run through this area and adjacent lands need to be protected from fragmentation. (See **Appendix B** for more conservation and revenue ideas generated from the public).

C. FORMATION OF COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUPS

Finally, we propose two collaboration strategies. We encourage the Governor to form a working group with state-wide representation that could help provide solutions to pressures upon the lands caused largely by development, exploding populations and high levels of disposable income in a small sector of the populace and seek solutions that benefit the Endowment Trust for now and the long term.

There are many diverse sets of values and interests held by various groups who care

deeply about these lands. Without a structured working group the Land Board and IDL are bound to be inundated with opinions and ideas that may not be grounded in knowledge of ecology or the financial structure of the Endowment Trust. Reactivity or a piecemeal approach will not work in creating a long-term management plan for these lands. However, it is imperative that the Land Board consider public input and ecological imperatives. Although we understand that it is not required, providing a forum for citizen input informed by science is politically advantageous and essential to finding a long-term solution for the challenges presented by protection of endowment lands and beneficiaries' interests, by the social and economic changes in the West, and by the threats posed by climate change.

In addition, different models could be used to create local coalitions. One possibility in Valley County would be to include representatives from the Valley County Commission, the City of McCall, the State Park system, the University of Idaho, The Payette Forest, Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council, Idaho Wildlife Federation, Payette Endowment Lands Alliance, Payette Land Trust, and others.

The coalition could generate consensus on solutions, then work with IDL to implement them. For example, working off a model that has had success elsewhere, McCall City LOT funds could be used along with a county recreational tax levy, to meet a threshold amount of revenue each year set by IDL. The money raised would be used to buy or lease endowment lands, chosen by the State Park with local input, to be put under jurisdiction of Ponderosa Park and managed at very low levels to avoid cost and guarantee open and free access. Ecological integrity could be maintained and enhanced through monitoring by the University of Idaho of the lake, river, and creeks. The coalition could generate ideas, alliances, funds and provide popular and political support for decisions made by IDL and the Land Board. (See **Appendix C** for case studies of working groups in Blaine County, Idaho and San Juan County, Washington.)

CONCLUSION

We all know that in the 21st century maintaining the health and resilience of our increasingly vulnerable ecosystems is a complex challenge even as the responsibilities around land and water have become more crucial to our lives. The truth is, currently no single entity exists that has a sufficiently large frame to hold the diversity of values and the complexity of the ecosystem so as to guide the management of these lands. There is no alignment in our present system that can translate into the necessary care of *the most sacred trust* - divine creation. We must all be disciplined enough to question our framework for thinking about the land that we depend on and brave enough to widen our view in order to find long-term, sustainable solutions.

APPENDIX A: Financial Analysis

Taking a more detailed look at the financial returns of the endowment lands within the McCall Impact Zone we find that they are making net revenues significantly over the state of Idaho average. There are approximately 2.5 million acres of endowment land in the state of Idaho and the FY2019 net revenue from these lands was \$45,000,000. Doing the math, this yields an average of \$18/acre. This source data is from the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board's Report - "*Idaho Land Grant Endowment – A Report to the Citizens – 2019*". The Idaho Department of Lands reports that for the area within the McCall Impact Zone (5,500 acres) there is a total annual gross revenue of \$473,984. Using a ratio between gross revenue and net revenue of 0.47 (based on the average comparison from FY2017 – FY2019), this would calculate a net revenue of \$222,772. The source data for this is from a data sheet obtained from the Idaho Department of Lands. Again, doing the math, this would yield an average of \$40.50 per acre. Comparing this to the state average, the McCall Impact Zone area endowment lands generate 2.25 times the state average. It should also be noted that the income from timber harvest in 28,000 acres (including the McCall Impact Zone) is expected to also be offered at auction generating an additional estimated gross revenue of \$9.1M over a 10-year period.

APPENDIX B: Land Conservation Ideas

Many viable and proven solutions are available for the conservation of the McCall Area endowment lands including a combination of private and public revenue sources to fund these solutions. Through these solutions, the lands can be preserved as public lands, can continue to be managed by state agencies, can generate more income for the endowment fund as compared to today, and can meet the public interest for access, water protection, and wildlife habitat.

