
From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 11:11 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Ryan Johnsen at Ryankjohnsen@gmail.com
Phone: 2184285895
Address: 198 Wae Vle way
City: Spirit lake
State: Idaho

Comment:
Regarding the 28,000 acre McCall area land swap, ABSOLUTELY NOT. No. I do not support that land swap at all.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Katie Welborn at jrktwelborn@aol.com
Phone: 2083154679
Address: P.O. Box 3346
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Are you kidding me? Thinking of swapping state land around Payette lake to Boise developers for practically nothing?? What?? Where is your integrity to this state? Does everything have to be about money?? I have lived in McCall for 25 years, I have raised three children in this community, I am a local business owner. After all my years of being here and seeing all the change this is the first time I am absolutely disgusted with the thought of what you are thinking of doing to our community. Do you live here full time? There is so many reasons why this is the worse idea possible and I don't think I need to tell you the reasons because you clearly know what this means. Not everything in life needs to be about money. I understand the job you have to do but figure out another way! Selling us out shouldn't be it!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:52 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Rochelle DeMoss at shellydemoss@gmail.com
Phone: 2083151390
Address: 650 Douglas Drive
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please don't trade the land around McCall for money! I am a 5th generation resident (my son is 6th) and Idaho is special because of land like this and if it isn't preserved what kind of future will we have? I am also a realtor who would surely benefit, but I stand firm in saying, "No."

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Ani Richards at anirichards517@gmail.com
Phone: 2083157020
Address: P.o. box 1224
City: Mccall
State: Idaho

Comment:

The proposed land exchange between Trident holdings and the state is concerning and saddening to me and to most other residents of valley county. We have already had a lot of our public lands bought up by the Wilks brothers, and to lose any more would be a tragedy. I've lived in this area my whole life and have enjoyed these woods. I hope for many generations to come to have the chance to do the same. I believe that the physical and mental health benefits of being able to get out in the woods in your own backyard far outweigh a little increase in income for the state. Also, these lands are logged and do produce income, contrary to the statement in the paper. These woods are very important to our community and I'm sure the majority of valley county agrees with me. Please don't trade this land off!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Peter Hitt at hittrealestate@gmail.com
Phone: 2083152287
Address: 3920 W Cassia
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

In regards to proposed Mccall land swap: What kind of legacy do we want to leave to our children and grandchildren? Extremely short sighted. Trade pristine land to private developers for timber and land lock one of the states best assets with New York hedge fund money. Sure why not! Open to the highest bidder! I'm sure the newly formed (2020) Trident Holdings has everyone's best interests at heart. They'll still let us hike and fish and and camp on that land right? I hope the residents of Idaho enjoy being blocked from some of their favorite hikes as more of the ultra rich fly into their gated compounds with their clients and families. You would have thought that Idaho residents would have learned the lesson after the massive land grab by the Wilkes Brothers. Don't you get it that once this land is private it will always be private? Why not explore other options including starting a conversation with groups that may actually be interested in keeping this land open to the public. The state land board needs to consider the long term value of these lands and the value they bring to the citizens of Idaho and the Mccall area.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Alex Dagleish at aloo1dag@gmail.com
Phone: 2083153537
Address: 309 Edgewater Circle
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
Hello,

I am concerned about the land trade of approximately 28,000 acres around McCall and Payette Lake. I was born and raised in McCall. It is still my home and I fear that this land trade will result in poor development and will be detrimental to the beauty of the area. I believe allowing further development to creep into the surrounding land near McCall is not in the best interest of the local public. The McCall area is known for its plentiful forests and ample outdoor activities that are accessible to the locals and visitors. Taking nearly 30,000 acres away and turning it into domestic or commercial structures would not benefit Valley County. People come to McCall for many reasons. Allowing this land swap to occur will cause the area to lose some of the appeal to those visitors. You cannot put a monetary label on open spaces and public lands. Again, this proposal would cause injury to the local public interest and I implore IDL to maintain the lands it currently owns and reject the development offer.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Luci McDonald at mcdonaldluci@gmail.com
Phone: 2088678678
Address: 171 E Provident Drive
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:
I am strongly AGAINST the land swap of the 28,000 acres around McCall.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Joseph Luff at josephluff@gmail.com
Phone: 2083154698
Address: 414 Floyde St
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am writing to express my opposition to the private takeover of 28,000 acres of state land surrounding Payette Lake in McCall. Nothing good will come of this; the public will again be restricted from land use and recreational opportunities that we have traditionally enjoyed. Instead of enjoying wildlife and natural landscapes, we will be stuck with staring at multi-million dollar homes lining the lake side. If this is truly about economics, the state should do the job that they were hired for and come up with a less public-impacting solution.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Halley Shultz at halleyshultz@gmail.com
Phone: 5033292773
Address: PO Box #454
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am writing regarding the land trade proposed by Trident Holdings of 28,000 acres around Payette Lake. I am very against the proposal. McCall and Payette Lake are loved by people all over Idaho, but especially by those of us who live here. The public access to the lakeshore and stretches of forest without trees are a huge part of what makes this area so special. Allowing such a huge swath of our public lands to be transferred to private holdings is unconscionable and I strongly believe that this deal should not be considered. The last thing that McCall needs is more lake-front development and limits to our access to the local natural resources. I can't afford lake-front property, but public lands allow me (and many others like me) to enjoy the beauty and peace of relaxing next to the lake. Please stop selling our public lands!

Thank you,
Halley

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Brittany Zedalis at blzedalis@gmail.com
Phone: 2089656791
Address: PO Box 2477
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
No Land Exchange near McCall, ID

I'm writing to express my concerns for the potential land swap in McCall, ID. I've lived, worked and played on that state land for the last 25 years. If it's help and support you need to manage and maintain the 28,000 acres as it is, our community can pull together to figure out a solution, and it's not by selling off our public lands!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Jenni Ritch at Wyldjuniper@yahoo.com
Phone: 2084690930
Address: PO Box 4182
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

As a full time and born McCal resident I am 100% against the proposed trading of the State Endowment Land. I feel that we are already cutting down the amount of public land available to this area and trading it out to private buyers is unwise and uncaring of the people who reside and recreate in our pristine county. Please listen to the voices of those speaking out about this issue. It would be a shame to see our officials let this matter slip under the rug for monetary gain.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Christopher Church at christopherchurch@msn.com
Phone: 2089544105
Address: 12 Buckskin Dr
City: Donnelly
State: Idaho

Comment:

Just read about the State endowment lands possibly being sold to out of town developers. I want to record my opposition to this ! Wilkes Rotherham has already destroyed the ambiance all the way to Paddy Flat by painting Very LARGE red No trespass painted on every tree about 10 yards apart. It looks absolutely terrible and now IDL wants to allow the right side of the road to be destroyed thru unnecessary development. Valley County does NOT want this! I'm sure you will be receiving many more letters as McCall and Donnelly are NOT happy about the sale of endowment land to a developer. Absolutely NOT!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 4:11 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Raymond Baldwin at jimbaldwin42@gmail.com
Phone: (208) 731-8578
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I will keep the succinct. I oppose any transfer of any public lands to any developer. I specifically oppose the transferal of the 28,000 acres around Payette lake and McCall to the Boise developer seeking said transfer. Please, follow the wishes of your constituents.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 5:21 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Bryce Wolfe at bryceswolfepak@gmail.com
Phone: 2086304291
Address: 625 Woodland Dr.
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I disagree with this deal. I believe the beauty of McCall and all areas around it should be preserved and I believe this would be a detriment to the serenity of the state of Idaho. It's unfortunate that something like this is even being considered, but I am thankful for the participation of the citizens of the community. I'm a proud resident of Idaho and proud of McCall in particular. Some things are better left unchanged and I believe this is one of those circumstances. A lot has changed in the town of McCall and some for the better, some for the worse. I think it's changing too rapidly and I think we need to slow down on general development in rural Idaho before it goes too far and becomes the next Oregon or Washington. If things develop too much or too swiftly, long time residents are likely going to vacate to states that hold similar values as pre-developed Idaho.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 7:14 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Sherry Maupin at maupinhomes@msn.com
Phone: 2088709100
Address: PO Box 924
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I would like to know what are the legal requirements of maintaining the land around McCall. Do these lands have to be profitable? Can we just leave the land as is? This is a VERY emotional interest in McCall. I need facts on what is required. I DO NOT want to see this land broken up and sold in 320 acre parcels to separate individuals. The Out of state billionaires have already taken away enough of our open space. We NEED the State to help protect and defend our recreational lands around McCall. Tourism is our economic base and we need a strong partner in maintaining as much open space as possible. I want to learn more about the land exchange if it is necessary to make these lands profitable. Valley County DESERVES to be a part of any conversation affecting our future

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:07 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Katie Hudson at kgmbug@live.com
Phone: 3607133294
Address: Po box 4667
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please don't go forward with the land swap. McCall loves all 28,000 of those hairy acres, it's makes this town what it is and unique. The outdoors are here for us locals to explore, that's why we chose to live here, as well as so many visitors we have to get away from the city. We love our public land and take care of it.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:18 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Erin Vonderheit at erin.vonderheit@gmail.com
Phone: 2088416820
Address: PO Box 4228
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I implore you to not sell the land on Eastside Drive to a commercial developer. I understand that Idaho schools needs to meet their budget shortfalls, but this is not the way. There are other options that won't limit access to public lands and destroy our pristine mountain playground.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:42 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Bethany Thomas at
Address: 83 Silver Fox Trail
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
NO SWAP!

No land swap. No. Never.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 7:20 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Brett Bittenbender at bbittenb2@gmail.com
Phone: (208) 634-9482
Address: Po box 3170
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

The actions being considered on the endowment lands in Valley County are DESPICABLE!!! Thanks for showing us all your true colors! I, along with many other residents of this county and State, will fight this at every level possible. The mask is off ...so are the gloves!!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 7:37 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Christopher Church at christopherchurch@msn.com
Phone: 2089544105
Address: 12 Buckskin Drive
City: Donnelly
State: Idaho

Comment:

Its right turn only all summer long in McCall now during the busy parts of the day. This possible land endowment issue around McCall will only make it worse for Valley County. This is a terrible idea that will only benefit the out of town owners which have already inundated our mountain communities. Keep their money making ventures to the big city where it should be. Quit ruining our mountain communities for MONEY!!!!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 7:50 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Nila Norvell at ftmfloral@gmail.com
Phone: 5414808023
Address: po box 4647
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

As a lifetime local of McCall I strongly oppose this proposed land swap along with the proposed development around Payette Lake. It would NOT benefit the locals of this area. Our local public land is not for sale. It is extremely concerning to me that this is something that would even be considered.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 8:08 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Katie Hudson at kgmbug@live.com
Phone: 3607133294
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
Please don't go forward with the McCall land swap. Our land is important to our community and to our environment!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: William Quarton at barrquarton@frontier.com
Phone: 2083150679
Address: P.O.Box 4335
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
I'm strongly opposed to any land swap on it around Payette lake.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Rachel Hirsch at rehinach@hmail.com
Phone: 5037587812
Address: 5414 N Albina Ave
City: Portland
State: Oregon

Comment:
Please protect this lane.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Alyssa Crane at alys.long@yahoo.com
Phone: 2089931795
Address: PO Box 537
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
I oppose the land swap. Too much land around mccall has already been privatized in recent years.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Lauren Mitchell at lmitch360@gmail.com
Phone: 3609317150
City: Portland
State: Oregon

Comment:

I am against the proposed 28,000 acre development surrounding Payette Lake in Mccall, Idaho. It would be devastating to the local wildlife and people's way of life. Please make a record of this request.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Summer Aleman at jaleman9393@gmail.com
Phone: 7602388341
Address: 31501 Aguacate Road
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
Please stop the 28,000 land swap in McCall Idaho !

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Andrew Cochrane at ncccochrane1701@gmail.com
Phone: 2084690438
Address: 510 Colorado St
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please do not consider allowing the public endowment land surrounding Payette Lake to be developed. It must not be traded with the Boise developers in exchange for the north Idaho timberland.

McCall's very identity is the undeveloped, forested mountains surrounding the lake. This natural resource is what gives McCall its value. In natural resource economics, non-monetary values **MUST** be considered along with monetary values. The non-use values of the public land surrounding Payette Lake are enormous. I am confident that a thorough study of all values involved in this proposal would reveal that the non-use values far outweigh the use values of the land.

Ecosystem changes on this scale have very long-term consequences. It would be nothing short of irresponsible for the state to make the proposed trade and allow development of these lands without a thorough analysis of the complex ecosystem changes that would be involved.

The National Academy of Sciences has published a study on the necessity of valuing ecosystem services, and its findings cannot be ignored. The report may be accessed via the URL <https://www.nap.edu/download/11139>. Based on the conclusions of the study, the committee makes the following recommendations. These illustrate the fact that the value of these state lands cannot be measured merely in terms of economic profit and loss:

- Policymakers should use economic valuation as a means of evaluating the trade-offs involved in environmental policy choices; that is, an assessment of benefits and costs should be part of the information set available to policymakers in choosing among alternatives.
- If the benefits and costs of a policy are evaluated, the benefits and costs associated with changes in ecosystem services should be included along with other impacts to ensure that ecosystem effects are adequately considered in policy evaluation.
- Economic valuation of changes in ecosystem services should be based on the comprehensive definition embodied in the TEV framework; both use and nonuse values should be included.
- The valuation exercise should be framed properly. In particular, it should value the changes in ecosystem good or services attributable to a policy change.
- In the aggregation of benefits and/or costs over time, the consumption discount rate, reflecting changes in scarcity over time, should be used instead of the utility discount rate.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Kalen Thorien at kalen.thorien@gmail.com
Phone: 2084096989
Address: 159 Morgan Dr.
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
Please! No land swap on Payette Lake!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 8:19 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Chris Smith at smitty4947@hotmail.com
Phone: 2088616850
Address: 13555 Acorn st
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

I just wanted to express my opposition for the land swap in the McCall area. I am a born and raised Idahoan and my have spent most of my summers in McCall. It saddens me that the state continues to sell our public lands. I realize that this is just a swap but selling this land to a private party will have major negative impacts to the area. The people of Idaho are getting sick and tired of getting gated off and lockout out of our lands. Please, please don't follow through with this deal. Thank you for your time

Sincerely
Chris Smith

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 8:20 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Tom Kemnitz at kemnitztom@yahoo.com
Phone: 9282203237
Address: 13974 Turner lane
City: Mccall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please please do not let Mccall lose more public land. This will focus an ever increasing public on the few remaining access points to public land than ever before. The beauty and bountiful outdoor recreation that the State Land currently offers is a key driver in making Mccall so special. Thanks for reading.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 8:35 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Joe Dorn at joe.charles.dorn@outlook.com
Phone: 2086959615
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please do not sell and develop the 28,000 acres that is being proposed around the McCall area. The use, accessibility and exposure to these lands is a part of our way of life. That will not be available for everyone if the land is sold and developed.

Please do the right thing and do not sell the land! I am one of many locals up here that will be appalled and angry if its developed.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 8:42 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Cindy Tappe at wangdoodle4559tappe@gmail.com
Phone: 2083691248
Address: 13847 Norwood Rd
City: Mccall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I'm am totally against any trade or selling of any more of the people's land especially around Payette Lake! I'm still angry you sold us out on the lake leases rather than clearing off the houses and making more public access to our lake!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 8:50 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Michael Jorgensen at michaeljorg@gmail.com
Phone: 8579282813
Address: 401 Rio Vista BLVD
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I think that Trident Holding LLC has greatly undervalued the 28,000 acres around McCall that it wishes to acquire by granting the state land further north. Why should the public believe a study commissioned by the buyer? Let the state and people do their own study and decide if the trade is fair. If Trident's numbers are correct, the state should be willing to pay Trident over 3 million dollars a year in rent for this trade. If the state is, as I suspect unwilling, to pay that, then Trident is clearly dishonest.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:06 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Sarah Covault at sarah1080@hotmail.com
Phone: 5412074993
Address: P.O. Box 1965
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please keep Idaho lands for the public and not a haven for private developers to make their millions without concern for the natural world and all its inhabitants. Do not allow the land in McCall do be sold to developers.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:30 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Khristine Biver at himandha@yahoo.com
Phone: 4083864748
Address: 2023 M 19th Street
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please do not sell of 28,000 acres of forested land along Payette Lake. It's imperative to preserve Idaho's wild land and keep the lake clean.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Christie Grob at jbgcmg@gmail.com
Phone: 2083150611
Address: 13813 Hwy 55
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please do NOT go through with the land deal in McCall! We have already lost so much of the land we once were able to hile, hunt and fish when the Wilkes brothers purchased Potlatch land. This swap/deal would be, hands down, a wrong move for our community. Public lands are a food source for many low income individuals, as well as free entertainment when the cost of most everything else up here is priced out of our reach.

Housing can be achieved without selling out our neighbors and our freedom to move about the lands in close proximity to town.

Thank you!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 10:38 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Ben Mors at benmors@gmail.com
Phone: (208) 866-4835
Address: 1952 N. Heirloom Pl.
City: Eagle
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am writing as a very concerned public land owner and voter. The potential land swap of the Endowment lands around McCall is a horrible proposal. PLEASE keep those lands in public hands!!! We have already auctioned off too much of the land in Idaho to big money out of state interests and the public access has already suffered greatly. The "Big hairy chunk of land" Governor Little referenced has been the backyard to my family for the past 20 years. I have countless experiences and memories recreating near Jughandle mountain, Boulder and Louie lakes, around Payette Lake, etc. So many homeowners, my mother included, live up and around that area and depend on that land for recreation, for spending time with family, for peace and quiet, for enjoying our beautiful state. My mother bought her home up there specifically because it backed up to land that "could never be developed" and that would "always provide access to" so many amazing places in McCall's backcountry. She gets her firewood there, harvests morel mushrooms and huckleberries, goes on hikes and snowshoes year round for exercise and sanity (especially in this socially distanced day and age). I myself have just begun taking my young boys up there as often as possible to show them the many amazing places that taught me so much growing up.

My personal reasons aside, this could be detrimental to the community of McCall, which relies so much on recreational tourism to support its local economy. Are we going to rob Peter (thousands of outdoor recreationers and the community of McCall) to pay Paul (the underfunded and underappreciated education system)? There has to be another way. The cost of that "big hairy piece of land" is a drop in the bucket to the shortfall that is the education budget.

"Here is YOUR country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let SELFISH MEN or GREEDY INTERESTS skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance."

-Theodore Roosevelt

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:00 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Sarah Kays at sarah.k.5590@gmail.com
Phone: 8058838113
Address: 1563 McCall Ave.
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
Stop the public land swap and development around Payette Lake.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 6:23 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Reese Hudson at hudsonoreese@gmail.com
Phone: 12086303121
Address: PO Box 4667
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please leave this land our own. I was born in McCall and I still live here 34 years later. I grew up w public lands feeding and nurturing my love for the outdoors, don't take our land away.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 6:27 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Katie Hudson at
Phone: 3607133294
City: Mccall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am against the proposed 28,000 acre development surrounding Payette Lake in Mccall, Idaho. It would be devastating to the local wildlife and people's way of life. Please make a record of this request.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 2:11 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Dean Waters at deanlwaters@gmail.com
Phone: 7025238101
Address: 3220 S Stanford St
City: Nampa
State: Idaho

Comment:
Please do NOT give up our public lands to Trident. This exchange is NOT acceptable.

Dean

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Sean Gould at seansgould@gmail.com
Phone: 208-634-9293
Address: po box 1293
City: mccall
State: Idaho

Comment:
6/22/2020

Dear Board of the Idaho Department of Lands,

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Please take it into your hearts to protect our home and way of life. Please stand for the interests of our State and her people by opposing this possible land trade.