To solicit the wealth of information and ideas within the local community, PELA sent out a request for solution ideas through our email distribution and through the *Preserve McCall – Say No to Trident Holdings* Facebook page. These requests reached over 2,200 people and as a result PELA received a lot of input and ideas. We have grouped these solutions into two areas. First are the solutions that would promote and provide conservation of these lands, and second are revenue solutions that would support funding of the said land conservation ideas. These are distilled and set forth below.

Conservation Ideas

1. Purchase conservation leases or easements on state endowment land parcels. These leases would prohibit development but would maintain the lands as state-managed endowment lands in much the same manner as they are managed today. Essentially, a deed of transfer of development rights would be placed for the property. The Idaho Department of Lands has a conservation leasing program already in place and successfully implemented more than 20 leases across the state. The conservation lease or easement would provide additional revenue to the beneficiaries over what is generated today. The IDL would continue to manage these lands with timber harvest, grazing, mining, and

recreation still occurring in the same manner it is today, but have an additional conservation lease that restricts commercial or residential development. It equates to stacking leases on leases, maximizing return to the Endowment Trust. The IDL has an existing process in place for conservation leases, and has over 20 conservation leases in place today.

2. Purchase or lease endowment land parcels and incorporate them into Ponderosa state park per previous discussion.
3. Valley County could establish a recreation area or district that includes the McCall area endowment lands.
4. Obtain National Water Trails designation under the National Water Trails System for the endowment lands at the north end of Payette Lake.
5. Treat land conservation efforts as projects based around specific pieces of endowment land properties.

Revenue Ideas to Support Conservation

1. Obtain private donations for purchases and/or leases from McCall area residents (or others that have an interest) that could be tied to a specific land area of interest. This is especially attractive on the west and east sides of Big Payette Lake and there has been significant local interest in this.
2. Implement a state of Idaho Conservation License that would contribute to endowment lands that are highly used for recreation. This has been successfully implemented in the State of Montana.
3. Implement a real estate conservation excise tax on Valley County or City of McCall real estate sales and/or a conservation fee for short-term rental properties.
4. Establish a “McCall Endowment Land Bank” account that would be used exclusively for McCall area endowment land purchases or leases.
5. Pass a local City of McCall or Valley County conservation levy. (This was done successfully in Blaine County establishing a land, water and wildlife program that resulted in significant land conservation efforts).
6. Apply for and obtain land conservation grants such as those available through the Land and Water Conservation fund.
7. Establish a McCall area endowment land user fee that would include hiking, biking, skiing, UTV, snowmobile, motorcycle, mushroom picking, as examples.

Several of these solutions have been successfully applied in the state of Idaho as well as nationally to conserve vast tracts of land that seemed ripe for private acquisition similar to

the McCall area endowment lands.

APPENDIX C: Case Studies

Case Study 1: Blaine County, Idaho

Blaine County, Idaho provides a model of citizens coming together and successfully passing a levy to finance the protection of lands in collaboration with the County.

“In November 2008, the voters of Blaine County, Idaho, approved Proposition 1, the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy, establishing a two-year levy to protect natural resources and the quality of life valued by area residents. The ballot language for this levy included a requirement for a Levy Advisory Board made up of local citizens to advise the Board of County Commissioners on conservation and proposals and proper investment of the levy proceeds.”

(<https://www.co.blaine.id.us/219/Land-Water-Wildlife-Program#:~:text=In%20November%202008%2C%20the%20voters.life%20valued%20by%20area%20residents.>)

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to recommend to the commissioners the best use of the funds to achieve optimal conservation value and public benefits as well as a standardized and transparent process for the consideration for eligible expenditures. To date the Land, Water and Wildlife Program has successfully put in place five major conservation easements, one large land acquisition, and three land and water restoration projects. Funding for these projects has included a combination of funding from the levy and donations from conservation groups. The conservation easements combined equal several thousand acres.