Sincerely,

Sean Gould

208-634-9293

506 Gamble Rd
McCall, ID 83638

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Jerry Frederick at jjpfrederick@frontiernet.net
Phone: 2086303341
Address: 13265 Rainbow Rd. Donnelley, Idaho 83615
City: McCall, Idaho
State: Idaho

Comment:

1.7 million people reside in Idaho. 1 million of them live in the Treasure Valley and The Magic Valley area. A minor percentage of the total landmass of Idaho. The .7 million reside in the remainder of the State. I have been a resident of Idaho since 2003. I was able and it was legal to hike, backpack, fish, hunt & ride my ATV/UTV on trails for those purposes, legally all over the area 100 miles North of Boise and beyond. Since the State started selling State land to the Texas Brothers, a large percentage of those areas have been closed off to hunting, fishing, and just being on the land now owned by the Texas Brothers. They have installed locked gates on Forest Service Trails that provide access to State and Forest Service land and fishable waters because they own the land on at least 1 side of the trail. Those Trails were Public Access Trails that have provide access to Public Land and Fishing in Public waterways for decades. Once access is established and provided, that access is not supposed to be denied. The Texas Brothers have put video cameras on some of those gates. The State Public Lands and the Federal Forest Service have ignored the laws that provide Public Access. I spoke with one of the Sons of the 2 Texas brothers at one of their gates on a Forest Service Trail and he informed me that he was in charge of the land owned by his Father and his Uncle. When I attempted to talk civilly with him about Public Access laws, he said "If you don't like it, Sue us. Meanwhile, stay off of our land and this Forest Service Trail that we manage ." Idaho is a very Unique State and it is Blessed with beautiful forests, mountains, valleys, canyons, meadows, prairies, lakes, rivers and streams. The State of Idaho needs to work at maintaining what Idaho was until a couple of years ago.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: John Lewinski at chukarhunter1@yahoo.com
Phone: 208 630 3028
Address: Box 596
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please do not even consider that huge land swap being proposed by Trident Industries near McCall. I have heated my house from the firewood on that land and fed my family with the game I have killed on that land for decades..

Thank you.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:31 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Deborah Davies Wagner at davieswagner@hotmail.com
Phone: 2087901553
Address: 2616 Meadowlark Dr.
City: Lewiston
State: Idaho

Comment:

My family has been in the McCall area for a century. As a property owner in McCall and resident of Idaho, I 100% oppose the land swap in the McCall area with newcomer Trident Corp. I am also a teacher, but this is not the way to fund public education...by swapping off our most valuable resource. I urge you to stop this transaction.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:20 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Christopher Church at christopherchurch@msn.com
Phone: 2089544105
Address: 12 Buckskin Dr.
City: Donnelly
State: Idaho

Comment:

I'm Still trying to figure out how the Trident proposed project involving IDL Endowment land benefits the community as a whole, rather than just a few of the wealthy. We are a mountain community already unable to function with the influx of summer travelers, as is. Our area has already lost an amazing amount of areas previously open to the public , that have been acquired by private individuals that have put up gates and locked the public out. This is exactly what will happen with the proposed proposal. Valley County taxpayers cannot give up much more land to individuals that will lock out the public, or we are going to be down to US Forest Service only land access before we know it. Please relook at other options for endowment lands. Thanks, Christopher L. Church

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Stacie Edwards at organiskincareexpert@gmail.com
Address: 4208 n black canyon pl
City: Meridian
State: Idaho

Comment:
This is NOT OKAY. Keep our land public.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Megan Edwards at meganmcedeads@gmail.com
Phone: 2088903740
Address: 4489 w brennen street
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:
Save our land!!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Bethany Thomas at Bethanylengfellner@gmail.com
Address: 83 Silver Fox Trail
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
No land swap!
No. Zero.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:11 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Katie Hudson at kgmbug@live.com
Phone: 3607133294
Address: PO box 4667
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am email regarding my last comments to put a stop to the land swap in McCall... "Everything is on hold, unless previously approved to move forward" what is that regarding? What has been approved?

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 7:48 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Katie Hudson at kgmbug@live.com
Phone: 3607133294
Address: Po box 4667
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please do not go forward with proposed land swap in McCall. Though it does cost money to keep, \$300,000 a year is nothing in comparison to other funding and costs. The outdoors and precious wildlife is an amazing place for learning. We need to protect the outdoors and not just worry about money! McCall cannot support more people. We love our small town and people who visit here on vacation are in love with the quaint, nature loving community.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:52 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Ryan Lothrop at ryanidaho@gmail.com
Phone: 3603496676
Address: 1222 Quince Street NE
City: Olympia
State: Washington

Comment:

I quickly reviewed the proposal for a land swap with the McCall and northern Idaho timberlands. First, I would be appalled to lose public lands I played on as a kid and had hoped to take my kids someday to bike, hike, and explore the local state lands surrounding McCall. Secondly, by allowing a privately commissioned real estate company to propose a land swap is only in their best interest. Prior to even considering discussions, you should employ a natural resource economist to determine the true cost-benefits as the real estate company is not looking into intrinsic value, and other forms of actual economics (i.e., travel cost and willingness to pay). Thirdly, I would be concerned of any ethics/moral obligations with the members, families and friends of the board that could gain to benefit. Next, those state lands were thinned to provide essential fire protection that are not being accounted for and would cost the state money in either more thinning projects or payouts on a disastrous fire through the town. And lastly, once you lose public lands, it is gone forever, as this is a land grab by a real estate company for their own profits. These public lands get more use than northern Idaho lands due to the sheer proximity of the public, in addition multi-use (hunting, hiking, wildlife watching, skiing, snowmobiling, mountain biking, huckleberry picking, morel mushroom picking, and just providing open spaces surrounding a beloved community).

From: Sean Gould <seansgould@googlemail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: Comment Submitted

Sharla,

Thank you for your kind email. It did help provide a little calm.

I am aware that the recent proposal is only that, a proposal. I was born here in McCall and have lived here my entire 37 years (minus years in college). The slow loss of open space has always given me a sense of sadness and dread. However, a few other things you said in your email offered some hope for relief and an improved situation for how our lands are managed, but I must politely ask for some clarification. I intend to attend the meeting in July, but would greatly appreciate more information so that I may better digest what information I learn from the presentations at the meeting.

Could you please briefly explain what you mean when you say that "the land board directed us to take a holistic look at all the endowment trust lands"? Does that mean that the Land Board has directed IDL to account for some indirect financial returns, (for example economic activity due to recreation and/or ecosystem service considerations for conservation and watershed protection)? Secondly, how does IDL intend to follow this directive?

Next, when you write "there seems to be a concern that the Department of Lands is liquidating all endowment land in the McCall area" could you please clarify about whom you speak. Who seems to be concerned? The public, the Land Board, IDL itself? And to whom is this concern seemingly present, to whom has it made an impression, if any, and if there is an impression, the furthermore, how is that impression been recorded or otherwise marked?

Thank you again for your time, and for the respect with which you (undoubtedly) field countless inquiries amidst your schedule.

cheers,

Sean

208-634-9293

On Tue, Jun 23, 2020 at 4:36 PM Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Sean-

I'm sorry to hear you have been sick with anxiety over concerns about what was in the McCall paper regarding endowment trust lands. I hope to provide you a little calm and relief.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sharla Arledge

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:10 PM

To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>

Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Sean Gould at seansgould@gmail.com
Phone: 208-634-9293
Address: po box 1293
City: mccall
State: Idaho

Comment:
6/22/2020

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Sincerely,

Sean Gould

208-634-9293

506 Gamble Rd
McCall, ID 83638

From: Ryan L <ryanidaho@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: Comment Submitted

Thank you for the update and I am hopeful locals to the McCall area will be adequately notified so their voice is heard. I also have concern for affordable housing for the McCall area (I.e., Sun Valley, Aspen) as we don't want the blue collar and service industry providers to be unable to pay their bills because more high end real estate housing is built.

Ryan

On Thu, Jun 25, 2020 at 8:56 AM Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Ryan-

I'm sorry I'm not able to reach out to you in person, but I want you to know your email was received.

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Charla Arledge

Public Information Officer

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Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:52 AM

To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>

Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Ryan Lothrop at ryanidaho@gmail.com

Phone: 3603496676

Address: [1222 Quince Street NE](#)

[City: Olympia](#)

[State: Washington](#)

Comment:

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Ryan

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Morgan Zedalis at mazedalis@gmail.com
Phone: 2083154213
Address: PO Box 1293
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I would like to comment on the proposal by Trident Holdings to purchase 28,000 acres around McCall. I am adamantly opposed to such a transaction. The land in the proposal is critical public land within the North Fork Payette watershed that is significant habit and home to a number of species. Development of that land would significantly impact its ecosystem health.

I was raised in McCall and the land in question is what helped raise me. Access to those lands is a part of being a resident of McCall, an Idahoan, and an American. The value of that land is far greater than any proposal by a developer could ever offer.

The recreational use of those lands, drawing residents and visitors to the area brings far greater monetary value that is long-term and sustainable than the immediate pennies offered by Trident.

That land should be placed under the Idaho State Park system to ensure its long term ecosystem health and habitat, public access and to further capitalize on its monetary value through visitor fees etc.

It would be a travesty to sell that land now or at any point. I for one, will fight such a proposal till my last breath. This land help raise me and like a relative I must fight to protect it.

From: Jared Alexander <juljar@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Sharla Arledge
Subject: State lands around Payette lake

My name is Julie Welty and I am a resident of McCall. I read in the local star news that the state is thinking about selling state land around the Payette lake to a private company. I work as a family physician here and I am quite concerned about the prospect of the state selling land privately and not having open space for people to recreate and exercise. There are hundreds of McCall residents that would also be opposed. Please send me the contact information for where I can have people write letters opposing this. I would also like more information on the possible options. Thanks!
Julie Welty

Sent from my iPhone

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Joshua Warden at joshwarden@gmail.com
Phone: (208) 315-0474
Address: 716 Chad Drive
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please, do not consider the land swap with Trident Holdings LLC in the McCall/Payette Lake area. Even valuable North Idaho timber production land is not worth the loss of public access and public "ownership" of these endowment lands. The economics of this trade will probably indicate that it is a value to the endowment beneficiaries, but you will lose support, respect, and faith (in a sense of being viewed as only in it for the dollar\$\$). Public land is much more than profit.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Lisa Swenson at ljswensin@yahoo.com
Phone: 2088605931
Address: 2464 Hwy 95
City: Council
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am a born and raised Idahoan! I beg you all to fight against the proposed land swap north of Payette Lake!! This has to be stopped! This is public land that we all treasure and enjoy the use of! We will have another nightmare on our hands much like what was caused when the Texas brothers bought up and closed off so much of the land in Cental Idaho. Please do not pour salt in the wound that's still gaping open!! Don't let them continue to destroy our way of life in our treasure forest land!
Please keep this open for the residents of Idaho! It reeks of corruption!! Don't allow our land to be sold for greed and power!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Laurie Rehder at ljrehder@gmail.com
Phone: 12088412395
Address: 10870 W Onondaga Dr
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please do not give up land to private entities which could eventually block long time Idahoans to use of land. It appears that this may be happening in the McCall area and I do not want this to happen anywhere in Idaho. I have lived here all my life and I feel that it is important we maintain state land for the enjoyment of all, not for people having money to keep us off it. Yes, I understand the endowment land swap; however, I still fear the ramifications of the State not keeping this land and what it could mean for the average Idahoan Please do not do the Endowment Swap.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Ken Coleman at kencoleman1227@gmail.com
Phone: 2082711562
Address: 340 moon dr
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
DO NOT sell public land around McCall

From: Christie Grob <jbgcmg@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: Comment Submitted
Attachments: image003.jpg

Thank you for your response. This community doesn't need lake access or high priced housing. We don't need individuals getting rich off this state's prime real estate at the expense of our quality of life.

Our state has been known for its natural amenities and if Governor Little approves this, he is selling us out to a top bidder, no different than Potlatch. The only difference is, Little is selling/trading our public land, not his private property. Some things should be more valuable than the almighty dollar.

Thank you again,

Christie M. Grob

On Tue, Jun 23, 2020, 4:17 PM Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Christie-

I'm sorry I'm not able to reach out to you in person, but I want you to know your email was received.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sharla Arledge

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>

Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:50 PM

To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>

Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Christie Grob at jbgcmg@gmail.com

Phone: 2083150611

Address: 13813 Hwy 55

City: McCall

State: Idaho

Comment:

Please do NOT go through with the land deal in McCall! We have already lost so much of the land we once were able to hile, hunt and fish when the Wilkes brothers purchased Potlatch land. This swap/deal would be, hands down, a wrong move for our community. Public lands are a food source for many low income individuals, as well as free entertainment when the cost of most everything else up here is priced out of our reach.

Housing can be achieved without selling out our neighbors and our freedom to move about the lands in close proximity to town.

Thank you!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Kelly Clark at kcclark@citlink.net
Phone: (208)-634-7995
Address: 441 Krahn Lane #1832
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

No good can become of the proposed land swap around the Payette Lake and Little Payette Lake. Don't let this happen, with out 4-6 years of studies. This would be the right thing to do at this time.

Kelly Clark
McCall, Idaho

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:12 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Zachary Jones at mr.zachjones@gmail.com
Phone: 2089216633
Address: 5770 W. Winfield Ct
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

As a McCall property owner and life long resident of Idaho my wife (born in McCall, Idaho) and I staunchly against the proposed sell-off off and privatization of 28,000 acres proposed by Trident Holdings LLC to the Idaho Land Board. Idahoan's are sick and tired of being blocked from enjoying our natural resources and land access. Take the Wilks brothers for instance. Thousands of acres of public lands have been gated because the road (paid for and maintained with Idaho tax dollars) passes through "private" land. The truth of the matter is that Trident Holdings wants to sell the land so developers can build McMansions that can only be afforded to the wealthiest people. Many of which will go to second homeowners from out of state. This is NOT the maximum long term financial return that Idaho needs or wants.

From: Clay Wright <jumper79@cableone.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Comment:

After reviewing the proposal for a land swap with the McCall and northern Idaho timberlands, we would be appalled to lose public lands which were played on growing up in McCall. By allowing a privately commissioned real estate company to propose a land swap is only in their best interest. Prior to even considering discussions, it is more than obvious that a real estate company is not looking into preserving public lands for Idaho's public or wildlife but for their own private gain. I would also be concerned of any ethics/moral obligations with the members, families and friends of the board that could gain to benefit. Once you lose public lands, it is gone forever, as this is a land grab by a real estate company for their own profits. These public lands get more use than northern Idaho lands due to the sheer proximity of the public ;hunting, hiking, wildlife watching, skiing, snowmobiling, mountain biking, huckleberry picking, morel mushroom picking, and just providing open spaces surrounding a beloved community. As well as public access, selling off this land to a real estate company will also severely impact wildlife habitat in the area which is now home to many species.

There is much more than money to consider in this proposal. Look at the whole picture and not just possible economics which seem limited at best.

Sincerely,

Maggie and Clay Wright

260 Finn Church Lane

Lake Fork, Idaho

jumper79@cableone.net

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:54 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Thomas Manning at tmanning@idneuro.com
Phone: 208 514-5265
Address: 2000 N 21ST STREET
City: BOISE
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please forward to the five members of the Idaho Land Board:

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 7:43 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Julie thompson at jekpt@me.com
Phone: 2088633688
Address: 1304 n 16 th st
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please consider an alternative to this land swap which will most certainly have an undesirable effect on McCall. What makes Idaho special is our public lands. Taking those away from such a large area in McCall and not considering the impact (Will Trident be responsible for the work needed to improve an already over used Highway 55?). How can they ensure we can hike and enjoy our public lands when houses are sitting on them? Preserve McCall- find an alternative. Please do not swap what makes this area so special in this manner. Find an alternative. Create a park. Create something that will be bestowed to the outdoor education and appreciation of future generations.
Thank you

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 10:17 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Cindy Bransford at ghostdove4@gmail.com
Phone: 2089212151
Address: 298 Canyon Rd
City: Grangeville
State: Idaho

Comment:

In regards to the proposed land swap involving land around McCall, I would like to say that this is a terrible idea for a myriad of reasons and I truly hope the proposal will not be accepted.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Matt Steinwurtzel at msteinwurtzel@gmail.com
Phone: 3013516741
Address: 119 2nd Ave N
City: Hailey
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am respectfully asking the Idaho Department of Lands to forcefully reject the land swap proposal from Trident Holdings, LLC. This proposal to swap 28,000 acres near Payette is a misguided proposal that goes against the very nature of what makes Idaho so special. These lands should not be privatized, sold to the highest bidder, and developed. There are no conservation principles included in this proposal and would set a dangerous precedent down the road for similar deals. Idaho is unique for its unparalleled natural beauty, and PUBLIC ACCESS. We do not want to become another Utah, or worse, California. Please reject this at all costs. Thank you.

From: Thomas Manning, MD <TManning@idneuro.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Sharla Arledge
Subject: McCall Land Theft

Sharla-

Thanks for your reply. This scheme put forth by Alec Williams and his East Coast Private Equity buddies is a bold attempt at stealing the public land of Idahoans.

I have a lot of concerns about this scheme afoot in McCall and Alec Williams' attempt to make a theft of public land. I was a Navy SEAL 27 years ago and this kid Alec Williams, with his East Coast Private Equity backing, make me want to vomit. I sent the below to some folks I know.

Tom Manning
Boise, ID

Sent via text:

Here you go. I don't like the privatization of public lands that are used by hunters, fishermen, hikers and wildlife. In my opinion, this whole attempt seems like an effort by East Coast /New York Private Equity money to get control of 28,000 acres of valuable real estate that includes the elk migration corridor from the Lick Creek Mountains out to Long Valley. I don't trust the motives of this Ivy League frogman, Alec Williams. I also don't like him commercializing the SEAL brand calling his venture "Trident Holdings".

<https://idahowildlife.org/news/lets-work-on-a-better-option-for-payette-lake-land-exchange>

<https://www.idahoednews.org/kevins-blog/a-big-hairy-piece-of-ground-state-considers-big-endowment-land-swap/>

<http://trident-holdings-llc.com/about/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/alec-w-02456bbb>

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 1, 2020, at 10:06 AM, Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Thomas-

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Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sharla Arledge

Public Information Officer

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sarledge@idl.idaho.gov

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:54 AM

To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>

Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Thomas Manning at tmanning@idneuro.com

Phone: 208 514-5265

Address: 2000 N 21ST STREET

City: BOISE

State: Idaho

Comment:

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Kathy Poston at poston.257@gmail.com
Phone: 2086348798
Address: POB 964
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am so upset over the land swap with Trident Holdings in the land around Payette Lake. It is not what people want in this area. The governor needs to come up with a way around this so our beautiful gem of Payette Lake and its surrounding mountains are NOT TURNED INTO DEVELOPED LAND. We do not want this land to be commercialized. PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS SWAP. THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY TO DEAL WITH THIS LAND. DO NOT TURN IT OVER TO THE HANDS OF DEVELOPERS!!!!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Julie Manning at j4manning@yahoo.com
Phone: 208-514-5266
Address: 2000 N 21st St
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

Regarding the proposed land swap for 28,000 acres in McCall: this appears to be the case of a wolf in sheep's clothing. The last thing we need is wolves destroying our way of life.

In any case, it would be completely foolish to allow any one person or private entity to control our amazing public lands in McCall because it is such a unique and special place that is central to its inhabitants and to so many additional people who visit, recreate, hunt, vacation, and relax there.

It is incredibly brazen that Alec Williams is attempting this land grab of our precious State lands through Trident Holdings, LLC. But his apparent background in business and finance in New York, Boston and possibly Los Angeles without a speck of public service or community-oriented work completely undermines his claims that he is trying to "Preserve" McCall. What in the world does he know about preservation? And why would the best way to preserve public lands for the public be by giving them away to a private person/entity in exchange for land in Northern Idaho? And why would we just give the town of McCall to this person and hope he does the right thing with it? In fact, if Alec Williams/Trident were to succeed here they would have immense power to do nearly anything in McCall including affect private property.

Just say no! to this audacious, reckless, selfish attempt at a land grab of 28,000 precious acres of public land.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:13 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Kevin Studley at kevin@transition-lab.com
Phone: 303 437 0785
Address: PO Box 3211
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing a public comment in regards to the transfer of lands from the Idaho Department of Lands to Trident Holdings LLC. As a citizen of McCall, I am very concerned to learn about the privatization of state public lands. Not only the privatizing of public lands, but transferring them to a real estate development firm from Boise. This would be detrimental deal for Valley County and the citizens of McCall. I would highly recommend a public comment period regarding this matter.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 5:46 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Erin Fanning at erinfanning@yahoo.com
Address: PO Box 2558 (1503 Davis Avenue)
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am very concerned about the proposed land swap with Trident Holdings for the following reasons: the majority of the investors are from New York; the plans to preserve public space, as well as other development plans, are vague; and it isn't clear if the land appraisal was done independently. Please proceed with caution—McCall (and the land surrounding it) is too precious to jeopardize and often the promises of developers fall flat. Thank you for your time, Erin Fanning

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Deborah Davies Wagner at davieswagner@hotmail.com
Phone: 2087901553
Address: 2616 Meadowlark Dr.
City: Lewiston
State: Idaho

Comment:

I oppose the land swap proposed by Trident Holdings in the McCall area. As a native Idahoan with deep roots in McCall, I believe that this land is our birthright to use & protect. It would be forever changed by development & THEY'RE NOT MAKING ANY MORE OF IT. My family was recently offered \$2,400,000 for our lakefront property that has been in the family for a century. Of course, that sounds great until you understand what would be lost: our Idaho heritage. I do understand education funding needs as a teacher & as a former student at state institutions. But this is not the way! In the current climate where everyone is distracted by covid19 concerns, Trident is merely attempting a land grab using our state against our long-term interests. Please join me in opposing the Trident McCall land swap deal.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Christopher Church at christopherchurch@msn.com
Phone: 12089544105
Address: 12 BUCKSKIN DRIVE
City: Donnelly
State: Idaho

Comment:

Still trying to figure out how trading or selling Endowment lands is even legal as it is supposed to be year round income opportunities! As I drive the bumper to bumper traffic up Highway 55 to and from Boise i now think of IDL and the way they sell off our public lands with a Land Board of 5. I believe we had a lot more IDL public lands 10 and 20 years ago didnt we? So we now have 2.5 million roughly, how many more acres of public land will we lose under this Land Board? How much will our kids have left, Where will they have any access after IDL dumps all this public land? This an an outrageous was of cutting the Education budget and then using IDL public lands as a scapegoat for selling them. TOTAL BS!!!!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: James Miller at jimztruck@gmail.com
Phone: 530-356-1686
Address: PO Box 568
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

We have a beautiful area here in McCall. Our public lands allow us freedom to enjoy our lake and the beautiful forests that we have here in this beautiful area of Idaho. We have already lost a lot of our public lands to a company based in Texas that was supposed to leave land available for public use but is now private and unusable. We only have a small amount of public lands left in our area. I urge you to keep what is left of our public lands and not let someone make them private and turn our small beautiful community into another Boise. Keep Boise as Boise and keep McCall as McCall. Thank you

From: Sherry Maupin <maupinhomes@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: Comment Submitted

Sharla- As you probably know this has become a major issue here in McCall. I'm needing some facts behind who requested that a developer contact IDL to exchange these lands? Is it at all possible to exchange these lands with the Forest Service so this remains open into the future? Is more than 1 developer looking? I've been told this is losing money however Scott Corkill says that's not true. Is there a financial analysis of the lands around McCall showing either they are or are not losing money? Is there someone on the Board I should be reaching out to directly? Thanks for any information. Sherry

Sherry Maupin
Valley County Commissioner
Re/Max Resort Realty McCall
maupinhomes@msn.com
208-870-9100

From: Sharla Arledge <sarledge@idl.idaho.gov> on behalf of Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:24 PM
To: 'maupinhomes@msn.com' <maupinhomes@msn.com>
Subject: RE: Comment Submitted

Sherry-

I'm sorry I'm not able to reach out to you in person, but I want you to know your email was received.

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>

Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 7:14 PM

To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>

Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Sherry Maupin at maupinhomes@msn.com

Phone: 2088709100

Address: PO Box 924

City: McCall

State: Idaho

Comment:

I would like to know what are the legal requirements of maintaining the land around McCall. Do these lands have to be profitable? Can we just leave the land as is? This is a VERY emotional interest in McCall. I need facts on what is required. I DO NOT want to see this land broken up and sold in 320 acre parcels to separate individuals. The Out of state billionaires have already taken away enough of our open space. We NEED the State to help protect and defend our recreational lands around McCall. Tourism is our economic base and we need a strong partner in maintaining as much open space as possible. I want to learn more about the land exchange if it is necessary to make these lands profitable. Valley County DESERVES to be a part of any conversation affecting our future

From: Jared Alexander <juljar@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: State lands around Payette lake

So do people email you directly with comments and protests or who do they contact? When and where is the July land board meeting or how do people call in? This is super concerning! Please let me know if there's anything else I need to know. Below are comments that I received via email that sound like some of the stuff Trident is doing is not entirely legal. Thank you!

Julie Welty

"This guy Alec Williams is bad. He needs to get stopped. The Land Board needs to hear that the people of Idaho across the state who appreciate McCall and wild places are opposed to the theft of their Public Land. I sent the below message to a lot of McCall folks yesterday. Let me know how I can help.

Read closely the minutes of the June 16 Idaho Land Board meeting. See below. Paragraph 8. Each of the five elected officials had to somewhat sheepishly admit for the record that (outside of and in advance of the Land Board meeting), they (or in one case their staff) had each met with Alec Williams of Trident Holdings to be briefed on his proposal to effectively steal 28,000 acres of the public land around McCall. Land used daily by wildlife and Idaho citizens. Elk and Moose and innumerable other wildlife live in these lands and migrate thru those corridors.

The Trident team that briefed our elected officials using insider access was made up of:

Alec Williams- 33 year old Ivy League-educated MBA/JD. Brief service as a Navy SEAL. Now trying to capitalize upon and sell the SEAL brand (Trident). Intimately connected with East Coast New York Private Equity firms. Trying to portray himself as a local boy trying to "preserve" these 28,000 acres of public land.

Greg Casey- Lobbyist, formerly CEO of BIPAC. Now at Veritas. Made headlines in 2014 for parking his Bentley sports car yards from the US Capital. Consummate "Money buys access" guy.

Erika Malman- Natural Resources Lawyer with Perkins Coie.

David Lehman-Lobbyist with Primus Policy Group

David New-Timber Industry Consultant. Formerly at Boise Cascade.

Do not allow this theft of public land to go forward! Send letters to the Land Board and to each member of the board individually. Write to your representatives. Write to the McCall City Council. Write to the Valley County Commissioners. Write today! Write often!

<https://www.idl.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/land-board/lb/documents-monthly/061620-summary-minutes-land-board.pdf>

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2020, at 9:52 AM, Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Julie-

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Sharla Arledge

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jared Alexander <juljar@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Sharla Arledge <sarledge@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: State lands around Payette lake

My name is Julie Welty and I am a resident of McCall. I read in the local star news that the state is thinking about selling state land around the Payette lake to a private company. I work as a family physician here and I am quite concerned about the prospect of the state selling land privately and not having open space for people to recreate and exercise. There are hundreds of McCall residents that would also be opposed. Please send me the contact information for where I can have people write letters opposing this. I would also like more information on the possible options. Thanks!

Julie Welty

Sent from my iPhone

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Darby Webb at darby_webb@yahoo.com
Phone: 208 830 5293
Address: 901 N 16th St
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

In the past week, I have learned of the proposed land swap by Trident Holdings to acquire 28,000 acres of land around Payette Lake. I own a home in McCall and we value these public lands tremendously. Much of our time is spent enjoying the hiking, biking, skiing, and kayaking in these proposed areas. This development would also affect hunting and potentially water quality in Payette Lake. Unfortunately, this issue was made public within a few weeks of Land Board meetings without adequate time for public input. If the quoted \$276K management cost yearly is an issue for the city of McCall, please allow other options/solutions rather than more development. These lands are priceless and once privatized, they are gone. Please do not allow another Wilks Brothers type of situation without thorough public input. It was devastating to people of this state to have access closed for camping, hunting, biking, hiking, fishing, dirt bike/atv riding, snowmobiling, skiing, and all other outdoor activities that we as Idahoans enjoy. These lands are what makes our quality of life here in Idaho so appreciated. The way this has been presented as "Preserve Idaho" to the public in such a short time frame is underhanded and suspect. There is no obvious information on your website or being publicized. Development is in stark contrast to preservation. Trident holdings is a FOR profit entity that intends to sell our precious and valuable land for their financial benefits. To claim otherwise and to try to pull the wool over the eyes of the citizens of Idaho is a disservice to the elected and appointed public offices you hold.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Anna Clark at amcc@citlink.net
Phone: (208)890-6399
Address: PO Box 1832
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
Concerning the proposed land swap between the State of Idaho and Trident Holdings around Payette Lake/City of McCall:

Idaho is NOT for sale.

Certain properties should be appraised on values other than board foot of lumber or mineral rights. The value of this property is in the immediate access to recreational activities, hiking, fishing, hunting, berry picking, etc. People come to McCall and spend their money here while recreating in the area of this proposed land swap. They do not come to McCall to stand at a property boundary and stare up at the McMansions of the rich.

The last thing this area needs is more huge, unsustainable homes displacing the native plants and animals. The last thing Payette Lake needs is a build-up of nitrogen and phosphates washed down from the extensive landscaping around those very same homes. The last thing the city of McCall and Valley County needs is more far-flung homes demanding road maintenance and other expensive infrastructure.

Trident Holdings is spending a lot of money to white-wash this land swap. It is a land grab and Idaho is the loser.

Sincerely,
Anna Clark

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Douglas Smith at rigney.smith@gmail.com
Phone: 2089571891
Address: 1299 Warren Wagon Rd
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
Greetings,

Recently and disturbingly, I learned of the proposed land swap by Trident Holdings to acquire 28,000 acres of land around Payette Lake. I now own a home in McCall and value these public lands beyond measure. I have generations of family who've spent time enjoying the hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, and kayaking in these proposed areas and want to keep it that way. I don't care how you "sugarcoat" this proposal and attempt to put a positive spin on this "Preserve McCall" land swap, this whole thing wreaks of underhanded non-transparent dealings and behind-closed-door lobbying. Please explain to me why board members sheepishly felt the need to admit and come clean, one by one, of having individualized private meetings with Trident Holdings moments before the issue was presented in a recent IDL board meeting. I know the answer and so do you! This issue has been made public within a few weeks of additional board meetings without adequate time for public input. I can't even find this issue mentioned on the IDL website. According to Trident Holdings analysis, \$276K is the drain on the State of Idaho from the McCall lands annually. Seriously,...that's it! That's a drop in the bucket and surely we can find a better way to close that deficit without privatizing 28,000 acres of pristine public land. While Alec Williams claims this will not be another Wilks Brothers land grab, true Idahoans know that Trident Holdings have ulterior motives fueled by greedy profit at the expense of what makes Idaho and McCall special. Admittedly, I've never been much of an activist but this issue has definitively captured my attention not only for what it will affect and the magnitude of it, but equally in the way this whole thing is being handled by officials I actually voted for and now I'm wondering if I've made a mistake.

Respectfully, Douglas Smith

From: Scott Phillips
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 8:09 AM
To: Sharla Arledge
Subject: FW: Trident proposed land exchange

Hi Sharla. Here's the email Kourtney forwarded to us.

Thanks,

Scott Phillips
Policy and Communications Chief
Idaho Department of Lands
300 N 6th St., Suite 103
PO Box 83720
Boise ID 83720-0050

(208) 334-0294 (Office) – (208) 713-6487 (Cell)
sPhillips@idl.idaho.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: David Burns <davkburns@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:07 PM
To: Rule Making <rulemaking@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Trident proposed land exchange

Please include the following statement in any opportunities for the public to comment on rule-making regarding the proposed Trident et al exchange near McCall.

" My wife and I have lived in McCall for over 40 years and have come to rely on lands managed by Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) more and more for hunting, picking berries and gathering mushrooms as areas have been developed and closed to the public in areas like Boulder Creek, Red Ridge and along the North Fork of the Payette River. I have harvested deer in almost the entire area proposed for land exchange and we have picked berries there and gathered mushrooms. Our activities are compatible with IDLs logging and even sometimes enhanced. Our activities are incompatible with any development of residences. Therefore, we are opposed to the proposed land exchange with Trident Holdings et al.

I addition we would point out that local logging operators have been severely impacted by the loss of local mills and the reduced harvest of trees on the National Forests. Loss of local IDL resources would further damage local logging jobs. Logging in distant northern Idaho would not support our local economy here in McCall.

If IDL needs to increase revenue from local lands they might increase timber harvest and charge fees for uses such as recreation on the lands that they manage. We favour such local solutions rather than further erosion of people's ability to use IDL lands."

David Burns
PO Box 1351
McCall, ID 83638

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Diane Davies at djdavies1916@gmail.com
Phone: 206-947-5362
Address: 3501 Cheasy Blvd. S.
City: Seattle
State: Washington

Comment:

I urge you to reject the proposed land swap with Trident for Payette Lake acreage. My family has been in McCall for more than a hundred years, and I own property in the town. The proposed land swap transfers an irreplaceable public asset to a private entity who will use it for their own profit. This is a bad deal for the people of McCall and the thousands of Idahoans who recreate in the McCall area. Having seen many private developers renege on the grandiose promises they make to get what they want, I am highly skeptical about Trident's offer to keep much of the area for public access. There is a way to be certain that this land continues to be available to the people of Idaho – DON'T APPROVE THE DEAL!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:20 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Catherine Cunagin at catpettysc@gmail.com
Phone: 3076997279
Address: 1311 N 24th St
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

The 28,000 acres of state lands surrounding Payette Lake and Little Payette Lake are a valuable cultural and economic asset to the communities in Valley County and all Idahoans who enjoy them. It is an iconic Idaho landscape not only because it is scenic and offers multi-use recreation opportunity, but simply because it is a public resource available for all to enjoy.

Now this land is proposed for sale into private ownership. If fulfilled, the proposed land exchange will change how we experience McCall and its surrounding areas forever, and in a fundamental way. It will no longer belong in public hands, but will be parceled, subdivided, developed, and gated- benefitting only the highest bidders at the expense of every Idahoan.

I oppose the Payette Lake land exchange proposed by Trident LLC and support the State of Idaho Land Board to engage the McCall City Council and Chamber of Commerce, Valley County Commissioners, state senators and representatives, and any interested stakeholders to explore other options to permanently keep this state land parcel in public hands.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: tim Neuschwander at timneuschwander@gmail.com
Phone: 858-880-5624
Address: 610 Lenora St Unit 2
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Dear McCall City Council,

I am writing to comment on the sale of 28,000 public acres to a private equity group. My first comment is that the economic analysis that Trident Holdings performed is extremely biased in their favor. Idaho State lands exist as an endowment for the public schools. In other words, it's a financial asset that appreciates and the schools use the investment income while keeping the principal investment intact. The lands around McCall are extremely valuable and are worth approximately 3-4x what the developer plans on paying for them. Why would an endowment sell a rapidly appreciating asset at a cut-rate deal? From a strictly financial point of view, it would make more sense to hold onto these rapidly appreciating assets since their value in several years will be significantly greater. Secondly, the value of these lands far exceeds the dollar amount of timber on them. The developer can make all the claims he wants regarding public use of the land, but we all know the orange signs will go up the minute the ink is dry on the deal. Please vote no on selling public endowment lands to this developer.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Dave Harbison at daveharbison5@gmail.com
Phone: 2088696639
Address: 720 W. Wyndemere
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

I wanted to weigh in with strong opposition to the proposed sale of a large parcel of land near McCall. I work in education and have a vested interest in seeing more resources for our students and teachers, but this is not the way. Don't jeopardize our natural resources because the legislature and state officials won't do their job and properly fund our public schools through legislation, taxes, and other normal channels.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:24 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Meredith Smith at meredithjeansmith@gmail.com
Phone: 208-371-1919
Address: 275 N Edgewood Lane
City: Eagle
State: Idaho

Comment:

In the past week, I have learned of the proposed land swap by Trident Holdings to acquire 28,000 acres of land around Payette Lake. I own a home in McCall and we value these public lands tremendously. Much of our time is spent enjoying the hiking, biking, and kayaking in these proposed areas. This development would also affect hunting and potentially water quality in Payette Lake. Unfortunately, this issue was made public within a few weeks of Land Board meetings without adequate time for public input. If the quoted \$276K management cost yearly is an issue for the city of McCall, please allow other options/solutions rather than more development. These lands are priceless and once privatized, they are gone. Please do not allow another Wilks Brothers type of situation without thorough public input. It was devastating to people of this state to have access closed for camping, hunting, biking, hiking, fishing, dirt bike/atv riding, snowmobiling, skiing, and all other outdoor activities that we as Idahoans enjoy. These lands are what makes our quality of life here in Idaho so appreciated. The way this has been presented as "Preserve Idaho" to the public in such a short time frame is underhanded and suspect. There is no obvious information on your website or being publicized. Development is in stark contrast to preservation. Trident holdings is a FOR profit entity that intends to sell our precious and valuable land for their financial benefits. To claim otherwise and to try to pull the wool over the eyes of the citizens of Idaho is a disservice to the elected and appointed public offices you hold.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: KATIE EIDEN at elden.katie@gmail.com
Phone: 5034846950
Address: 2637 N Maywood Pl
City: BOISE
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please do not approve the land deal with Alec Williams and Trident Holdings for The Preserve McCall project. This is nothing more than private entities wanting to get richer and destroy the way of life and recreational activities in the area.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 8:22 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Michelle Webb at michellewebb@cableone.net
Phone: 2085719860
Address: 2301 N. 30th St.
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am writing with extreme concern about the potential land swap around Payette Lake with Trident Holdings. We have family who live in McCall & we visit & recreate often. While the intentions of Trident are laid out to seem in the best interest of protecting Idaho lands, it is highly suspect given he's a developer with ties to NE investors. It's not a national secret that Idaho is one of the fastest growing states & prime for to make money by being developed. Do we really want to become the next Tahoe & price out the very Idahoans politicians & commissioners claim to be fighting for? Trident Holdings is a business accountable to investors; they want to make money & that's by developing the area.

I strongly encourage the land board to truly put Idahoans first & consider other feasible options to make enough money to keep & maintain public access to public lands. My husband & I not only dirt bike, but enjoy mountain biking & hiking. We already pay each year for an off-road motorized sticker & would gladly pay for stickers for our mountain bikes & even to hike. Every user should have skin in the game, not just off-road riders. There are TONS more areas that are non-motorized & require maintenance. Models exist in other states where revenue is raised each year through an access sticker program. Our off-road stickers are only \$12/year. That's \$1/month...very affordable. The program could be called "Access Idaho" or something.

Bottom line, if this deal is approved, Idahoans were not out first, outside investors were put first. To say it is to help fund schools is also suspect given a good percent of property taxes fund schools; everyone has seen how much property taxes have gone through the roof!

Please make the right decision.

Respectfully,
Michelle

From: Kdk Idaho <karidawnalt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall, Idaho Land Swap

Hello,

Please DO NOT swap the lands around McCall, Idaho. Please do not hand these lands over to a developer. Please consider alternative solutions that would preserve this very special place.

Thank you,

Kari Alt

PO Box 4101

McCall, Idaho 83638

From: James Alt <James.alt@vikingtechnology.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Comments
Subject: State Lands Surrounding Payette Lake
Signed By: james.alt@vikingtechnology.com

Please keep our state lands intact and owned by the state of Idaho surrounding Payette Lake and McCall, ID. Please do not succumb to the sale of our natural resources to entitled individuals or development companies.

--

James Alt

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From: Mike & Savilla Kiely <mikekiely2641@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Comments

This is not a win win situation for these endowment lands. Please DO NOT hand over control of our local watershed and our community's future to developers whose bottom line is profit.

Savilla Kiely

Sent from my iPhone

From: Marilyn Olson <mjolson71@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Land transfer to Trident

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Marilyn Olson
890 Timber Ridge Court
P.O. Box 455
McCall, Idaho 83638

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From: heybigbenny <heybigbenny@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 5:21 PM
To: Comments
Subject: ATTN: land board secretary

I am writing to oppose the proposed endowment lands swap in Valley County with Trident Co.

This is one of the biggest recreational areas in Idaho and the impact, if allowed to be privately owned and managed would be detrimental to the community of McCall and surrounding area.

This company can give you all the beautiful song and dance about not shutting the access off to the public, but once owned they can lock it all up whenever they want.

Idaho needs that area to hunt, fish and recreate, as much of those lands surrounding the community of McCall are dependent upon this.

Take that away and allow a privatized business call the shots like what happened with the Wilks Brothers and we will have another situation that is NOT in the best interests for the residents of Idaho, especially a county that heavily relies on recreational revenue.

Keep the lands and charge a recreational fee to access like Ponderosa State Park does, or like Fish and Game does for licenses.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TRADE TO HAPPEN.

Lynn Johnson
McCall, Idaho
208 315 0472

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:56 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Nancy Inaba at nancysinaba@gmail.com
Phone: 2083407107
Address: 3224 Whitman Dr
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please do not allow private sales of Payette lake. McCall is a jewel of southern Idaho. Public access makes it a treasure for all. Selling or trading land to a private deep pockets is a betrayal to the people of Idaho.

From: Jake Zborowski <Jake.Zborowski.328311219@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

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

Regards,
Jake Zborowski
13984 Norwood Rd
Mccall, ID 83638

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From: Austin Cobiskey <Austin.Cobiskey.328311516@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

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Regards,
Austin Cobiskey
2005 Cleveland Blvd
Caldwell, ID 83605

From: Mike Hays <Mike.Hays.328314162@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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I am opposed this proposal as it's clear that Trident plans to develop these lands with roads and houses, and not for conservation purposes.

Instead, I encourage you to identify solutions that can preserve the integrity of Payette Lake, along with the the quality of life that my family enjoys.