Currently, the Land Advisory Board is composed of nine board members who are local citizens from various backgrounds and professions, including city and county planners, forestry workers, architects, landscape architects, an attorney, and small business owners. The LAB advises the Blaine County Board of Commissioners on conservation proposals and proper investment of the levy proceeds. More information can be found on the Blaine County Website.

(<https://www.blaineemergency.org/466/Levy-Advisory-Board-Members>)

Case Study 2: San Juan County, Washington

A visitor hiking around the San Juan Islands will notice ample evidence of the San Juan County Land Bank (“Land Bank”) through signs marking the lands it has been protecting and acquiring for several decades.

The Land Bank describes its origins as follows on its website: “Throughout the 1980s, land development and tourism were on the rise, and the county’s population was rapidly growing. Facing the loss of places they loved, a diverse group of locals sought a way to save

treasured lands and maintain quality of life. Their vision led to the creation of the San Juan County Conservation Land Bank. In 1990, San Juan County voters approved funding for the Land Bank through a one-time 1% real estate excise tax paid by purchasers of property at closing.” (<https://sjclandbank.org/>)

The mandate of this organization is “To preserve in perpetuity areas in the county that have environmental, agricultural, aesthetic, cultural, scientific, historic, scenic or low-intensity recreational value and to protect existing and future sources of potable water.”

This Land Bank is run by a seven-citizen, volunteer commission that manages a staff and holds monthly meetings that are open to the public.

According to its website, the Land Bank considers the following criteria to decide whether to pursue a particular project:

- The property must provide an important conservation resource.
- The property’s identified conservation resource(s) should be vulnerable to adverse change.
- The proposed project must adequately protect the identified conservation resource(s) of the property.
- The acquisition should make effective use of the Land Bank’s limited funds and resources.
- There must be general public support.

From: Suzan Ahrens <suzan.ahrens@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands
Attachments: Looking out over Payette Lake.JPG

Categories: Yellow Category

Dear Governor Little and Land Board Commissioners,

Looking out over the undeveloped eastside of Payette Lake, some might say "What a wonderful place to build our third home," while others would say "What a wonderful place to have a picnic." I hope you are leaning towards tuna sandwiches and potato salad when considering the fate of the Payette Endowment Lands long range plan. Everyone who loves this area is looking to you to preserve this gem for current and future generations, and I for one have faith you'll do what's best for our state.

Very Best Regards,
Suzan Ahrens
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From: Habitat Design PDX <lesliedominique1@gmail.com> on behalf of Leslie Campbell
<leslie@habitatdesignpdx.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Comments
Cc: Leslie Campbell
Subject: Comments for the November 17th Meetings, agenda items 8 and 9 re. Trident Holdings Development Plans and Land Use Strategies

Categories: Yellow Category, Red Category

Dear State Board of Land Commissioners and Trident Holdings Development Team,

I am a concerned citizen who has owned a Summer cabin in McCall for the last 25 years and am also an Outdoor Educational Expert for educational institutions at the K-12 and the College and University levels. My work involves teaching ecologically principled design to industry professionals, teachers and students of all ages about the function of eco services, our interconnectedness to them, and reliance upon them. I am writing today to help to inform the conversation about the habitats and ecosystem functions that are presently at work for all of us as it pertains to the land and both surface and groundwater waters around Payette Lake.

I have found through my work with municipal governments especially, that we often do not fully understand the consequences of our development until we have made mistakes that cannot be undone.

I am here to offer some pro-active information in hopes that we can make the very best use of our natural resources and continue to receive the best return on our investments into perpetuity, not just for short term gain, and continue to grow our educational systems in Idaho.

Up to 60% of the human body is made up of water. People living in McCall and visiting people to McCall all depend on the quality of the lake water to survive. Whether the water is pulled from the one municipal line and well pump in town or from individualized pvc pipes that are laid on the lake bottom and draw water to each individual user, or residential wells that dot the landscape, we all pull our water needs from the same reservoir.