Regards,
Mike Hays
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Mccall, ID 83638

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From: Jim Staup <Jim.Staup.328314685@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Jim Staup
PO Box 1221
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Debra Staup <Debra.Staup.328315530@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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Regards,
Debra Staup
PO Box 1221
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Theresa Bluth <Theresa.Bluth.328316520@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

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Regards,
Theresa Bluth
PO Box 2543
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Diana Fields <Diana.Fields.328317376@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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Regards,
Diana Fields
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Mccall, ID 83638

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From: James Valle <James.Valle.282945532@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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Regards,
James Valle
180 Cindy Ct
Mccall, ID 83638

From: PAVLA CLOUSER <PAVLA.CLOUSER.328330128@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
PAVLA CLOUSER
PO Box 2338
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Ashli Phelps <Ashli.Phelps.328332315@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

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Regards,
Ashli Phelps
5453 Princess Dr
Boise, ID 83716

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From: Kenya Fletcher <Kenya.Fletcher.147289937@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
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Boise, ID 83709

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From: Anastasia Harrold <Anastasia.Harrold.147318321@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Anastasia Harrold
1717 S Hervey St
Boise, ID 83705

From: Audrey Hopkins <Audrey.Hopkins.312293884@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Audrey Hopkins
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Mccall, ID 83638

From: Asia Jenkins <Asia.Jenkins.328347742@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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Regards,
Asia Jenkins
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From: Suzanne Troje <Suzanne.Troje.74553394@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

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Regards,
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From: Heidi Wyman <Heidi.Wyman.328347760@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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Regards,
Heidi Wyman
2072 E Lakes Rd
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Mitchel Zborowski <Mitchel.Zborowski.328350694@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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Regards,
Mitchel Zborowski
6770 N Moon Drummer Way
Meridian, ID 83646

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Erika Cobb at passatwoman@hotmail.com
Phone: 208-284-0199
Address: 957 S Capitola Way
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Richard Kuehn at redman53_2001@yahoo.com
Phone: 2087411579
Address: P.o.box 178
City: Council
State: Idaho

Comment:

This is endowment land Northeast of Payette Lake that is highly valuable recreational land and brings in money for our schools. This should be left alone the way it is so that all idahoans have access to this land Preserve this land and don't allow Developers to make money and make promises that will be broken. I ride dirt bike motorcycles raft the North Fork of the Payette into Payette Lake I enjoy this land. Don't let what happened to the Boise Cascade land a few years back where those damn Wilks Brothers Texans cut off my access. Think of the Seventh Generation idahoan!

From: Linda Palmer <Linda.Palmer.328364734@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

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Regards,
Linda Palmer
51 Nelsen Ave
Idaho City, ID 83631

From: Brandon Maxwell <Brandon.Maxwell.328365625@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Brandon Maxwell
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Mccall, ID 83638

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From: Alayna Huter <Alayna.Huter.71292234@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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Regards,
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Nampa, ID 83687

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From: Ilana Shumsky <Ilana.Shumsky.76962712@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:02 PM
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Regards,
Ilana Shumsky
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Boise, ID 83702

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From: Melinda Quick <Melinda.Quick.327056737@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

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Regards,
Melinda Quick
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Boise, ID 83702

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From: Robin Leonard <Robin.Leonard.328391400@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:09 PM
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Regards,
Robin Leonard
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Boise, ID 83702

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From: Nathan morgan <Nathan.morgan.245493021@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Please Choose Recreation not Development

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

I tried to understand the serenity of a clear blue mountain lake in Idaho last weekend. I don't know if I could completely understand it. I ask you, what would McCall be if it were just like another over-saturated reality investments like Jackson Hole or Lake Tahoe? Our mutual experiences of peace and quite on a mountain lake in Idaho are something that I feel every Idahoan should cherish and work to protect. Pristine mountain beauty is not something you can get, and in this busy industrialized world, we are quick to turn untouched gems into cash pumping profits that make capital for developers and second/third homes for those rich enough in the Treasure Valley. That's where I feel Payatte Lakes and the McCall community need to make a decision based on sound judgement and heeded warnings from other mountain lake communities in the US.

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Protecting access means keeping the land with the state, protecting it from all forms of private development and reality monopoly, and allowing public recreation on Payatte Lakes.

Regards,
Nathan morgan
437 Mobley Dr
Boise, ID 83712

From: Richard Rusnak <Richard.Rusnak.16417245@p2a.co>
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Regards,
Richard Rusnak
1428 Peg Dr
Cascade, ID 83611

From: Sean Hurley <Sean.Hurley.71367899@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

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

Regards,
Sean Hurley
519 S Beach St
Boise, ID 83705

From: Mike Crosby <Mike.Crosby.328401075@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

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Regards,
Mike Crosby
6314 Post St
Boise, ID 83704

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From: Joan Palmer <Joan.Palmer.328401679@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

It is extremely short sighted to sell or trade land around Payette Lake. MacCall is a traditional recreation area for citizens in the southwest part of the state. Trading that area out for a parcel in the panhandle is absurd. Since the sale of the land west of Cascade and in other places near the major population center of the Treasure Valley, there is already less useable recreation Land. 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. No Matter what they promise in terms of access and public use, experience has shown us that promises are easy to break.

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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. These lands belong to the people and temporary managers should not hold the power to divest of the peoples property without sufficient public consultation and permission.

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

Regards,
Joan Palmer
51 Nelsen Ave
Idaho City, ID 83631

From: Stacey Carlson <Stacey.Carlson.328402966@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:37 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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Regards,
Stacey Carlson
4612 E Faith Ln
Meridian, ID 83642

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From: Robert Burke <Robert.Burke.328403154@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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Regards,
Robert Burke
1135 Santa Maria Dr
Boise, ID 83712

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Lisa Dean-Erlander at deanerlander@gmail.com
Phone: 2088698955
Address: 4931 n knollwood ave
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

Keep Idaho public lands public! We use the area around payette lake for family recreation and would hate for it to become another whitetail private resort for wealthy East coast or California investors. Please say no to the land swap.

From: Susan Lowman-Thomas <Susan.LowmanThomas.328403145@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

I am a longtime resident of Idaho (since 1952) and am heartily opposed to the land exchange proposal from Trident, LLC, as it is not consistent with the values of Idahoans who have treasured the Valley County resources for decades. Tourism, fishing, boating, hunting, and wildlife watching on these lands contribute significantly to the local economy. Protection of lakeshore and riparian habitat is of critical importance, and helps keep the lake clean.

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Instead, the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board should work to craft a solution that protects public access, recreation, water quality and wildlife habitat for all Idahoans.

Regards,
Susan Lowman-Thomas
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Boise, ID 83709

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From: Crystal Ormsby <Crystal.Ormsby.328427914@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Crystal Ormsby
PO Box 785
Mccall, ID 83638

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From: Megan Biljan <Megan.Biljan.328429831@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 3:54 PM
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Regards,
Megan Biljan
522 S 14th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Jeanne Bustamante <Jeanne.Bustamante.328431478@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Do better, for the future of this beautiful state we all share.

Regards,
Jeanne Bustamante
250 W Mallard Dr
Boise, ID 83706

From: Nancy DeWitt <Nancy.DeWitt.328431513@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

The land exchange proposal from Trident, LLC, fails to recognize the treasure that is associated with Payette Lakes recreational activities, its natural and scenic beauty, and its pristine environment.

Five generations of my family have had property in the area, as I'm sure many other families have. Massive development of the surrounding area will destroy the recreation, wildlife habitat, and scenic values of all of OUR public lands there. This proposal would lead to no more huckleberry and mushroom picking, no more snowshoeing and hiking, no more cliff diving, Increased light pollution, a lake even more crowded for peaceful enjoyment, unbearable levels of traffic, and too heavy a load on the existing infrastructure, including roads, stores, sewage treatment, landfill capacity, boat ramps, and trailheads. It would totally destroy our and many other families' heritage, as well as the Many opportunities that locals and visitors enjoy. Growth is not always good, especially when it trashes the the Idaho quality of life that we grew up loving.

I encourage you to say "No" to Trident's proposal. Simply put, this land exchange is a BAD deal for Idahoans.

Instead, the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board should work to craft a solution that protects public access, recreation, water quality and wildlife habitat for all Idahoans.

Regards,
Nancy DeWitt
919 N 20th St
Boise, ID 83702

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From: Sandra Marsh Schultz <sandrafschultz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident Land Swap Proposal

The Trident land swap proposal should be denied. Avoid privatizing our public lands and keep access available to the public.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sheree Sonfield <Sheree.Sonfield.328432314@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

I am opposed to the Trident Holdings land exchange as it's clear that Trident plans to develop these lands and realize enormous profits that belong to Idahoans not to a real estate investment company.

Instead, I encourage you to identify solutions that can preserve the integrity of Payette Lake, along with the the quality of life that my family enjoys.

The proposed Trident Holdings land exchange does not meet the Land Board's stated mission nor its Recreation policies, just for starters.

The IDL Land Board website states their mission is: "To professionally and prudently manage Idaho's endowment assets to maximize long-term financial returns to public schools and other trust beneficiaries and to provide professional assistance to the citizens of Idaho to use, protect and sustain their natural resources."

The Land Board's Recreation Policy further states: "The Land Board supports a policy of allowing the general public continued recreational access to legally accessible endowment lands, as long as the recreational activities do not degrade the lands, interfere with management activities, or otherwise negatively affect the long-term financial return to endowment beneficiaries."

A map titled "Endowments Lands Accessible for Recreation" identifies many acres surrounding McCall and Payette Lake which are currently designated for recreation, and these lands appear to include approximately and generally the 28,000 acres proposed to be exchanged. Therefore, much of the 28,000 acres proposed to be exchanged appears to be currently earmarked by IDL for recreational use.

The land proposed for exchange includes prime real estate and IDL's holding these Endowment Lands assets is the method to "maximize long-term financial returns to public schools and other trust beneficiaries...", as the IDL mission statement says. The value of prime real estate along the lake in McCall provides long-term financial returns that far exceed most any other holding or investment alternative that would be appropriate for IDL investment funds. So, why consider an exchange with a real estate investment company who will inventory, repackage, improve, resell the prime parcels and tracts for a huge profit that should be Idahoans' realized gains not a private real estate company's gains?

Please look closely at Trident Holdings' objectives and its founder's career to understand their plans for the acreage. Stated objective of Trident Holdings: "Trident's core business is to target opportunistic transactions that provide significant created value to investors..." Trident's founder's career: "Alec Williams served as an investment professional at TABLE Management, L.P., a large New York based family office, where he led the fund's real estate investing and real estate portfolio management operations. There he worked primarily on equity investments, asset dispositions, asset refinancing, and operational rationalization."

I know (from my own financial career) that the typical financial strategy for these professionals is to obtain a huge portfolio, inventory it, evaluate it for resale opportunities, improve it, sell it by many various means to the highest

bidder, make enormous profits off select few parts of the acquired assets. There is literally so much profit to be made by reselling a few of the acres of lands to be acquired in this proposed exchange that Trident will have the financial flexibility to spend lots of money on acquiring, improving, marketing and selling the land, even if many acres are not developed and/or resold immediately. They know that they do not need to sell each acre to post their profits. There is absolutely no doubt about this strategy, I have seen this strategy too many times in my own career.

So, isn't this the job of Idaho state government, specifically the Land Board? "To maximize long-term financial returns..." from Endowment Lands for the benefit of the Idaho education system and other Idaho stakeholders? So, why would IDL allow Trident to essentially do what is the job of the IDL??? Why would the IDL allow Trident to make all this money and enormous profits by acquiring Endowment Lands? These Endowment Lands' currently unrealized gains are Idahoans' funds not Trident Holdings' profits.

This is mind boggling to me that this could occur and I beg you to see through the marketing, promises, studies and hype. The real truth is that this is a big land grab for a bargain. This is not acceptable and should not be allowed to go forward.

So, please, for these reasons above and for all the reasons that others oppose this proposed exchange, please do not allow this exchange to go forward.

Thank you,
Sheree Sonfield
McCall, ID

Regards,
Sheree Sonfield
664 Woodlands Dr
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Jaima Van Alsborg <Jaima.VanAlsborg.328432828@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:04 PM
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Regards,
Jaima Van Alsborg
325 Lone Pine Dr
Cascade, ID 83611

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From: Steve Van Alsburg <Steve.VanAlsburg.328432828@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Steve Van Alsburg
325 Lone Pine Dr
Cascade, ID 83611

From: Cora Coleman <Cora.Coleman.328435456@p2a.co>
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Regards,
Cora Coleman
340 Moon Dr
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Beth Zborowski <Beth.Zborowski.328435320@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

The proposal by Trident, LLC seems like a boondoggle deal that won't benefit Idahoans. Preserving public access and the environment in the Payette Lake region is critical for the long term economic benefit of McCall and that state. McCall thrives on tourism, both from locals and as a destination. This is in large part because of the unspoiled beauty of Payette Lake and it's surrounding rivers and forests. This proposed land exchange sounds like a bad deal for Idahoans who treasure Payette Lake.

I am opposed this proposal as it's clear that Trident plans to develop these lands with roads and houses, and not for conservation purposes.

For generations, my family has enjoyed the region and I hope they will for generations to come. Please make the right choice to protect this Idaho gem.

Regards,
Beth Zborowski
13984 Norwood Rd
McCall, ID 83638

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From: Ken Coleman <Ken.Coleman.328436329@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:17 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Ken Coleman
340 Moon Dr
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Jimmy Smith <Jimmy.Smith.328437832@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

The land exchange proposal from Trident, LLC, fails to recognize that tourism in the McCall area produces jobs and small businesses. Over time tourism may become Idaho's primary bread and butter. We must do everything we can to keep Idaho open for public use for our future economic health.

Regards,
Jimmy Smith
3416 Hawthorne Dr
Boise, ID 83703

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From: Kristin Ross <Kristin.Ross.328438039@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:23 PM
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My family has had property in McCall, ID for almost almost 90 years and wandering the woods without worry has always been such a gift. There's already so many changes happening around 'private property' in the area that I'm loathe to lose the freedom of public lands. I spend summers there as a kid and am so excited to take my kids now. Please don't take away this opportunity for them.

Regards,
Kristin Ross
3419 N River Rapids Dr
Tucson, AZ 85712

From: Anna Torti <Anna.Torti.328440865@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

As a homeowner in McCall, let me add my voice to the those who believe 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.

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Anna Torti
126 Mather Rd
McCall, ID 83638

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From: Karen Smith <Karen.Smith.328441422@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

A decision to privatize public lands cannot easily be reversed. Idaho's best economic resources in the future will be what we have versus what the rest of the country has squandered on private interests. We should not shoot ourselves in the foot by being naive enough to be tempted by short-term gains that will likely end up as more gated properties and natural lands forever compromised. Don't sell off what belongs to future generations.

Regards,
Karen Smith
3416 Hawthorne Dr
Boise, ID 83703

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From: Timothy Fearnside <Timothy.Fearnside.328442331@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}No to Proposed land exchange

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

Trident, LLC's proposed land exchange would fundamentally alter the beauty, landscape, uniqueness, and magic of McCall, making it more akin to the overpopulated lakes and waterways of places in other states, like California, long ago ruined by this type of development. It would further strain city resources and infrastructure, clog already crowded state highways, adversely impact water quality, noise, wildlife, and the environment, and reduce/restrict public access to what is now treasured public land. It would, simply, be a huge mistake that residents of McCall and other Idaho towns and cities would long regret. Please, please consider other solutions. Thank you.

Regards,
Timothy Fearnside
706 Eastridge Pl
Boise, ID 83712

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From: Tamara Dooley <Tamara.Dooley.328446030@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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Regards,
Tamara Dooley
4788 N Pennfield Pl
Boise, ID 83713

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From: susan dalton <susan.dalton.328447354@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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Regards,
susan dalton
430 Floyde St
Mccall, ID 83638

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Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:56 PM
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Yvonne Smith
2290 N Stonecrest Way
Eagle, ID 83616

From: Mike Henry <Mike.Henry.328447895@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Mike Henry
1715 S Helen St
Boise, ID 83705

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From: Pamela Williams <Pamela.Williams.328448975@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}No Land Exchange

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

My priorities are wildlife habitat and public access. I oppose any efforts to facilitate more lake-front and river-front development. I ask you to deny the land exchange proposed by Trident Holdings.

Protection of lakeshore and riparian habitat is what I care about. Such protections will safeguard the tourism economy.

Please reject Trident Holding's proposal and instead take a stand for the public good.

Regards,
Pamela Williams
2418 Jean St
Boise, ID 83705

From: Millie Meyer <Millie.Meyer.328451287@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:09 PM
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Regards,
Millie Meyer
PO Box 4272
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Julie Heath <Julie.Heath.328451674@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

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Regards,
Julie Heath
1209 Shenandoah Ct
Boise, ID 83712

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From: Erica Jensen <Erica.Jensen.328452024@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:12 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Erica Jensen
PO Box 766
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Gretchen Caserotti <Gretchen.Caserotti.328454428@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:20 PM
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Regards,
Gretchen Caserotti
3725 Rugby Dr
Boise, ID 83704

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From: Brenda Little <Brenda.Little.328455201@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:23 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Brenda Little
13953 Rustic Rd
Mccall, ID 83638

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To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Ricki Dougherty
1577 Mile High Dr
Mccall, ID 83638

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From: Gary Ertter <Gary.Ertter.328459531@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:41 PM
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Gary Ertter
1000 Woody Dr
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Brian Oakey <Brian.Oakey@ISDA.IDAHO.GOV>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:42 PM
To: Sharla Arledge
Subject: FW: {External}Recreation not Development

Deputy Director Phillips asked that I forward the emails I have been receiving today regarding the land exchange proposal in Valley County. Below is an example. I have received dozens, possibly over 100 emails today. Please do what you can to reroute these emails to the proper person at IDL. It is impacting my ability to do my work.

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From: Elaine Sloan <Elaine.Sloan.328460601@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:45 PM
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Regards,
Elaine Sloan
28 N Gem St
Nampa, ID 83651

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:54 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Sean Stribling at stribls@gmail.com
Phone: 2088610312
Address: 3346 N. Summerfield Way
City: Meridian
State: Idaho

Comment:

In the past week, I have learned of the proposed land swap by Trident Holdings to acquire 28,000 acres of land around Payette Lake. I own a home in McCall and we value these public lands tremendously. Much of our time is spent enjoying the hiking, biking, and kayaking in these proposed areas. This development would also affect hunting and potentially water quality in Payette Lake. Unfortunately, this issue was made public within a few weeks of Land Board meetings without adequate time for public input. If the quoted \$276K management cost yearly is an issue for the city of McCall, please allow other options/solutions rather than more development. These lands are priceless and once privatized, they are gone. Please do not allow another Wilks Brothers type of situation without thorough public input. It was devastating to people of this state to have access closed for camping, hunting, biking, hiking, fishing, dirt bike/atv riding, snowmobiling, skiing, and all other outdoor activities that we as Idahoans enjoy. These lands are what makes our quality of life here in Idaho so appreciated. The way this has been presented as "Preserve Idaho" to the public in such a short time frame is underhanded and suspect. There is no obvious information on your website or being publicized. Development is in stark contrast to preservation. Trident holdings is a FOR profit entity that intends to sell our precious and valuable land for their financial benefits. To claim otherwise and to try to pull the wool over the eyes of the citizens of Idaho is a disservice to the elected and appointed public offices you hold.

From: Jonathan klemer <Jonathan.klemer.328462898@p2a.co>
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Jonathan klemer
4347 N Morninggale Pl
Boise, ID 83713

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From: Ali Halverson <Ali.Halverson.328463671@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:58 PM
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Regards,
Ali Halverson
2207 E Roanoke Dr
Boise, ID 83712

From: Karen Dawson <Karen.Dawson.328465976@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 6:07 PM
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Regards,
Karen Dawson
3808 W Magic Spruce Dr
Meridian, ID 83646

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Regards,
Clayton Jensen
3 Trabert Ln
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Shylah Eells <Shylah.Eells.328467550@p2a.co>
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Shylah Eells
2718 S Indiana Ave
Caldwell, ID 83605

From: Casey OConnell <Casey.OConnell.328467514@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 6:14 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

The wild lands near McCall cannot be replaced. Please don't accept any plan to trade IDL lands there. Instead, turn those lands into a piece of Ponderosa State Park. That could provide consistent income beyond timber harvest, and would bring additional revenue to Valley County businesses.

And I'm not just a flatlander rallying for a recreation community: I lived in Valley County for five years managing Forest Service campgrounds and trails, and working with the county commissioners. My family has a cabin in Donnelly. I am a stakeholder.