All of this water first starts as snowmelt that then melts into surface water that then either seeps into the land and feeds the aquifer from which well water is drawn or travels as surface water across the land gravitationally and feeds Payette Lake. All the waters that occur in these ways are captured in our glaciated basin and is referred to The Payette Lake Watershed.

The land that Trident Holdings is proposing to develop is within this pristine watershed and complex regional ecosystem. Before informed decisions are made, it is important for people to understand the consequences of the proposed actions to both the watershed and the ecosystems that surround the lake and which serve to support our well being.

All the water that serves as our drinking and bathing water and helps us in all the work we do, will be affected by the removal of plant life, compaction to soils, and erosional conditions that occur during development. The absorptive soil qualities that help to act as an absorbent sponge and the plants living in the soils that serve to slow the water as it makes it way downhill as well as the soil tilth that enable plant growth to thrive, are impacted by the compaction of equipment that is used to develop land. When we change the course of naturally formed waterways in our area we go against what nature has found works over millennia and cannot be reproduced by man no matter how much science and engineering and time we have to throw at it.

We citizens are very fortunate that the lake has a very special designation in the nation based on the purity and quality of our water. Our watershed is fed by upstream waters that emanate from the Frank Church Wilderness

of No Return, the largest Wilderness in the lower 48 states, and the surrounding state and federal lands that are currently managed for timber sales and have a long history of providing for hunting and recreational activities for the pleasure and livelihoods of the citizens of Idaho.

The areas under speculation for development provide habitat for many species of plants, fungi, invertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds such as Eagle and Osprey, and large animal species such as lynx, bear, moose, elk, and deer who rely on the lower trophic species for forage and reproduction, basically the ability to exist.

The wildlife corridors, dens and nests, forage, and associated trophic levels and conditions that these interdependent organisms depend upon would be forever altered by development along these corridors. Animals make their way along creeks, streams and rivers to their feeding grounds in order to have shelter and safe ways to get their needs met for their livelihood as they travel. All these waterways and corridors ultimately flow down to the Lake where these wildlife activities also take place along banks of the Payette Rivers and Lake and where we ourselves and tourists gather to enjoy their beautiful and life enriching natural displays that are very important to all of our lives and well being.

Lastly, recent history has revealed that our community of McCall has very little expertise and capacity to oversee growth well. Community members have loss confidence in our ability to manage big projects that require expertise in financial oversight, excellent management, and pro-active long term planning. Specifically we need to spend more time on water and sewage treatment plan, all our roadway, biking, and pedestrian traffic infrastructure planning and learn from our mistakes. We are in the midst of a major hospital build out and funding of the new hospital addition has been problematic for us.

We need time to address our previous and current growth challenges before we add another big project so we move forward wisely as regards our natural resources and overall well being.

Thank you for your consideration.
Very sincerely yours,

Leslie Campbell

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From: Mark Anderson <markanderson@boisestate.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Idaho Endowment Lands

Categories: Yellow Category

I wish to enter the following comments into the Idaho Land Board Meeting regarding possible sales of Endowment Lands. This is an agenda item taking public comment for the Nov. 17th Land Board meeting.

These lands are endowment lands for Idaho K-12 schools. A long-term perspective is required to maximize return to Idaho residents and schools. These lands kept by the state can provide funds for schools for many years. Over these years these lands will only gain in value. These lands also protect the recreation and public and private land values for traditional Idaho values.

Selling endowments outright is a sell-out of the Idaho public and our state values that make Idaho great. If public land is sold, then only the rich will have access to these lands - a very select few.

Don't make much of McCall surrounding land a gated community only for the rich elite!

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Mark and Laurie Anderson

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Yellow Category

From: Jake Howard at rvnwego@cableone.net
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Zip Code: 83706

Comment:

I've recently become aware of a new concern over Land Board protecting and preserving endowment land near McCall. Having a home in the area brings my concern.

I see that the Land Board has a recreation policy valuing outdoor recreation opportunities. My concern is that this policy can be and sometimes is overshadowed by the Board's fiduciary obligations. With this in mind, I'd ask the Land Board to recognize that there are limits on the number of recreationist and types of recreation that can occur on Idaho's finite public lands and still offer a quality experience. This seems especially true in places like McCall.