Regards,
Casey OConnell
6519 S Mistyglen Ave
Boise, ID 83709

From: Ted Eisele <Ted.Eisele.328467992@p2a.co>
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Ted Eisele
4352 Maplewood Dr
Boise, ID 83703

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13841 Wild Goose CT
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Elaine Fraser
495 Deinhard Ln
Mccall, ID 83638

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Nova Duft
1112 E Jefferson St
Boise, ID 83712

From: Nova Duft <Nova.Duft.328477414@p2a.co>
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2230 N 27th St
Boise, ID 83702

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Regards,
Paige Thomas
1706 N 21st St
Boise, ID 83702

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From: Stuart Wells <Stuart.Wells.328495234@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Stuart Wells
370 Too Kush Rd
Kooskia, ID 83539

From: John Thiel <John.Thiel.328500642@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:21 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

The land exchange proposal from Trident, LLC, fails to recognize the treasure that is associated with Payette Lakes recreational activities, its natural and scenic beauty, and its pristine environment. Trident is trying to package this deal to the Land Board as if they were constitutionally obligated to take the deal. Those kind of strong arm tactics demonstrate right away that they're not dealing in good faith.

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Instead, the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board should work to craft a solution that protects public access, recreation, water quality and wildlife habitat for all Idahoans. Trident's plan gives the Land Board political cover to say they had to take the deal for timberland even though that consistently underproduces and which the state typically clearcuts leaving little return. This Payette Lake land has far greater value than the mere dollars and cents costs won to which the parties want to distill this deal. The land is priceless. Why doesn't Potlatch still own that land? Duh.

Regards,
John Thiel
690 Granite Way
Boise, ID 83712

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From: Talia Spencer <Talia.Spencer.328501696@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:22 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Talia Spencer
1311 E Franklin St
Boise, ID 83712

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From: Paula Medley <Paula.Medley.328510506@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:33 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Paula Medley
PO Box 2124
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Joshua Davis <Joshua.Davis.102672039@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:16 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

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Regards,
Joshua Davis
1250 Warren Wagon Rd
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Laura Thompson <Laura.Thompson.328553860@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:34 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

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Regards,
Laura Thompson
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Mccall, ID 83638

From: Athena Gutowski <Athena.Gutowski.328559008@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:42 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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Regards,
Athena Gutowski
156 W Lake Fork Rd
Mccall, ID 83638

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From: Richard Morishita <Richard.Morishita.328559035@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:42 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Richard Morishita
PO Box 844
McCall, ID 83638

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From: Ron Nahas <RNahas@rafnah.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:57 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident Holdings Proposal

Members of the Idaho Land Board,

My family has had a home in McCall for over 25 years. Over that period of time, we have come to know the back country around the Payette Lakes intimately as we have hiked, fished, and mountain biked on and through the State Endowment Lands. Over the years, the recreational value of these lands has grown as the McCall community has grown. The thought of them falling into private hands is incomprehensible to us. The controversy over recently erected fences on small inholdings south of Warren Wagon Road make it clear to me that the state and federal government should be focused on acquiring key private parcels rather than disposing of lands currently in the public domain.

Now comes this proposal from Trident Holdings to transfer 28,000 acres into private hands. Mr. Williams plan is both audacious and naïve.

Audacious because the material presented by Mr. Williams does not indicate that he controls either side of the exchange he has proposed. If Mr. Williams wants to be taken seriously, he should raise the capital and tie up the land he wants to exchange before stirring up local outrage and putting the Land Board, County and City through the contentious public hearings his proposal has generated.

Naïve because he vastly over estimates the value of these lands for development and he underestimates the level of resistance he will encounter at every step. As long as I have been coming to McCall, there has never been a shortage of large parcels on the market that are both more accessible and better suited to residential use than the bulk of the endowment lands. Unlike the leased residential parcels the Land Board has been disposing of, unimproved forest land is far more valuable in the public domain than it is in private hands. Even if the Land Board were to look favorably on his proposal, there is little chance he could execute on it.

I am not well informed about the obligations imposed by the state constitution on the Land Board. If indeed there is a compelling reason these forest lands cannot continue in the ownership of the Idaho Department of Lands, let us begin immediately on the work necessary to solve that problem while keeping them entirely in the public domain and open to all.

Respectfully,

Ronald and Mary Nahas
978 Wagon Wheel Road
McCall

From: Erin Clark <Erin.Clark.328582507@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

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Instead, I encourage you to identify solutions that can preserve the integrity of Payette Lake, along with the the quality of life that my family enjoys.

Regards,
Erin Clark
1025 Shady Ln Loop
Mccall, ID 83638

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From: Jon Bison <Jon.Bison.328593451@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:36 PM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Jon Bison
711 N Mission St
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Caleigh Conn <Caleigh.Conn.328627291@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:34 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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Regards,
Caleigh Conn
699 N Mitchell St
Boise, ID 83704

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From: Dean Martens <Dean.Martens.328629767@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:39 PM
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Regards,
Dean Martens
321 Cece Way
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Larry Prince <Larry.Prince.328635977@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:49 PM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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Regards,
Larry Prince
9229 W Pebble Brook Ln
Boise, ID 83714

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From: Christopher Sickel <Christopher.Sickel.328671373@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:52 AM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Christopher Sickel
5131 Mountain View Dr
Boise, ID 83704

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From: Katie Hudson <Katie.Hudson.328679762@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:35 AM
To: Brian Oakey
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Regards,
Katie Hudson
PO Box 4667
Mccall, ID 83638

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From: Mitchel Zborowski <Mitchel.Zborowski.328350694@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 7:23 AM
To: Brian Oakey
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

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Regards,
Mitchel Zborowski
6770 N Moon Drummer Way
Meridian, ID 83646

From: Thomas Manning, MD <TManning@idneuro.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:17 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Oppose Trident/Alec Williams McCall Land Swap Scheme

Please forward to all members of the Land Board and to Dustin Miller:

Public lands are among the most important entities that the citizens of our state collectively own together. How we take care of these lands, and what we allow to happen to these lands, will reflect back upon us in 50 to 100 years as to the quality of the citizenry we are now.

Will later generations look at us as strong principled people who preserved the land for wildlife and an appreciation of natural things? Or will our descendants look back at us with scorn for our weakness at not standing up and loudly objecting to an insider land grab financed by out-of-state private equity? Read closely the minutes of the June 16 Idaho Land Board meeting. Read paragraph 8 of the minutes. In that meeting, each of the five elected officials who sit on the land board had to somewhat sheepishly admit for the record that (outside of and in advance of the Land Board meeting), they (or in one case their staff) had each met with Alec Williams of Trident Holdings to be briefed on his proposal to effectively steal 28,000 acres of the public land around McCall.

Land used daily by wildlife and Idaho citizens. Land tracked by elk in their migration from the mountains to the valley. Meandering riverbeds crisscrossed by moose. Land that serves as home for innumerable other species of wildlife. Public Land cared for and appreciated by Idahoans treading lightly upon it.

The Trident Holdings LLC team that briefed our elected officials using insider access was made up of:

1) Alec Williams: 33-year-old Ivy League-educated MBA/JD. Brief, fairly unremarkable service as a Navy SEAL (as a frogman, this kid was no Bill McRaven and neither was he a Chris Kyle). Degrees from Princeton, Yale, Harvard. Now trying to capitalize upon and sell the SEAL brand (the emblem affectionately known as the "Trident"). After getting his Harvard MBA, Alec cut his teeth in New York working for private equity and most recently working at Table Management LP, a firm that manages the personal wealth of Hedge Fund Billionaire Bill Ackman. Alec is intimately connected with New York private equity firms. After not quite a year of working for Bill Ackman, Alec has now returned to Idaho and has assembled financial backing and a high-priced team of lobbyists and lawyers and is attempting to portray himself as a local boy trying to "preserve" these 28,000 acres of public land.

2) Greg Casey: Lobbyist, formerly CEO of BIPAC. Now at Veritas. Made headlines in 2014 for parking his Bentley sports car yards from the U.S. Capitol. Casey came up in the politics game

hitching his wagon to that of Sen. Larry Craig (the same Larry Craig whose career finally spun out of control in 2007 following his arrest in a Minneapolis Airport men's room). Now he's delivering access to politicians at the Veritas Lobbying firm. Casey is a consummate "money buys access" guy. In 2017, the Spokesman-Review quoted Casey as saying, "As long as the people who are the voters know where the support comes from, it's really their decision whether a campaign contribution constitutes corruption. . . . I don't think there's too much money in politics. I think it's the mother's milk of our republic."

3) Erika Malman: Natural resources lawyer with Perkins Coie. Her client list reads like a "who's who of Idaho's extractive industries," according to reporters in 2015. Erika's back-door nomination to become a federal judge in 2015 faltered under the light of public scrutiny. At the time that she was put forward for judgeship, she had zero judicial experience. Please read Betsy Russel's article in The Spokesman-Review detailing the failed back-door judicial appointment. Erika's husband, Jeff Malman, is one of the top political operatives in the state, having most recently served as chief of staff to governor Butch Otter. Erica's husband Jeff now works to direct Idaho Power's Campaign donations in his role as Senior Vice President for Public Affairs at Idaho Power. The Malman family has made a family business out of insider access, corporate representation, and courting political favors with campaign donations.

4) David Lehman: Lobbyist with Primus Policy Group. Came up in the politics game as a policy advisor to then-Gov. Kempthorne. Followed Kempthorne to the Department of the Interior in 2006. Has now spent the last decade as a private lobbyist.

5) David New: Timber industry consultant. Formerly at Boise Cascade. Now the principal at Growing Excellence, Inc., a forest business management consultant firm whose recent clients have included the Idaho Department of Lands. Now he's been hired by Alec Williams to facilitate a heist of those same Public Lands.

6) Financial backing: Unknown. Alec Williams refuses to disclose. Likely a lot of lot of New York City area codes in his list of contacts and east coast money writing the checks to underwrite all the lobbyist work. Remember that Alec's last job before coming to Idaho was working for Hedge Fund Billionaire Bill Ackman.

Do not allow this back-door theft of public land to go forward! Become involved. Send letters to each of the five members of the Land Board. Write to your representatives. Write to the McCall City Council. Write to the Valley County Commissioners. Let the Land Board members know that they are OUR elected officials and if they are unwilling to represent the public interest, they can be removed from office via election or recall.

Shine the bright light of public scrutiny upon these back-room dealings! Send Alec Williams and Trident Holdings packing on the next train headed East.

Respectfully,
Thomas Manning MD, PhD
2071 Lakeview Ave.
McCall, ID

Sent from my iPhone

From: Nellie Baker <nelliebaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 6:42 AM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall

I am adamantly against a land swap for development around Payette Lake. McCall is a quiet retreat- one of the few small towns that provide retreat. This proposed development will alter the fabric of the community forever.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kathryn Bowen <katierosebowen@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:18 PM
To: Comments
Subject: NO to Trident

A big NO from me for Trident to have that land.

Sent from my iPhone

From: William Cleves <bcleves92@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:40 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] I oppose the Trident land swap

That land should not be under the control of a group who's stated purpose is profit for shareholders.

Bill Cleves
McCall Idaho.

From: Judy Nicola <funnicola123@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Comments
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] Trident development

We are interested in preserving lands for the people of Idaho and not interested in increasing the profit of investor owned companies Please say NO

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Dan Henderson at boisefilter@gmail.com
Phone: 208-987-9876
Address: 123 main
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

The Idaho Department of Lands holds the future of McCall in its hands, McCall is one of the last places in the United States that has not been bastardized for the sake of profit. To add to the insult, the party that will see the most profit will not be from this State. I know that you are fiscally responsible for the financial well-being of the state, but you must weigh this out with the quality of life that the residents of McCall have and have chosen to have.

At the very least, you should demand to see the plan that this group has for this land and legally hold them to this plan, or lose their rights to the land. This plan must also be released to the state before any decision is made.

WE ARE ALL WATCHING YOU!!!!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Karen McLean at kcarns740@msn.com
Phone: 2083152986
Address: 200 Floyde Street
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

When our endowment or public lands is divided up and allowed to enter private ownership, each small ecosystem in that tract is lost to the larger ecosystem for the plants, insects, and larger wildlife and for those of us who value being able to wander and immerse ourselves in those areas. I have seen this happen in the Big Sky area in Montana with the Yellowstone Club. That area used to be my playground for hiking, climbing, camping and wildlife watching. It now is chopped up in private hands and only the richest of the rich can go there. They have used up an incredible amounts of natural resources to build their showcase McMansions of which they hardly use or appreciate. I moved to the McCall area to flee the devastation that I saw of those beautiful areas that we all used to be able to enjoy. It breaks my heart to see that it could happen here. Please don't let Trident do this to us here. You can't grow more endowment or public land, once it is gone, it's gone.

From: Patrick Harren <patrickharren@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Comments
Subject: land swap

Dear Madam or Sir,

As a long time McCall resident, I am very concerned about the proposed land swap. I routinely mountain bike on the state land east of Potter Lane, off Farm to Market Road. There is a lot of opposition to the swap, and rightfully so, but not too many concrete ideas, up until this point. So let me throw this out there:

What if we assessed the yearly contribution to the state education fund that would be gained by Trident taking control of the land, as opposed to as it is now. This information should be necessary for the Board to have anyway, in making its decision. Whatever that sum is, how much would it take in taxes to make up the difference. Could a vote be held to see if McCall taxpayers would agree to a tax increase so the proposed land would stay as is? How much of an increase in taxes would it take?

Thank you,
Patrick Harren

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Diana Fields at dianacfields@gmail.com
Phone: 3035481814
Address: 910 Yew Wood
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I strongly oppose Trident's project. Like Alec Williams, one of the founders of Trident, I grew up in Boise and have spent the last several decades every summer and some winters in McCall. Trident's proposal, while couched as preserving McCall, is a typical land developers ploy. The valuable lands will be sold and developed for a huge profit and non-usable lands will be designated with conservation easements indirectly also benefitting the developers with the tax deductions. If the group is so interested in saving McCall they could do the land swap and put ALL the land under conservation easements and STILL get a substantial tax benefit. They should not be allowed to develop the choice real estate around the lake; instead that value can be used for the tax deduction for the conservation easement. Otherwise the Land Board should see the project for what it is— a land grab simply to benefit private equity partners who will create a development that will destroy the value of McCall, the environment and McCall's legacy. Please don't be persuaded by the slick, down-home presentations, which clearly indicate the developers think you all are fools. Just because something "can" be done, doesn't mean it should. Please act in the best interests of all Idahoans and deny Trident's proposal.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Lori Gibson-Banducci at lbanduc@aol.com
Phone: 2086306634
Address: P.O. Box 1502
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

McCall, Payette Lake and the beautiful, undeveloped arc of land that surround it are part and parcel of what makes this area so special. Having a large swath of public land surrounding Payette Lake, Little Payette Lake and the North Fork of the Payette River helps to maintain and preserve the flora, fauna and wild nature of this area.

Trident's analysis fails to recognize the treasured features associated with the lake's recreational activities, natural and scenic beauty, and pristine environment, are much more valuable than any potential development. Tourism, fishing, boating, hunting and wildlife watching on these lands also contribute significantly to the local economy, and protection of lakeshore and riparian habitat is of critical importance to Payette Lake's water quality.

It's time to take a long term view of the Idaho Department of Lands method of "valuing" these properties. While I understand there are certain constitutional requirements imposed on your management of these lands, I would submit that there are a plethora of creative alternatives that could satisfy that mandate—while still protecting this land. Selling to the highest bidder is not the only solution.

I encourage you to look closely at the opportunities now presented for the IDL to fulfill its mandate, while insuring this land is protected for public access, recreation, wildlife habitat and water quality for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

You all must explore solutions like expanding Ponderosa State Park and/or using the Land and Water Conservation Fund for acquisitions or easements on this iconic Idaho landscape.

Selling, parceling, dividing and developing this land is NOT in the best interests of the citizens of this state and particularly those of us who make our home in McCall.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: susan marshall at susiem@vidagroup.net
Phone: 208 634 9777
Address: 1600 E.Lake St
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
I am strongly opposed to the Trident acquisition attempt in our beautiful natural space in McCall.

From: jenny fawcett <jennyfawcett@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land swap

Please don't allow this to happen. Once public lands are gone they never return. Leave the land open for generations to come. Jenny Fawcett

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Jenny Fawcett at jennyfawcett@sbcglobal.net
Phone: 209-704-1633
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
Please do not sell off/trade or otherwise encumber our public lands. Once the open space is gone it will never come back. Leave it open for all future generations. Thank you. Jenny Fawcett

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Steve & Patricia Minor at spminor@frontiernet.net
Phone: 2086303330
Address: P. O. Box 1492
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
We are completely against the Land swap it's Trident !

From: Nancy Inaba <nancysinaba@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:11 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident buying state lands

Please do not allow Trident, a private land developer to buy public acceded land. They openly lie about maintaining public access and will shut out the public from what has been a jewel for people in southern Idaho. It is a short term gain to sell uniquely beautiful and accessible land. The state lands currently do generate revenue and in the long run provide revenue and recreation. Trident seeks to change the way we interact with the forest, making it just for the very wealthy. Thank you so much,
Nancy Inaba
3224 E Whitman
Boise ID 83716

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Barbara McClain at bobwamccclain@aol.com
Phone: 208 392 4585
Address: PO Box 374
City: Idaho City
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am appalled that the Land Board is considering trading off shoreline property on Payette Lake for the short term gain of logging land in northern Idaho. I am a property owner in McCall, and would be heartbroken if there was high density development around the lake'

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Julie Murphy at juliegmurphy@gmail.com
Phone: 7274798666
Address: PO Box 884
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
July 11, 2020

Dear Land Board,

The cover is blown. There are wolves guarding the henhouse. Trident is the wolf- whisperer. I know in your hearts that you know your fiduciary duty is to schools, to Idaho, to Idaho citizens.

The Something-is-wrong-in-the-state-of-Denmark (Idaho) land grab by Trident is soulless and heartless. 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 more beautiful Idaho. They represent biological diversity and preservation.

In making any decisions for Idaho lands, not just money has to be taken into account. Environmental concerns for one. 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 in Lake Payette. As Boise grows so does the human numbers, the boat numbers on Lake Payette.

Right now we can make the decision to manage Lake Payette with thoughts for what the lake needs. It does not need more, permanent people-pollution. It has as much multi-use as it can tolerate.

Why does Trident want the land so badly. Lake Payette is one of the few natural mountain lakes in the USA. It's size is and beauty is a natural wonder and should be cherished by the State of Idaho. Further it is one of the rare natural lakes, with natural beaches, maybe the only one. It should be considered a Gem of the State. It should be protected as are many of the other lakes in Idaho.

Because we are blessed with lakes in the State of Idaho, we can easily take them for granted. Trident doesn't. They know what that land means, one of the last bits of real estate of its kind in the USA. And so they come, not to cherish, but to demolish huckleberry strands, wildlife habitats, natural beauty. Question...has an environment impact study even been done?

McCall has done a great job so far separating the wheat from the chaff. Early on it banned franchises from the city, it managed Manchester and kept open the beach in front of Shore Lodge. Good on them.

I suggest that viewing the endowed lands around Payette Lake through the lens of today, the state should change the designation to park lands or national forest, any lands close to the lake or the payette river system. Or as endowed lands, land use should be attached a fee.

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

This fire trade or sale of land will forever be 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 great 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 this endowed land.

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.

As Idaho, particularly Boise, continues to explode in population the stewards of lands in Idaho must be people who are without self-interest. They must be beyond reproach to keep our environment healthy and 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: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: gerald mcclain at geraldmcclain28@yahoo.com
Phone: 3607909262
Address: 1973 E Gemini Pl
City: Chandler
State: Arizona

Comment:

I oppose trading away lands on Payette Lake. God only gave us so much land and once it is gone it is gone! If you want to buy the land in the trade I support that but do not trade off land in McCall

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Julie Murphy at juliemurphy@gmail.com
Phone: 7274798666
Address: PO Box 884
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

In summary, I'm pretty sure that as custodians to endowed lands the board does not get to sell/trade/Virtually give away high quality government land in such a way as only (Truly) financially benefits the persons or people involved in the transaction.

Thanks 🙏

Julie Murphy

From: Bob Burns <bburns83638@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident Land Swap

Dear Land Board,

I, my wife, and all of my friends strongly oppose the land swap proposed by Trident. I love McCall and fear the loss of what makes it wonderful - our public lands. Trident just wants to make a profit. The data show that the value of our surrounding land cannot be determined and Trident is trying desperately and awkwardly to manipulate the data. The planning of the McCall area should not be placed in the hands of some for profit company. Please stop this theft of our public land.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Burns
231 Alta Vista Drive
McCall, ID 83638

From: jenny fawcett <jennyfawcett@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: Proposed land swap

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On Sunday, July 12, 2020, 12:42 PM, jenny fawcett <jennyfawcett@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Please don't allow this to happen. Once public lands are gone they never return. Leave the land open for generations to come. Jenny Fawcett

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From: David Burns <davkburns@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident et al exchange

My wife and I have lived in McCall for over 40 years and have come to rely on lands managed by Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) more and more for hunting, picking berries and gathering mushrooms as areas have been developed and closed to the public in areas like Boulder Creek, Red Ridge and along the North Fork of the Payette River. I have harvested deer in almost the entire area proposed for land exchange and we have picked berries there and gathered mushrooms. Our activities are compatible with IDLs logging and even sometimes enhanced. Our activities are incompatible with any development of residences. Therefore, we are opposed to the proposed land exchange with Trident Holdings et al.

In addition we would point out that local logging operators have been severely impacted by the loss of local mills and the reduced harvest of trees on the National Forests. Loss of local IDL resources would further damage local logging jobs. Logging in distant northern Idaho would not support our local economy here in McCall.

If IDL needs to increase revenue from local lands they might increase timber harvest and charge fees for uses such as recreation on the lands that they manage. We favour such local solutions rather than further erosion of people's ability to use IDL lands.

From: caitlingus@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Reject the Trident Proposal

I am a full-time McCall resident and a healthcare provider in this community. I am writing to you in opposition to the Trident land swap proposal.

This is not the deal we want for this area that is so precious—much of what makes this area so special is the undeveloped open space that surrounds town and this part of our lakes. Please keep the lands surrounding Payette Lake and Little Payette Lake in public hands.

Caitlin Gustafson, MD
811 Wright Rd POB 4312
McCall, ID 83638

Sent from my iPhone

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: John Van Der Giessen at John@stackrockcapital.com
Phone: 2088549589
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:
I strongly disagree with the idea of selling 80,000 acres of land to an out of state for profit group. This is not in the best interest of Idahoans.

From: Tom Webb <tom.webb@salasobrien.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Renee Jacobsen
Cc: Tom Webb
Subject: FW: Ridiculous McCall area land swap proposal

My first attempt to send to the address comments@idl.idaho.gov, did not send. Please forward to opinion letters on this issue. Thanks

From: Tom Webb <tom.webb@salasobrien.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:47 PM
To: comments@idl.idaho.gov.
Cc: Tom Webb <tom.webb@salasobrien.com>
Subject: Ridiculous McCall area land swap proposal

Dear: Idaho Department of Lands Board.

The proposed land swap by Trident Holdings for 28,000 acres of public lands around Payette Lake and McCall is ridiculous at best. In no way do I see any immediate or long term benefit to the public and State if this land theft is allowed. Please do not bow down to this team of trained professional crooks. I smell rat just at the act of their actions of suggesting the trade. They are treating us Idahoans as simpletons. Stop these discussions asap! Just say NO!

Their proposed revenue generating trade offering of timberlands is no more than smoke and mirrors. Yes, literally smoke, as soon as we have another dry summer all the offered north Idaho timber land can be potentially incinerated. The State will be left with additional firefighting debt. No guaranteed revenue in this proposal. The public land around Payette Lake should remain off limits to any and all developers. The land needs to remain in public hands. It is sacred land and irreplaceable!

I have seen many developers through my years of being an architect and builder. We all know some development companies pride themselves in promising and getting away with not delivering. It is all about the quick dollar for the investors and tricking the client. They pride themselves in manipulating all land use codes and requirements to their favor. Or they will just do what they want and ask forgiveness. Once this public land around the lake is sold, it will never be the spiritually beautiful place we know. Public access will be limited to nothing over the years. This trade will devastate tourism and recreation uses.

Payette Lake and surrounding property is very unique and special to all who have visited and will visit in the future. I hope as the State Board, you have included the local Indian Tribes in these communications and actions. They have special ancestral connections to this lake and surrounding land. You need to hear from the tribes and give them voice in these discussions.

Obviously, I am very much against such a silly trade as proposed by Trident Holdings. As an Idaho native, I believe this land trade proposal is so ridiculous, I actually find it insulting to the citizens of the great State of Idaho. Please stop this land swap discussion asap. We all have more important issues today to deal with.

Sincerely thanks,

Tom Webb, architect retired.
McCall, Seattle and Tucson

From: Thomas Manning, MD <TManning@idneuro.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:25 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Oppose Trident/Alec Williams McCall Land Swap Scheme

Please forward to all members of the Land Board and to Dustin Miller:

Public lands are among the most important entities that the citizens of our state collectively own together. How we take care of these lands, and what we allow to happen to these lands, will reflect back upon us in 50 to 100 years as to the quality of the citizenry we are now.

Will later generations look at us as strong principled people who preserved the land for wildlife and an appreciation of natural things? Or will our descendants look back at us with scorn for our weakness at not standing up and loudly objecting to an insider land grab financed by out-of-state private equity? Read closely the minutes of the June 16 Idaho Land Board meeting. Read paragraph 8 of the minutes. In that meeting, each of the five elected officials who sit on the land board had to somewhat sheepishly admit for the record that (outside of and in advance of the Land Board meeting), they (or in one case their staff) had each met with Alec Williams of Trident Holdings to be briefed on his proposal to effectively steal 28,000 acres of the public land around McCall.

Land used daily by wildlife and Idaho citizens. Land tracked by elk in their migration from the mountains to the valley. Meandering riverbeds crisscrossed by moose. Land that serves as home for innumerable other species of wildlife. Public Land cared for and appreciated by Idahoans treading lightly upon it.

The Trident Holdings LLC team that briefed our elected officials using insider access was made up of:

1) Alec Williams: 33-year-old Ivy League-educated MBA/JD. Brief, fairly unremarkable service as a Navy SEAL (as a frogman, this kid was certainly no Bill McRaven and neither was he a Chris Kyle). Degrees from Princeton, Yale, Harvard. Now trying to capitalize upon and sell the SEAL brand (the emblem affectionately known as the "Trident"). After getting his Harvard MBA, Alec cut his teeth in New York working for private equity and most recently working at Table Management LP, a firm that manages the personal wealth of Hedge Fund Billionaire Bill Ackman. Alec is intimately connected with New York private equity firms. After not quite a year of working for Bill Ackman, Alec has now returned to Idaho and has assembled financial backing and a high-priced team of lobbyists and lawyers and is attempting to portray himself as a local boy trying to "preserve" these 28,000 acres of public land.

2) Greg Casey: Lobbyist, formerly CEO of BIPAC. Founding partner at Veritas Advisors LLP. Made headlines in 2014 for parking his Bentley sports car mere yards from the U.S. Capitol. Casey came up in the politics game hitching his wagon to that of Sen. Larry Craig (the same Larry Craig whose career finally spun out of control in 2007 following his arrest in a Minneapolis Airport men's room). Now he seems to be focusing on delivering access to politicians here in Idaho. Casey is a consummate "money buys access" guy. In 2017, the Spokesman-Review quoted Casey as saying, "As long as the people who are the voters know where the support comes from, it's really their decision whether a campaign contribution constitutes corruption. . . . I don't think there's too much money in politics. I think it's the mother's milk of our republic." Casey is now facilitating high-level, closed-door meetings with Idaho's elected officials on behalf of Alec Williams.

3) Erika Malmen: Natural resources lawyer with Perkins Coie. Her client list reads like a "who's who of Idaho's extractive industries," according to reporters in 2015. Erika's back-door nomination to become a federal judge in 2015 faltered under the light of public scrutiny. At the time that she was put forward for judgeship, she had essentially zero judicial experience. Please read Betsy Russel's article in The Spokesman-Review detailing the failed back-door judicial appointment. Erika's husband, Jeff Malmen is one of the top political operatives in the state, having most recently served as chief of staff to governor Butch Otter. Erica's husband Jeff now works to direct Idaho Power's political campaign donations in his role as Senior Vice President for Public Affairs at Idaho Power. The Malmen family has made a family business out of insider access, corporate representation, and courting political favors with campaign donations. Now Erica is serving up the insider access for Alec Williams.

4) David Lehman: Lobbyist with Primus Policy Group. Came up in the politics game as a policy advisor to then-Gov. Kempthorne. Followed Kempthorne to the Department of the Interior in 2006. Has now spent the last decade as a private lobbyist.

5) David New: Timber industry consultant. Formerly at Boise Cascade. Now the principal at Growing Excellence, Inc., a forest business management consultant firm whose recent clients have included the Idaho Department of Lands. Now he's been hired by Alec Williams to facilitate a heist of those same Public Lands.

6) Financial backing: Unknown. Alec Williams refuses to disclose. Likely a lot of lot of New York City telephone area codes in his list of contacts and east coast money writing the checks to underwrite all this lobbyist work. Is his lobbyist crew working on contingency for a piece of the financial pie? Remember that Alec's last job before coming to Idaho was working for Hedge Fund Billionaire Bill Ackman.

Do not allow this back-door theft of public land to go forward! Become involved. Send letters to each of the five members of the Land Board. Write to your representatives. Write to the McCall City

Council. Write to the Valley County Commissioners. Let the Land Board members know that they are OUR elected officials and if they are unwilling to represent the public interest, they can be removed from office via election or recall.

Shine the bright light of public scrutiny upon these back-room dealings! The North Fork Payette watershed is too special a place to allow for this sort of back-door land grab! Long term protection for this watershed will be necessary. Concerned citizens and organizations are working on long term protection. The immediate issue however, is to send Alec Williams and Trident Holdings and his entire lobbyist team packing on the next train headed East.

Respectfully,
Thomas Manning
2071 Lakeview Ave.
McCall, ID

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tim Johans <brainstorm@cableone.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall land grab

PLEASE dont let the short term profit of this land sale blind your vision for a McCall complete with vast unspoiled lands, streams, and mountains. Let other states sell their beauty, but not Idaho.

Sent from my iPad

From: Mark Engibous <engiboum@slhs.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident Land Swap

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to voice my very strong opposition to the proposed land swap of Idaho endowment lands in Valley County with Trident Holdings.

Access to the lands in and surrounding McCall is intrinsically woven into the history, culture, and economy of the town and the State of Idaho. Our love for these lands compels us to speak out against the Alec Williams/Trident Holdings LLC proposed swap of 28,000 acres in and around McCall for some unspecified timber lands in Northern Idaho.

The reason these lands have attracted this would-be developer is not only because of their unique beauty but also because Idahoans have worked to preserve the quality of the state and adjacent federal lands and their waters. Generations of local conservation efforts from the advocacy that created Ponderosa Park to the recent regulations protecting Payette Lake have generated a strong land ethic that makes this area a place people want to live. Trident intends to capitalize on all of this. *Here are just a few of the problems with Trident's proposal:*

- Trident is proposing a business venture. Making money for its investors, as stated by Trident, is the company's primary purpose.
- Trident would gain complete control over 28,000 acres, all within the North Fork Payette watershed. These lands extend from 3 miles south of Upper Payette Lake, on both sides of the North Fork Payette River, along both sides of Payette Lake, then east to catch the mouth of Lake Fork Creek, and in a long block going down the east side of the valley to Paddy Flat Road including Boulder Creek and Boulder Reservoir. This ownership would also give Trident significant leverage over other private lands in the area.
- Contrary to Trident's statements and fuzzy math, these state lands **are** producing revenue for the state endowment fund, benefitting public education.
- The inestimable value of the state lands in and around McCall goes far beyond the dollar value of unspecified timber lands up North; it includes water quality, wildlife habitat, recreation and aesthetic values, which also generate valuable tourism revenue and tax dollars.
- The Idaho Land Board and Department of Lands recognize that access to state endowment lands provide an abundance of outdoor opportunities to the public that are "part of the fabric of Idaho's history and culture." The Land Board also recognized in the 2007 Asset Management Plan that some lands should be kept in perpetuity.

What we need and want, especially for our children and grandchildren, are forests to wander in, cliffs to climb, creek banks to scramble down, wildflowers and berries for the summer, and snow trails to explore in the winter. What we need and demand is protection for wildlife and our precious watershed. Public use of lands fosters love of the land and teaches us how to care for it. This is a most crucial skill for the 21st century.

Best Regards,
Mark Engibous, CRNA

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From: Nancy <huntress@ctcweb.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:00 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident

NO to Alec Williams/Trident and YES to working with the Land Board and stakeholders to develop a long-term plan for these irreplaceable lands.
Please consider keeping our local state lands for EVERYONE to use. Why would you even consider tying up the waterways with private land like this exchange would do??? Homes, condos, commercial ventures all along the waterways, NO. I do not for a minute believe that Trident would be making a land swap that would even begin to come close to the value LOST to Valley County residents, tourism, hunters, fishermen, bicyclists...Just say NO.

Thank you,

Nancy Lane

From: Graham Pinard <Pinardfamily@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:09 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Lake land swap

Don't trade gold bars for lead plugs. Keep this area in the hands of the state. I oppose this swap and believe the state is managing it appropriately.

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From: LINDA SCHLOMER <lindasellsidaho@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:00 PM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall Land use

Please do not allow Alec Williams/Trident Holdings LLC proposed swap of 28,000 acres in and around McCall for some unspecified timber lands in Northern Idaho. No more development of protected land by big developers.

Please preserve this land for our future Grandchildren and generations to come. Besides, Hwy 55 cannot sustain any more traffic without many casualties in the river.

Dean and Linda Schlomer



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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:34 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Amy McClain at amyamcclain@gmail.com
Address: 1030 Fireweed Dr
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
The trade for the land around Payette Lake is not in the best interest of the citizens. I'm opposed to this sale.

From: Jan Thorien <janthorien@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:02 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Land Swap

I am completely opposed to this. Change the very old Idaho constitution or laws rather than swap this pristine beautify that makes Idaho what it is, brings many visitors and income to forestry up north. No question.

Jan Thorien

From: Bill Williams <gotelk57@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:47 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Land Swap near McCall

Dear Land Board,

I know that the Education Endowment mandates that State lands earn money for the endowment, but trading away some of the best recreational land in Southern Idaho isn't the way to do it. I am totally opposed to trading away any of the prime recreation lands in the McCall area to a developer who just wants to make money out of our quality of life. Please, please, don't sell our way of life in this area to the highest bidder. There are other ways to earn money for the endowment and still preserve our way of life that makes Idaho so unique! Thank You!

Bill Williams,
McCall, IDaho

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:56 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Zane Hardin at zbhardin14@gmail.com
Phone: 2083155177
Address: 1762 N. Snowfield Place
City: Kuna
State: Idaho

Comment:
I Oppose the Payette Lake Land Exchange Proposal.

The 28,000 acres of state lands surrounding Payette Lake and Little Payette Lake are a valuable cultural and economic asset to the communities in Valley County and all Idahoans who enjoy them. It is an iconic Idaho landscape not only because it is scenic and offers multi-use recreation opportunity, but simply because it is a public resource available for all to enjoy.

Now this land is proposed for sale into private ownership. If fulfilled, the proposed land exchange will change how we experience McCall and its surrounding areas forever, and in a fundamental way. It will no longer belong in public hands, but will be parceled, subdivided, developed, and gated- benefitting only the highest bidders at the expense of every Idahoan.

Public lands are among the most important entities that the citizens of our state collectively own together. How we take care of these lands, and what we allow to happen to these lands, will reflect back upon us in 50 to 100 years as to the quality of the citizenry we are now. Will later generations look at us as strong principled people who preserved the land for wildlife and an appreciation of natural things? Or will our descendants look back at us with scorn for our weakness at not standing up and loudly objecting to an insider land grab financed by out-of-state private equity?

I oppose the Payette Lake land exchange proposed by Trident LLC and support the State of Idaho Land Board to engage the McCall City Council and Chamber of Commerce, Valley County Commissioners, state senators and representatives, and any interested stakeholders to explore other options to permanently keep this state land parcel in public hands.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:04 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Lawrence Smart at a.lawrencesmart@gmail.com
Phone: 2083153677
Address: PO Box 1674
City: Hailey
State: Idaho

Comment:

Idaho public lands should not be privatized. The land swap proposed by Trident near McCall if completed, will PERMANENTLY alter and reduce the quality of life and economic future of the McCall area. The economic gain from a sale will be a short lived benefit to a very few and the long term damage will be permanent. I ask you to please take the "long view". Please make a decision based on what you would like your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to experience. Do not approve this short sighted land grab that will benefit so few. Idaho is too great to sale to the highest bidder. These lands are far more valuable as public. respectfully, Lawrence Smart, Bellevue, Idaho

From: Dayna <daynak9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:41 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Just say NO to Alec W.

Back in 2008 when I moved up here for work I never knew the hidden beauty of McCall. If this deal goes through many new comers to our great town won't be able to see what we saw.
Having the land available for just the fat cats to do what they want isn't right, it's morally wrong. How can we have such an amazing place be run by greed?
The land that is talked about belongs to the LOCALS that have been taking care of it. I understand we don't own it and that's the way we like it, sharing the mountains is sometimes the only thing we have to give.
Our son was born 2014 in McCall and we have spent countless hours playing in these hills and exploring our backyard. I would be sad to see my kids face if we wouldn't be able to continue our little adventures.

Dayna Kunkel
Facilities Manager
Manchester Ice and Event Center
McCall, Idaho 83638
Main 208-634-3570
Cell 208-861-5847

From: Zak Sears <zaksears4@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:50 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident Land Grab

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of Valley County and I oppose the business venture of Trident Holdings LLC. This proposed land swap is not in the best interest of McCall and its residents. I live here specifically for access to public lands. This venture will only limit the publics ability to enjoy access to what is rightfully all of ours. Why must we continually grant those with money rights to everything? Why encourage more second home owners in this community?

I say a strong no to the Trident Land Grab.

Sincerely,

Zak Sears

From: Leslie Freeman <lesliecfreeman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident Land Swap

I am writing in opposition to the Trident Land Swap, because it is not clear to me that the state will come out economically ahead in the long run. Giving up these Valley County lands seems short sighted.

In regard to any land swaps, it is paramount to protect access to surrounding public lands and assurances that that will be done need to be specified and easements written with public input contingent to these agreements being finalized.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Polly Evett at pocketevett@yahoo.com
Phone: 208-424-8244
Address: 2105 W Dora
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

This whole deal with Trident stinks as many fishy things do. The people are watching. Do the right thing. They want to "swap" land. I have some options for them in Mountain Home. Leave McCall alone.

From: Sandra Sweetland <sandrasweetland@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Comments
Subject: No to Trident

Idahoans have worked to preserve the lands and water surrounding Payette Lake. Trident LLC intends to capitalize on the beauty and make money for their investors by taking over 28,000 acres of land for their development. I am certain we can find a better solution to ensure revenue for the state endowment fund that would not destroy our public lands.
Please, please, please say NO to Alec Williams and Trident! These are irreplaceable lands.

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Sandra Sweetland
1512 Roosevelt Ave
McCall, Idaho
801 550-7544

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Diane Ronayne at dianeronayne@gmail.com
Phone: 208-336-2128
Address: 746 Santa Paula Ct
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please deny the transfer of land around Payette Lake to Alec Williams/Trident. Please work with all stakeholders to develop a long-term plan for these irreplaceable lands. Thank you!

From: Dori Them <dorisokei@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Protect the public lands around McCall!

Good morning Land Board,

My name is Dorothy Them and I was born in McCall Idaho in 1958. My father, Water Them, moved here in 1951 in order to run survival training with Frank and John Craighead for the Air Force troops fighting in Korea while my mother completed her Masters in Zoology before joining him in 1952. How does this relate? The very lands you are considering privatizing are the lands where my father did that survival training. We needed that land then for a crucial purpose and we need it now for equally important reasons, including the need to someday again train our military in winter survival. This story also indicates McCall has always drawn hardy well-educated people to build their homes and raise their families.

That's point Number 1.

Number 2: Sustaining the necessary wild lands corridor for wildlife habitat.

Number 3: Maintaining the watershed supplying the town of McCall. Number 4: Slowing the development of tourism in McCall so it is measured, thoughtful, considered and deliberate.

Many of McCall's residents do not want more second and third homes in our area. We want people who live here to move in and take up their civic duties as community members, not simply tourists. I imagine you will hear from them as this decision is on the table. Please listen - that is your civic duty.

Dorothy Them

From: ALAN GUMMERSALL <ALGUM@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Regarding Trident - Land Board

In a situation like this you only get one chance to do the right thing. Idaho does not need to lose all it's beauty, recreation and availability in exchange for the almighty dollar. We've already had on out of state group buy open land and close off. If Trident already owns timberland in N Idaho let them do what they want with that and leave Valley County alone.