I might add that the loss of public access is the #1 issue identified in the current Idaho State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan prepared by the Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with other federal, state and local agencies and private organizations.

With respect to the Board's fiduciary obligations, I might point out that the provision of parks, open spaces, and protected natural environments often motivate business relocation and expansion and are often the catalyst for tourism, which is clearly a growing sector of Idaho's economy. Both seem expressly true in the McCall area and would fulfill the Board's fiduciary obligations over the long term.

Obviously, if this endowment land is lost, it is lost forever both as a recreation resource and as a economic benefit to the Board.

Respectfully, Jake Howard

From: m hays <haysmkc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Comments
Cc: m hays
Subject: Comments Regarding informational agenda items: • Payette Endowment Lands Strategy Update • Trident Holdings, LLC Presentation

Categories: Red Category, Yellow Category

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Idaho Department of Lands
Attn: Land Board Secretary

Comments Regarding informational agenda items:

- Payette Endowment Lands Strategy Update
- Trident Holdings, LLC Presentation

As the Department prepares the McCall Plan they must look outside IDL also to evaluate alternatives including land and resource management options. Neighboring States have addressed ways to fund beneficiaries while retaining the Lands the States received from the Federal Government at Statehood.

For the State to look out for the best interests of their citizens and beneficiaries the Land Board must look to the future not the past. The future recreational draw of the area would be negatively affected if the State does not act to preserve the environment that makes this area special. Trident's proposals and lobbying for State land around McCall has generated increasing Public opposition to privatizing State Lands around McCall and elsewhere in the State.

An Opinion from 2018 by the Idaho AG (2018/04/OP91-03) says about State Lands, "[I]t shall be the duty of the state board of land commissioners to determine the best use or uses, viewed from the standpoint of general welfare".

The best use or uses of this property viewed from the standpoint of General Welfare has been laid out in the City and County Comprehensive Plans, which include,

- Preserve the quality of the Payette River.
- Conserve the natural patterns and function of streams, ridgelines, topography, riparian areas, and wildlife habitat areas.
- The future land uses of McCall should: Support a connected open space network and wildlife corridors.
- Permanently protect and retain open space and environmentally sensitive areas
- Conserve significant natural areas and encourage the creation of new natural areas that increase the variety and quantity of fish and wildlife
- Regulate activities in natural resource areas that are deemed to be detrimental to the provision of food, water, and cover for fish and wildlife.
- Protect habitats of sensitive species.

Several years ago as the Idaho Land Board looked at the Tamarack Lease, 2,100 acres of state-owned land the ski area is built on, IDL acknowledged the lease represents one of the state's more lucrative deals. Patrick Hodges of the Idaho Department of Lands said the state has an interest in seeing a successful resort.

For Tamarack and all the businesses that have been built upon the area's natural resources to be successful the natural resources of the area need to be protected. Toxic algae blooms in Cascade Reservoir for the past three years threaten the resort's success. Continued development in the Payette River Basin threatens not only Cascade Reservoir but the NF of the River and Payette Lake.

Looking to the past includes the IDL strategic plan to grow the O&G industry. Many States with large areas of current oil and gas leases are trying to deal with the rapid growth of bankruptcies in the O&G industry. A recent article in Reuters says there are more than 3.2 million abandoned oil and gas wells in the U.S. Nationwide, the number of documented abandoned wells has jumped by more than 12% since 2008, around the start of the hydraulic fracturing boom, according to EPA estimates. Experts believe the number will keep growing. Oil-and-gas firm bankruptcies in the United States and Canada rose 50% to 42 in 2019, and analysts say the rate is likely to accelerate as the pandemic-related slide in energy prices shakes out producers. Research firm Rystad Energy estimates that about 73 U.S. drilling companies could go bankrupt this year, with an additional 170 succumbing in 2021, assuming an average oil price of \$30 a barrel. Who pays for the cleanup after the companies take the profits then declare bankruptcy? The Public pays. The American Petroleum Institute spent \$1.44 million in the first quarter of 2020 lobbying on Capitol Hill, with oil well bonding legislation one of the target issues. "States and the federal government have many sources of funding available to reclaim and plug abandoned wells," said Reid Porter, a spokesman for the American Petroleum Institute.