Alan Gummersall
Boise, ID

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: Samson Large <samsonlarge5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Idaho Land Board/Trident Landgrab.

Hello,

My name is Samson Large, I grew up in McCall, there is nothing more important to me than keeping the land surrounding McCall public. It is what makes McCall the amazing place that it is. I've spent countless hours alone, with friends, family, wandering the forest surrounding payette lake, river, boulder res, paddy flat landing, and just about every square inch of the 28,000 acres proposed to be STOLEN. If these 'investors' from the east had done minimal research or just visited our community they would be able to see very clearly that the public land and the ability to use said land is how our community makes money. As a community we own that land and we do take care of it, as it takes care of us. One of my favorite Teddy Roosevelt quotes describes this situation almost to a T.

“Defenders of the short-sighted men who in their greed and selfishness will, if permitted, rob our country of half its charm by their reckless extermination of all useful and beautiful wild things sometimes seek to champion them by saying the ‘the game belongs to the people.’ So it does; and not merely to the people now alive, but to the unborn people. The ‘greatest good for the greatest number’ applies to the number within the womb of time, compared to which those now alive form but an insignificant fraction. Our duty to the whole, including the unborn generations, bids us restrain an unprincipled present-day minority from wasting the heritage of these unborn generations. The movement for the conservation of wild life and the larger movement for the conservation of all our natural resources are essentially democratic in spirit, purpose, and method.” - <https://www.trcp.org/2011/03/18/defenders-of-the-short-sighted/>

Please don't let our lands go to greed.

Samson Large

From: Beth Kochevar <bethkochevar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall Land Swap Comment- July 21 meeting

Dear IDL,

Please do not go through with this land swap. Work with the local community to develop a long-term solution to support our children in schools and maintain access to these 28,000 acres around McCall by not selling them off in any way. These ideas should not be mutually exclusive.

I sign on to the letter from the McCall Community below, in opposition to the land swap with Trident Holdings.

Access to the lands in and surrounding McCall is intrinsically woven into the history, culture, and economy of the town and the State of Idaho. Our love for these lands compels us to speak out against the Alec Williams/Trident Holdings LLC proposed swap of 28,000 acres in and around McCall for some unspecified timber lands in Northern Idaho.

The reason these lands have attracted this would-be developer is not only because of their unique beauty but also because Idahoans have worked to preserve the quality of the state and adjacent federal lands and their waters. Generations of local conservation efforts from the advocacy that created Ponderosa Park to the recent regulations protecting Payette Lake have generated a strong land ethic that makes this area a place people want to live. Trident intends to capitalize on all of this. *Here are just a few of the problems with Trident's proposal:*

- Trident is proposing a business venture. Making money for its investors, as stated by Trident, is the company's primary purpose.
- Trident would gain complete control over 28,000 acres, all within the North Fork Payette watershed. These lands extend from 3 miles south of Upper Payette Lake, on both sides of the North Fork Payette River, along both sides of Payette Lake, then east to where Lake Fork Creek flows into Little Lake, and in a long block going down the east side of the valley to Paddy Flat Road including Boulder Creek and Boulder Reservoir. This ownership would also give Trident significant leverage over other private lands in the area.
- Contrary to Trident's statements and fuzzy math, these state lands **are** producing revenue for the state endowment fund, benefitting public education.
- The inestimable value of the state lands in and around McCall goes far beyond the dollar value of unspecified timber lands up North; it includes water quality, wildlife habitat, recreation and aesthetic values, which also generate valuable tourism revenue and tax dollars.
- The Idaho Land Board and Department of Lands recognize that access to state endowment lands provide an abundance of outdoor opportunities to the public that are "part of the fabric of Idaho's history and culture." The Land Board also recognized in its 2007 Asset Management Plan that some lands should be kept in perpetuity.

What we need and want, especially for our children and grandchildren, are forests to wander in, cliffs to climb, creek banks to scramble down, wildflowers and berries for the summer, and snow trails to explore in the winter. What we need and demand is protection for wildlife and our precious watershed. Public use of lands fosters love of the land and teaches us how to care for it. This is a most crucial skill for the 21st century.

Thank you,

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Beth Kochevar
McCall, Idaho Resident

Environmental Science Educator

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“Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you.” — Wendell Berry

From: Ken Deibert <kdeibert@mindspring.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette lake Land swap

Land Board Members:

We are writing to express our opposition to the land swap proposed by Trident Company. The State lands located in the Payette Lake water shed must be preserved to assure the maintenance of the water, air and quality of environment. As residents of McCall we feel that the value of the current land use for theses land far outweighs any potential of commercial development. Payette lakes is a resource to be cherished, protected and valued by the State of Idaho.

Ken & Rebecca Deibert
McCall, ID

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Jeff Mousseau at jeffreymousseau@msn.com
Phone: 12085207708
Address: PO Box 167, 105 Brundage View Ct
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Keep Public Lands in Public Hands

I am strongly opposed to exchanging 28,000 acres of endowment lands managed by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) in the McCall/Payette Lake area as proposed by to the IDL and Trident Holdings. These lands serve as a fundamental open and wild land resource to the residents of McCall, Valley County, and the State of Idaho. These lands should remain public, protected under State of Idaho control for perpetuity. In no case should these lands be liquidated through leasing, exchanging or selling for private ownership.

I watched with trepidation as similar land first owned by Boise Cascade was sold to multiple timber companies (who all allowed public access), and then in horror as these same properties including 172,000 acres in Valley County were sold to private owners DF Development who then immediately eliminated all public access to these lands which also blocked access to tens of thousands of additional acres. This should never be allowed to happen again in Valley County. Even though Trident Holdings may provide assurances of access, conservation and water quality, as well as employ a "good old local boy" mentality, the example of DF Development demonstrates how management conditions can and will drastically change over time. I am asking IDL halt any further consideration of the IDL proposal to move these endowment lands to private ownership.

I am a lifelong resident of the State of Idaho for the past 61 years and a resident of McCall for the past 11. I am an avid outdoorsman and extensively use public managed lands including these endowment lands. There are many others like me. These lands boarder half of the entirety of McCall; provide prime wildlife habitat; include waterways and watersheds that are the drinking water supply to our city; provide many recreational opportunities from camping to hiking to birdwatching and woodcutting. They are a life-stream of our community. Payette and Little Payette Lakes are a pristine beauty today because of limited development around it. Lastly, our infrastructure in McCall, already stretched, cannot support the influx of people envisioned by this initiative.

Endowment lands are special. When Idaho was admitted to the Union in 1890, it was granted 3,672,000 acres of land to support state institutions, primarily the state's public-school system. The land was granted under the condition that it be managed in perpetuity as a trust for the beneficiary institutions. Managed is not sold or traded off. More can be done to garner revenue from these lands, and this should be the focus. For the IDL is to meet its vision of being the premier organization for trust management and resource protection in the western United States, it needs to focus not only on financial return, but on the long-term interests of resource protection and using the resource as intended, not providing it for sale or transfer private development. The McCall endowment lands should not be for lease, exchange, or trade.

Jeff Mousseau
McCall, Idaho

From: Rich Tate <rich@mwmkt.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Opposition to Trident Holdings Proposal

The Land Board should know very well that the result of private land ownership is closed access to the public. The value of the North Fork Payette River basin and McCall area is in recreation today, not timber or development. Trident will lie and say anything to sway your opinion on the matter. They will tell us what we want to hear, that they will protect public access and our water, but that will not be in their best interest, should they secure this land. They work on behalf of their investors to maximize returns, not the people of the state. They seek to extract dollar value from our land, exploiting the state constitution, which was written (by Aaron Parker, one of my ancestors) before the intrinsic value of land for recreation was a notion. The super-rich are threatening our way of life in Idaho. This state is growing so quickly in part to the vast forests and easy access we have to them, bringing in more and more tax revenue. The Wilks Brothers are a prime and recent example of what the new class of private land owners want to do with our state. Armed guards, gates and lobbyists, throwing money around in our state capital to pass legislation that give them an upper hand on the public. You need to send a clear message and stop the land grab in our state. Our way of life is under attack. We are at a tipping point. If you make this deal, the flood gates will open and we will never be able to return these lands to the public. You should also know that the resistance to this will be fierce. Should this proposal be allowed to move forward, my family will do everything in our power to let people know who on the land board supports this and who they are working for, the super-rich, not the people. There will be conservatives and liberals together, gather behind this issue and should you support this, we will work tirelessly to make sure that in the next election, you are removed from the board and replaced by individuals who care about the people of this state. We are all tired of not being heard by our government.

Sincerely,

Rich Tate

From: [Angie Smith](#)
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Comments regarding Alec Williams/Trident Holdings LLC proposed land swap
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:18:30 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to ANY land swap by Alec Williams/Trident Holdings LLC. My great grandfather built a cabin in Wagon Wheel Bay in 1938 and for generations, my family has enjoyed the pristine beauty of Payette Lake.

It would break my heart and be an injustice if any of this land was swapped for private development. It's the State of Idaho's responsibility to preserve this environment for generations to come.

Please deny and abandon this idea. The beauty of Payette lake should not be traded for profit.

Sincerely,
Angie Smith
3413 Wood Acres dr.
Boise, ID. 83705

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Angie Smith
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Stronger Shines the Light Inside: www.strongershinesthelightinside.com

From: Sawyer <sawyer.pearson92@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident Holding Public Comment

Hello,

My name's Sawyer. I'm an Idaho native currently living in Boise Idaho. Please find my public comment regarding the Trident Holding land transfer below:

It's becoming increasingly more difficult to utilize public lands in Idaho for recreation. I remember as little as 10 years ago there was plenty of space for everyone. More recently, this is not the case. There is now less public land available and more people using it than ever before due to the massive influx of transplants to the state of Idaho.

I strongly oppose allowing Trident (or any other investor) to control Idaho lands. Trident proposes selling the land to "charities or groups" or "to do low-density cabins". Either of these options will remove the allure of Payette Lake that Idahoans (and transplants alike) have enjoyed for all these years. I fear that losing control of this land will inevitably turn Payette Lake into the next Lake Tahoe.

Investment firms have continually shown disdain to the people who allow them access to their assets. I personally have no confidence that an east coast based investing firm will treat our lands with the respect they deserve. If Idaho is having problems managing these lands, selling them off is not the answer. Public lands are a big part of what makes Idaho so special and it's time for us to stand up for public interest instead of corporate profits.

A small access toll, parking permits, land use permits or anything of that nature is a small price to pay in order to maintain unfettered access to our land. These lands generate a lot of tourist traffic, monetizing that tourist traffic is another great option to generate revenue within McCall as a whole to remove the burden from the local populous that I'm sure is struggling with the rapidly increasing cost of living. Any of those options keep Idaho lands in tact and benefit our community, not a private investment firm in New York.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Marcus Darling at marcus.darling@cox.net
Phone: 9493150623
Address: 28732 Woodcock Dr
City: Laguna Niguel
State: California

Comment:
NO to Alec Williams/Trident and YES to working with the Land
Board and stakeholders to develop a long-term plan for these irreplaceable lands.

From: Peggy Wheatcroft <pwheatcroft17@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Land exchange

I wish to register my opinion on the Trident LLC/Idaho State Land Board exchange of property in and around McCall. Bad idea. Please do not let this happen.

Thanks

Peggy Wheatcroft, Boise, Id

Former resident of McCall.

From: Anne Carr <range.rat43@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:35 PM
To: Comments
Subject: [SPAM] opinion on land swap

Dear member of the Idaho Land Board,

I am writing to you to oppose the land swap proposed by Trident Holdings.

When I read the full-page ad in the Star News by Alec Williams, I was very impressed with his seeming sincerity, his apparent love of Idaho, his long-term roots in McCall, the photos of his grandparents living along Payette Lake, and his stated proposal to work with the city and county to come up with a solution – together – to preserve the beauty and wildlife of the area, while at the same time, developing those areas that will probably be developed in the future.

But then I read the rest of the story, by somebody who had delved into the background of Trident Holdings. It became apparent to me that their main concern is for their shareholders, specifically to make money for them. I don't believe it is possible to try to maximize their shareholders' profits while at the same time trying to preserve those values which we residents of McCall hold dear. They are simply incompatible and in direct conflict.

Therefore, please consider me opposed to the land swap. Thank you very much.

Anne Carr, full-time McCall resident

14023 Hideaway Ct., McCall

208-315-5499

Range.rat43@gmail.com

From: Joyce Rambo <rambojoyce@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:18 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed Payette lake land swap

No to this. That is very valuable land for all uses here in McCall.
So important to us all who live here and visitors and wildlife.
Please do not take more land for development. We need our
Wild open spaces to keep this place special for all.
Sincerely ,Joyce Rambo valley county resident since 1984

From: Aaron Harvey <aaron@forestpropertymanagement.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:19 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Alec Williams/Trident Holdings

To whom it may concern:

This land swap must be prevented. It will be a tragedy for Idaho, Valley County and the City of McCall. These are precious lands that must be protected from development. My Children, Grandchildren and all future generations deserve the opportunity to hike, fish, bike, hunt and hike in these areas. Development is not necessary on every square inch of land! It's ok not to grow!

Aaron Harvey
McCall, Idaho

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Gary Mahn at gary@thtemahn.com
Phone: 208-794-7161
Address: 567 W. Ridgeline Drive
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

As a longtime part-time resident of Valley County (and a board member of the Idaho Endowment Fund) I am totally against the proposed land swap of Payette forest lands with Trident!! These forests are a big part of the beauty and recreation activities of the McCall area. Please stop this proposal!!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Gary Mahn at gary@themahn.com
Phone: 208-794-7161
Address: 567 W Ridgeline Drive 83702
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

As a long part-time resident of McCall, Idaho (and Board member of the Idaho Endowment Fund), I am passionately against the proposed transfer of Payette forest lands with TRIDENT!! These lands are integral to the beauty and recreational use of Payette Lake and the surrounding area. If you decide to proceed with this misguided plan, Please let Governor Little know of my strong objection. Thank you, Gary Mahn

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Glenn Jacobsen at gljacobsen@frontiernet.net
Phone: 2083152971
Address: 900 Ann St Box 457
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Trident Holdings Proposed Trade w/IDL. Please say NO to this development scam. IDL lands around McCall are providing revenue from grazing, timber sales, leases, etc.. There is no need to allow a developer access to these lands. Say NO to Trident at the July 21 land board meeting & do not prolong their proposals. Thank you.

From: Patty Knight <1pattyknight@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette land grab

I am strongly opposed to the Trident Holdings LLC land swap as there is no absolute plan for how these lands will be used and highly developed areas that are currently open spaces would be a travesty. These lands provide a clean watershed, home to the diversity of Idaho wildlife and provide outdoor recreation available to all Idaho's residents, not just a small few.

Development must be done responsibly and giving this land away to private developers is the opposite of your responsibility to protect the natural resources and serve all the people of Idaho.

Thank you for your consideration,

Patty Knight

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Julie Murphy at juliegmurphy@gmail.com
Phone: 7274798666
Address: PO Box 884
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

So the plan is to rip up an entire mountainside so about 12 ultra-rich families from out-of-state can fly in and look at Payette Lake probably for a total of 30 days out of the entire year to make trident and other parties rich and to make "money" for schools that will be readily spent and the land permanently gone

From: Thomas Manning, MD <TManning@idneuro.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Julie Manning; Jeff Canfield; Debbie Fereday; jennet1130@yahoo.com; Melissa Coriell; Thomas Welty; darby_webb@yahoo.com; Rick Fereday; Fred Coriell; Judy Anderson; Craig Utter; Jared Alexander; Earl Dodds; Thomas Bill-Rubin Jackie; Jim Harrison; Comments; Rousseau David; Ace Hess; Alexis Martin; Katy Allan; andrewcurran@cableone.net; Alicia Harrison; Bill & Lynda Rawlings; Jim Herrold; Pat Zak; Kevin Helmick; Joanna Weyand; juljar@frontiernet.net; Wayne Brood; Tim Brass; Barry Crosse; bgiles@mccall.id.us; Brian Brooks; External - Timothy Johans; Bruce Grow; Jeff Byers; Bill Traverso; Bob Biechner; Brad Walters; Scott Bailey; Brad Treadway; Reinold Benzschawel; commissioners@co.valley.id.us; Claire Manning; Mike Curtin; Brianna Colo; Ernie Weyand; Kip Hill; dmoon@house.idaho.gov; Danny Turner; Drew Wahlin; External - Timothy Johans; Ken Everett; Mike Emerich; Matt Gilgen; fwood@house.idaho.gov; Jeff Flaker; Lance Kronberger; Ilana Rubel; Brian Brooks; Delphina; Tom Goodwin; Lisa Grow; Joseph Lynch; Kaden Baratcart; Katie Hedrick; Robert Monroe; Diane Graves; Justin Hayes; (Robert) Jason Hensley; irubel@house.idaho.gov; David Schneider; Henry Manning; Jonathan Oppenheimer; Jon Swerdloff; Scott Kelly; Tom Kari; Karen Harvey; TJ Kemp; Lisa Curtin; RJ Thomas; Mike Maciaszek; mholmes@mccall.id.us; Erica Maguire; Mike Henbest; Rhiana Menen; Aaron Swift; Carolyn Robinson; Ted Holmes; Ron & Mary Nahas; John Wills; Terry Theriot; Pete Swanstrom; Dean Park; Robert Angell; Ron Spomer; Bryan Morgan; Scott Schoenherr; sthayn@senate.idaho.gov; Amanda Sills; Alan Malaise; Paige Shafer; Tom Grote; tsowers@mccall.id.us; Tess Fox; Thomas Manning, MD; Renee Jacobsen
Subject: McCall Land Grab/ Write to the Land Board/Sign up for Live Testimony/Distribute widely

Here is some info to share widely. Scroll thru the whole thing please. Sorry that it's long, but the situation requires it. Info that the lobbyists from Trident Holdings would rather the public not see and be aware of. Please forward this and share very widely with as many people as you can. Share with anyone who cares about preserving public land, wildlife, and wild places. Share with anyone who cares about the political process and objects to closed-door meetings about our lands. Share with anyone who objects to money-driven access to politicians outside of the light of public scrutiny. Keep up the pressure! Grass roots matters!

See the LinkedIn screenshot of Alec Williams posted below. Get a good look at the kid just back from working Private Equity and Hedge Fund Investing in New York City. Now with lots of East Coast contacts and four fairly slippery local lobbyists helping him set up closed-door meetings with our elected officials as he tries to gain control of 28,000 acres of Public Land around Payette Lake, including Elk migration corridors. Shine the bright light of public scrutiny upon Alec's dealings. Let YOUR elected officials at YOUR Idaho Land Board know that you will not tolerate closed-door meeting between elected officials and Trident Holdings. Plans for the future of the Payette watershed need to be discussed in open public forums. Keep complaining loudly about Alec Williams and his four slippery lobbyists: Greg Casey, Erika Malmen, David Lehman, and David New. Don't allow cockroaches to retreat to dark corners. Shine the bright light of public scrutiny!

Send letters to: comments@idl.idaho.gov.

Send an email to the clerk of the Land Board, Renee Jacobsen rjacobsen@idl.idaho.gov and ask Renée for 2-3 minutes to address the Land Board in person at the microphone at the Lincoln Auditorium at our Capitol at 9 am Tuesday July 21st.

Let YOUR elected officials know in person that the Payette watershed is too important for its fate to be discussed in closed-door meetings! This is an issue that IS NOW BEFORE THE LAND BOARD.

6:16

◀ Safari



Alec W.



Alec W. · 3rd

Manager at Trident Holdings

Trident Holdings LLC, Vice President

Public lands are among the most important entities that the citizens of our state collectively own together. How we take care of these lands, and what we allow to happen to these lands, will reflect back upon us in 50 to 100 years as to the quality of the citizenry we are now.

Will later generations look at us as strong principled people who preserved the land for wildlife and an appreciation of natural things? Or will our descendants look back at us with scorn for our weakness at not standing up and loudly objecting to an insider land grab financed by out-of-state private equity?

Read closely the minutes of the June 16 Idaho Land Board meeting. Read paragraph 8 of the minutes. In that meeting, each of the five elected officials who sit on the land board had to somewhat sheepishly admit for the record that (outside of and in advance of the Land Board meeting), they (or in one case their staff) had each met with Alec Williams of Trident Holdings to be briefed on his proposal to effectively steal 28,000 acres of the public land around McCall.

Land used daily by wildlife and Idaho citizens. Land tracked by elk in their migration from the mountains to the valley. Meandering riverbeds crisscrossed by moose. Land that serves as home for innumerable other species of wildlife. Public Land cared for and appreciated by Idahoans treading lightly upon it.