In March of this year Bruce M Smith in a letter to the IDL Board said, ' The Land Board needs to make certain its information is timely, and that its actions comply with constitutional and statutory obligations before even considering selling these lands. Each member of the Land Board needs to fully understand and grasp their individual obligations. As seen in the recent undertakings regarding Lease 500031 in McCall, mixing constitutional questions and political considerations creates a toxic brew.'

In 1965 'A HISTORY OF IDAHO'S PUBLIC SCHOOL LANDS AS A SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION IN IDAHO' by ALYN BROWN ANDRUS concluded:

- Legislation over the past forty years indicates that Idaho Legislators either have failed to understand that public school endowments are a source of revenue for Idaho's public schools or they have been unconcerned about preserving these endowments and protecting them from mismanagement, monopoly and exploitation.
- Nevertheless, one may reasonably assume that present endowment administrators make mistakes and Idaho's public schools continue to sustain endowment losses. In fact recent legislation allows persons to monopolize and exploit Idaho's public school lands to the financial detriment of public schools.

Idaho has already disposed of over 40% of the public land it received at Statehood. Can IDL and the Land Board say that the Idaho trustees and Public are better off after past land disposals. Will Idaho trustees and Public be able to look back and say current proposed land disposals were to their benefit.

Once the State disposes of Land it has removed any options for future trustees consideration.

The Public does not want to see the State dispose of or degrade the Lands around McCall.

Mike Hays
McCall

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:54 AM
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Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Yellow Category

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Comment:

Please do not sell the McCall endowment lands. The reason I moved to Idaho a couple decades ago was access to the great lands and waters of Idaho for recreation. The value of these lands for Idahoans quality of life and for tourism dollars cannot be overstated and will only increase over time.

From: Douglas Miller <dmiller@co.valley.id.us>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Comments
Cc: BessieJo Wagner; Valley County Commissioners
Subject: Joint Comment Letter
Attachments: 2020.11.16 City County Letter to IDL.pdf

Categories: Yellow Category

Dear Members of the Board of Land Commissioners,

Attached you will find a joint comment letter submitted by the City of McCall and Valley County Board of County Commissioners.

Respectfully,

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November 12, 2020

Dear the Members of the Board of Land Commissioners,

Valley County and the City of McCall recently held a joint public meeting on November 10, 2020 to discuss the endowment lands in McCall Area given the upcoming Land Board meeting where Idaho Department of Lands and Trident will both discuss their individual concepts for land use on Idaho State Endowment Lands in the McCall Area. We understand that IDL will present their structure for a McCall Area Management Plan and Trident Holdings will give an informational presentation on the Preserve McCall Proposal.

Payette Lake and the surrounding lands are the “crown jewel” for the McCall Area for many reasons. The area plays an important economic and environmental role for our jurisdictions. Recreational access and good land management is key and critical to the economy of the area. The City and County work together on the land use process to ensure a high quality of life for its citizens, second homeowners and visitors. Similarly, our planning considers the importance environmental protection of our resources. This area is the headwaters for the Payette River watershed and the drinking water source for the McCall community.

The City and County understand the purpose of endowment lands and the constitutional mandates associated with these lands. However, the decisions made on the IDL Lands will have significant impacts to our area. It is also known to be a very controversial topic based on the community feedback and over 500 comments generated to the Land Board, Valley County and the City of McCall. We only have one chance to do this right and there is no going back so we are asking the Land Board to carefully consider this with input from our local governments.

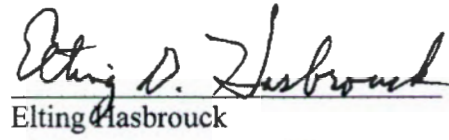
Therefore, we respectfully request the Land Board not make any decisions in the near future and extend the moratorium for a period of 6 month on new leases, auctions, or exchanges of any parcels. This time would allow us to review the McCall Area Management Plan and any other proposals, evaluate options, and work with key stakeholders, and IDL could directly engage with our jurisdictions. We believe in a collaborative relationship between the City of McCall, Valley County, and Idaho Department of Lands to hopefully meet the goals of the IDL and the community.

We appreciate your consideration of our request for an extension of the moratorium and final decisions on Endowment Lands around Payette Lake. We look forward to being a partner and working with you on thoughtful solutions.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Giles
City of McCall Mayor



Elting Hasbrouck
Valley County, Chairman

From: Marilyn Olson <mjolson71@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Support of The Payette Endowment Lands Alliance

Categories: Yellow Category

My name is Marilyn Olson and I have lived in McCall for over 40 years. I support the PELA in protecting the Endowment Lands around McCall. I understand that a mandate in the Idaho Constitution requires state lands to earn as much money as possible for public schools and mental health hospitals. If these lands, constituting approximately 28,000 acres, are traded or sold, we the people of Idaho lose access to them forever. These lands are critical for the health and survival of Payette Lake and the its water quality. I use the lake extensively in the summer and winter, including: kayaking, swimming, huckleberry picking along its shores, bird watching, and ice skating and cross-country skiing in the winter. I have stayed and lived in this area because of Payette Lake. Please protect Payette Lake for all of our enjoyment and not a select few.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Marilyn Olson
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McCall, Idaho 83638

From: Jon Sarriugarte <jon@formandreform.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Lake Land Exchange

Categories: Yellow Category

Born and raised in Idaho and want to make sure McCall is assessable for all and not turned over to developers.

Thank you,
Jon Sarriugarte

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From: Kelly Martin <kmartin02@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:54 PM
To: Comments
Subject: IDL - Land Board Meeting - Tuesday Nov 17

Categories: Yellow Category

I will be attending this meeting online Nov 17, 2020

I would like to go on record stating that I oppose the sale and/or exchange of State Endowment lands that surround Payette Lake.

I am a full-time resident of Valley County.

Please keep me on your mailing list for upcoming events and comment periods.

Kind regards,

Kelly

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From: George Halcom <gdhalcom@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:59 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comments on Mccall IDL Land

Categories: Orange Category

I like having access close to home to hunt, especially the A tag which allows early antlerless elk outside the NF, there are so many animals that use this land, we care about them and our wellness too. Our families love just walking or biking or XX skiing to stay safe and healthy. Figure out recreation and charge for a access pass or something? Timber management didn't come close to impacting wildlife and local people trying to sustain a natural lifestyle like what is proposed by Trident developers. We have an incredible amount of houses around here, and surrounding warren secesh all of the ranches roads and airstrips...hopefully we can conserve a piece of good land close to home?

Thank You,

George Halcom

From: Chris and Brooke Haechrel <cbhaechrel@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Land Board Meeting - Agenda Items 8 & 9

Categories: Orange Category, Purple Category

To: Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners

Agenda Items 8&9 for Meeting Date 11/17/2020

As you consider the presentations from Trident Holdings and the Payette Lands Strategy, I urge you to have an open mind regarding the Endowment Lands in the Payette and McCall areas. Keeping these lands open to the public is crucial and important for Idahoans both now and in the future. These lands, while bound by specific regulations, must be dealt with in a thoughtful way. We realize that Idaho is growing and newcomers and natives alike are attracted to Idaho because of the vast amounts of accessible lands. Please help bring together all entities that want to protect and serve the people of Idaho. Please keep these lands open and available for all Idahoans and visitors, no matter their socioeconomic status. Please work with the public and concerned citizens to keep the process open and listen to the needs and wants of the public you serve.

Please be willing to find a balance and a long term plan. Please do not let this land be piecemealed and carved up but consider a way to bring all parties together to come up with a long term growth and use plan that allows the land to be used and cherished by all Idahoans and visitors.

Thank you for your time.
A very concerned citizen,

Brooke Haechrel