The Trident Holdings LLC team that briefed our elected officials using insider access was made up of:

1) Alec Williams: 33-year-old Ivy League-educated MBA/JD. Brief, fairly unremarkable service as a Navy SEAL (as a frogman, this kid was certainly no Bill McRaven and neither was he a Chris Kyle). Degrees from Princeton, Yale, Harvard. Now trying to capitalize upon and sell the SEAL brand (the emblem affectionately known as the "Trident"). After getting his Harvard MBA, Alec cut his teeth in New York working for private equity and most recently working at Table Management LP, a firm that manages the personal wealth of Hedge Fund Billionaire Bill Ackman. Alec is intimately connected with New York private equity firms. After not quite a year of working for Bill Ackman, Alec has now returned to Idaho and has assembled financial backing and a high-priced team of lobbyists and lawyers and is attempting to portray himself as a local boy trying to "preserve" these 28,000 acres of public land.

2) Greg Casey: Lobbyist, formerly CEO of BIPAC. Founding partner at Veritas Advisors LLP. Made headlines in 2014 for parking his Bentley sports car mere yards from the U.S. Capitol. Casey came up in the politics game hitching his wagon to that of Sen. Larry Craig (the same Larry Craig whose career finally spun out of control in 2007 following his arrest in a Minneapolis Airport men's room). Now he seems to be focusing on delivering access to politicians here in Idaho. Casey is a consummate "money buys access" guy. In 2017, the Spokesman-Review quoted Casey as saying, "As long as the people who are the voters know where the support comes from, it's really their

decision whether a campaign contribution constitutes corruption. . . . I don't think there's too much money in politics. I think it's the mother's milk of our republic." Casey is now facilitating high-level, closed-door meetings with Idaho's elected officials on behalf of Alec Williams.

3) Erika Malmen: Natural resources lawyer with Perkins Coie. Her client list reads like a "who's who of Idaho's extractive industries," according to reporters in 2015. Erika's back-door nomination to become a federal judge in 2015 faltered under the light of public scrutiny. At the time that she was put forward for judgeship, she had essentially zero judicial experience. Please read Betsy Russel's article in The Spokesman-Review detailing the failed back-door judicial appointment. Erika's husband, Jeff Malmen is one of the top political operatives in the state, having most recently served as chief of staff to governor Butch Otter. Erica's husband Jeff now works to direct Idaho Power's political campaign donations in his role as Senior Vice President for Public Affairs at Idaho Power. The Malmen family has made a family business out of insider access, corporate representation, and courting political favors with campaign donations. Now Erica is serving up the insider access for Alec Williams.

4) David Lehman: Lobbyist with Primus Policy Group. Came up in the politics game as a policy advisor to then-Gov. Kempthorne. Followed Kempthorne to the Department of the Interior in 2006. Has now spent the last decade as a private lobbyist.

5) David New: Timber industry consultant. Formerly at Boise Cascade. Now the principal at Growing Excellence, Inc., a forest business management consultant firm whose recent clients have included the Idaho Department of Lands. Now he's been hired by Alec Williams to facilitate a heist of those same Public Lands.

6) Financial backing: Unknown. Alec Williams refuses to disclose. Likely a lot of lot of New York City telephone area codes in his list of contacts and east coast money writing the checks to underwrite all this lobbyist work. Is his lobbyist crew working on contingency for a piece of the financial pie? Remember that Alec's last job before coming to Idaho was working for Hedge Fund Billionaire Bill Ackman.

Do not allow this back-door theft of public land to go forward! Become involved. Send letters to each of the five members of the Land Board. Write to your representatives. Write to the McCall City Council. Write to the Valley County Commissioners. Let the Land Board members know that they are OUR elected officials and if they are unwilling to represent the public interest, they can be removed from office via election or recall.

Shine the bright light of public scrutiny upon these back-room dealings! The North Fork Payette watershed is too special a place to allow for this sort of back-door land grab! Long term protection for this watershed will be necessary. Concerned citizens and organizations are working on long term

protection. The immediate issue however, is to send Alec Williams and Trident Holdings and his entire lobbyist team packing on the next train headed East.

Sent from my iPhone

From: JOHN WILLS <jwills5@cableone.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Closed Door Meeting - McCall/Cascade

Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns that closed door meetings have taken place concerning public lands in the McCall/Cascade area. Please know that I do not support closed door meeting regarding public land and view these meetings to be illegal and unethical.

I am a 25 plus year resident of Idaho and have enjoyed public access lands in and around this area. Any changes this land must be discussed and voted upon in an open forum.

My disappointment in how Trident Holdings LLC and out of state lobbyist are conducting themselves is extreme. Certainly we should be holding ourselves and all Idahoans to a higher standard. Public access to public lands must stay free of private ownership.

Sincerely,

John M. Wills
5656 N. Riffle Way
Boise, ID 83714

From: Nancy Cussler <ncussler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed Land Exchange

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to ask you to please consider other options to the proposed 28,000 acre land exchange with Trident Holdings, LLC. I am confident that there are options to this proposal that are more representative of the people, including myself, that live in and appreciate these lands.

Private development of this land does NOT offer the most benefit to the people and students of Idaho.

I would encourage you to work diligently with the McCall City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Valley County commissioners and the many interested parties invested in the use of these lands before ever agreeing to a private investment.

Thank you for your concern,

Nancy Cussler

652 Woodlands Dr. McCall, ID. 83638

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:52 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Ingrid and David Burica at buricaia@gmail.com
Phone: 208-634-8743
Address: 311 Heikkila Lane
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
14 July, 2020

To The Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners:
Governor Brad Little – Chairman
Secretary of State Lawrence Denney
Attorney General Lawrence Wasden
State Controller Brandon Woolf
Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra
Secretary to the Board Dustin Miller, IDL Director

In consideration of Alec Williams' and his company, Tident's proposed land exchange involving the state lands surrounding McCall, and in keeping with the Idaho Endowment Trust Land Management Mission: "To professionally and prudently manage Idaho's endowment assets to maximize long-term financial returns to public schools and other trust beneficiaries," we implore you to reject said proposal.

According to "Idaho's Endowment Lands: A Matter of Sacred Trust," Second Edition by Jay O'Laughlin, Stanley F. Hamilton, and Philip S. Cook Report No. 1, Second Edition Policy Analysis Group College of Natural Resources University of Idaho August 2011, stated in the State Trust Lands Asset Management Plan (2007), "to fulfill its fiduciary duties to each individual endowment trust, the Land Board will, [in part]: Ensure that significant land holdings will be maintained in perpetuity, since they provide material diversification and inflation protection to an endowment's portfolio. They may also seek to reposition parcels to reduce risk, lower management costs and increase prospects for immediate and sustainable income, recognizing that much endowment land remains in the original scattered parcels obtained from the federal government."

The State Lands surrounding McCall are not scattered parcels, but rather large tracts of incredibly valuable land. We posit these lands are much more valuable to the Idaho State Land Endowment beneficiaries intact as state lands than in any imaginable land exchange. Any land exchange would not receive the full fair market value for the existing state endowment lands surrounding McCall.

As well, by the state keeping the state endowment lands surrounding McCall intact the Land Board can also meet the part of its mission: to "Accommodate public use of endowment lands, to the extent feasible, provided such use does not impair financial returns."

We sincerely believe it is in the best interest of the beneficiaries of these endowment lands to decline Alec Williams'/Trident's land exchange proposal.

Sincerely,

Ingrid and David Burica
McCall, Idaho

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 5:37 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Angela Staup at astaup@gmail.com
Phone: 2086304167
Address: PO Box 1221
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am an Idahoan, born and raised. Growing up here instilled a love and a deep respect for public lands. Through my studies in Economics at BSU I gained a better understanding of the world. Values and lessons from my studies greatly impact my life. One of these principles is intrinsic value. The proposed land swap with Trident holdings would remove the intrinsic value of McCall, the Payette Lake, and Valley County. I am immensely concerned what precedent this would set and the damage done to community by this action. If the State were to allow the swap to occur it would also be a great betrayal of trust to the public and local communities. There are many other paths the state could take to increase revenue without destroying their integrity and destroying the trust of Idahoans. I would like to see these options explored more thoroughly before an action we can never reverse is taken.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 6:11 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Angela Staup at astaup@gmail.com
Phone: 2086304167
Address: PO Box 1221
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
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To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: David Mathis at domathis@frontiernet.net
Phone: 2083151333
Address: P.O. BOX471I
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am letting you know I am extremely opposed the Department considering the land swap of the State lands around McCall for lands in north Idaho. The recipient of the McCall area lands is only interested in ONE thing—and that is sales and development. This whole deal will be just another repeat of the Wilkes brothers; and we all know how popular that is. These State lands belong to ALL the people to use and these lands in question get a lot of use -both in winter and summer. I am well aware these are endowed land and what intended use is for. However , times have changed alot since these lands where set aside-society has changed and what people want now is totally different than 50-60-80 years ago. I think the SDL needs to strongly recognize this in making any upcoming decision . I vote for you to decline their offer. Thank you for your time and consideration .

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:33 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: James and Debra Staup at ikaria@cableone.net
Phone: 208-634-7453
Address: P.O. Box 1221
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

We are writing to you our strong opposition regarding the proposal to give Trident Holdings Development Company our 28,000 acres of Endowment Land. We have read their letter/proposal and feel this is not in the best interests of our community/county. In the 60 plus years we have been here, we have seen how much public land and public access to our lake have been sold to private entities or have just 'mysteriously disappeared'. To lose this land would be wrong. The beauty of public land is that everyone, regardless of economic status, are able to enjoy it equally. We believe giving it up to any developer will eventually turn it into a playground for a select few. Keep in mind the purpose of a developer is to ultimately make money for their company and investors. Any altruistic overtures on the part of Trident means nothing to the public who now enjoys access to these lands. There are other avenues which should be explored to make it more economically viable while keeping it public land. We feel this development will impact our area negatively, i.e. environmentally and economically. Our infrastructure can't support the influx of people and growth we have now. We could elaborate more about the cons regarding this proposal, but suffice to say we are against this proposal and strongly believe our 28,000 acres of Endowment Land needs to remain public. Respectfully, James and Debra Staup

From: Mary Goodman <Mary.Goodman.100801695@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:05 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

The land exchange proposal from Trident, LLC, fails to recognize the treasure that is associated with Payette Lakes recreational activities, its natural and scenic beauty, and its pristine environment.

Tourism, fishing, boating, hunting, and wildlife watching on these lands contribute significantly to the local economy. Protection of lakeshore and riparian habitat is of critical importance, and helps keep the lake clean.

I encourage you to say "No" to Trident's proposal. Simply put, this land exchange is a bad deal for Idahoans.

Instead, the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board should work to craft a solution that protects public access, recreation, water quality and wildlife habitat for all Idahoans.

Regards,
Mary Goodman
1102 Wallen Rd
Moscow, ID 83843

From: John Sullivan <John.Sullivan.330547026@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:27 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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I am opposed this proposal as it's clear that Trident plans to develop these lands with roads and houses, and not for conservation purposes.

Instead, I encourage you to identify solutions that can preserve the integrity of Payette Lake, along with the the quality of life that my family enjoys.

Regards,
John Sullivan
121 N Polk St
Moscow, ID 83843

From: Phillip Brug <Phillip.Brug.330547189@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:28 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Phillip Brug
628 Woodlands Dr
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Jose DeSousa <Jose.DeSousa.98754070@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:43 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,
Jose DeSousa
1301 N 11th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Pamela Dahle <Pamela.Dahle.330571560@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:44 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

I love the scenic, clean, and wild nature of McCall. I love going there to enjoy the beauty and fun our state has to offer. I am concerned that if this area is developed to the extent put forth in this land exchange, that McCall will eventually cease to be what it has come to be known as to many Idahoans. I believe that in order to maintain our state's, and in particular the McCall area's individuality and beauty, it is vital to limit the amount of development that occurs. While progress, is important it may not be beneficial to many local people or the local environment to proceed with this land exchange.

I encourage you to say "No" to Trident's proposal. Simply put, this land exchange is a bad deal for Idahoans.

Instead, the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board should work to craft a solution that protects public access, recreation, water quality and wildlife habitat for all Idahoans.

Regards,
Pamela Dahle
624 S Olive St
Nampa, ID 83686

From: Josh Williams <Josh.Williams.330597733@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 5:55 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Josh Williams
2725 W Dewey St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Sherepta McLeod <Sherepta.McLeod.56110845@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 7:22 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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Regards,
Sherepta McLeod
1908 Lawndale Dr
Meridian, ID 83646

From: Martha bibb <Martha.bibb.101266626@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 7:27 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

Do not sell our beautiful lake front publicly owned property to developers. This will have a terrible detrimental impact on the health of the lake, on access to the lake and on the scenic beauty enjoyed by all citizens. If you want to know how this will impact our public lake front property just look at Lake Tahoe, South Shore. That is what we can expect on Payette Lake. And look at the impact on the health of the lake water with runoff from private lawns and yards.

The monetary gain is not the most important goal in this current world. Preserving the public lands to maintain health and cleanliness of our water and environment far outweighs the past notion that development at any environmental cost was the goal.

If we need to change the state's goals regarding the benefit of protecting public property then that is what is needed.

Old laws written to economically benefit corporations or individuals need to be changed to reflect the needs the majority of the citizens. The greater good outweighs the dollar gain to a few developers.

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

Sincerely,

Martha S. Bibb

Regards,

Martha bibb

810 CD Olena Dr

Hailey, ID 83333

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:02 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Alyssa Crane at alys.long@yahoo.com
Phone: 2089931795
Address: PO Box 537
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I oppose the land swap. The public lands here are the reason we moved here, and are a much needed escape to locals and visitors alike. This would negatively impact tourism, our economy, and our lifestyle here in McCall. We are raising our children to utilize and appreciate this land. This land plays a vital role in teaching them to be well-rounded, responsible, and courteous human beings. We strongly oppose the swap.

From: Peggy Derieg <Peggy.Derieg.330634164@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Peggy Derieg
1210 Bitterroot Dr
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Christine South <Christine.South.330670560@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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Regards,
Christine South
12580 Conestoga Way
Lolo, MT 59847

From: Tami Palmer <Tami.Palmer.330678805@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

I grew up on this area and know the value of keeping this land open to the public.

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Regards,
Tami Palmer
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Nampa, ID 83686

From: Gracie Garringer <Gracie.Garringer.330688868@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Gracie Garringer
2054 Eastside Dr
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Kristine Maxwell <Kristine.Maxwell.330689155@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Kristine Maxwell
PO Box 188
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Ron Nahas <RNahas@rafnah.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Comments
Subject: RE: Trident Holdings Proposal

Thank you Sharla. I appreciate your feedback. Trident has done a disservice to both the McCall community and the Land Board promoting a purely speculative venture to take lands out of the public domain. There was no substance to their proposal and they have stirred up community outrage. If nothing else, the State now has some idea how important these lands are to the public. We must find a way to meet the obligations to the endowed beneficiaries while keeping these lands in the public domain.

Cordially,

Ron Nahas

From: Sharla Arledge <sarledge@idl.idaho.gov> **On Behalf Of** Comments
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:11 PM
To: Ron Nahas <RNahas@rafnah.com>; Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: RE: Trident Holdings Proposal

Ron-

I'm sorry I'm not able to reach out to you in person, but I want you to know your email was received.

During the June 16 Land Board meeting, the Department of Lands asked and received permission to put a hold on leasing, selling, or exchanging endowment trust land in the McCall area, unless that land was already part of a previously approved action. The Land Board directed us to take a holistic look at all at endowment trust lands in and around McCall, evaluating what will bring the best, long-term return to the endowment beneficiaries. We'll present a timeline for the study at the Land Board meeting in July.

There seems to be concern that the Department of Lands is liquidating all endowment land in the McCall area. The Land Board has received proposals from private individuals offering to lease lands and an informal idea with no application from a company offering to exchange land, however, everything is on hold, unless previously approved to move forward. IDL will complete its own study before anything new moves forward for consideration. The Board has not taken action on those offers.

The company mentioned above had previously requested an audience with the Land Board for a presentation, and as a courtesy, the Land Board had scheduled the informational item for its July 21 meeting. However, the company has recently withdrawn its request and will not be presenting next week.

You are always welcome to look at the agenda for upcoming meetings along with meeting materials at <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/about-us/land-board/>. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person, or may stream the meeting live at <https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ww02/>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sharla Arledge

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From: Ron Nahas <RNahas@rafnah.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 8:57 PM
To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Trident Holdings Proposal

Members of the Idaho Land Board,

My family has had a home in McCall for over 25 years. Over that period of time, we have come to know the back country around the Payette Lakes intimately as we have hiked, fished, and mountain biked on and through the State Endowment Lands. Over the years, the recreational value of these lands has grown as the McCall community has grown. The thought of them falling into private hands is incomprehensible to us. The controversy over recently erected fences on small inholdings south of Warren Wagon Road make it clear to me that the state and federal government should be focused on acquiring key private parcels rather than disposing of lands currently in the public domain.

Now comes this proposal from Trident Holdings to transfer 28,000 acres into private hands. Mr. Williams plan is both audacious and naïve.

Audacious because the material presented by Mr. Williams does not indicate that he controls either side of the exchange he has proposed. If Mr. Williams wants to be taken seriously, he should raise the capital and tie up the land he wants to exchange before stirring up local outrage and putting the Land Board, County and City through the contentious public hearings his proposal has generated.

Naïve because he vastly over estimates the value of these lands for development and he underestimates the level of resistance he will encounter at every step. As long as I have been coming to McCall, there has never been a shortage of large parcels on the market that are both more accessible and better suited to residential use than the bulk of the endowment lands. Unlike the leased residential parcels the Land Board has been disposing of, unimproved forest land is far more valuable in the public domain than it is in private hands. Even if the Land Board were to look favorably on his proposal, there is little chance he could execute on it.

I am not well informed about the obligations imposed by the state constitution on the Land Board. If indeed there is a compelling reason these forest lands cannot continue in the ownership of the Idaho Department of Lands, let us begin immediately on the work necessary to solve that problem while keeping them entirely in the public domain and open to all.

Respectfully,

Ronald and Mary Nahas
978 Wagon Wheel Road

From: Brian Nield <Brian.Nield.330774330@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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Regards,
Brian Nield
300 McBride St
Mccall, ID 83638

From: tom kovalicky <tom.kovalicky.68802240@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 1:53 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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tom kovalicky
300 W Main St
Grangeville, ID 83530

From: Molly Radonich <Molly.Radonich.330808251@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

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Regards,
Molly Radonich
399 Dufort Rd
Sagle, ID 83860

From: Bram Role <bramrole@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I OPPOSE proposed Alec Williams / Trident Holdings LLC land swap

Idaho Land Board,

My name is Abraham Role and I am an Idaho resident who was raised in Idaho and I OPPOSE the Alec Williams / Trident Holdings LLC proposed land swap. I believe that the revenue that is currently being produced by these lands for the Idaho State endowment fund that benefits public education is more important than revenue for Trident and its investors. These state lands near McCall, ID are valuable and essential for wildlife habitat, hunting, recreation, and preserving local water quality. These state lands should be preserved for these purposes and not exchanged hands to a venture designed explicitly and solely for private and investor profit rather than the greater good of the residents of the state of Idaho.

Thank you,

Abraham Role

From: Brooke Kinzer <Brooke.Kinzer.330844233@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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Regards,
Brooke Kinzer
634 Woodlands Dr
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Ryan Kinzer <Ryan.Kinzer.330853891@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Comments
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Mccall, ID 83638

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Regards,
Susan Deemer
3213 N 39th St
Boise, ID 83703

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Regards,
Danielle Mischo
6089 N Seacliff Ave
Meridian, ID 83646

From: Jill Cooper <Jill.Cooper.330440295@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Jill Cooper
2052 Eastside Dr
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Warren Cooper <Warren.Cooper.330872728@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 5:19 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

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Regards,
Warren Cooper
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From: James Focarile <James.Focarile.255913573@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
James Focarile
3734 E Timbersaw Dr
Boise, ID 83716

From: Ted Eisele <teisele44@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: {External}Recreation not Development

Sharla,

Thank you for your prompt reply. Given the rapid growth of our state, especially SW Idaho, I believe it is very important for us to retain as much public land as possible. They are used extensively by residents and are part of our Idaho heritage that the vast majority of Idahoans want our children and grandchildren to enjoy.

Again, than you for your reply and all you do for public lands in Idaho.

Ted Eisele
Boise

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 15, 2020, at 5:31 PM, Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Ted-

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Sharla Arledge

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From: Ted Eisele <Ted.Eisele.328467992@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Brian Oakey <Brian.Oakey@ISDA.IDAHO.GOV>
Subject: {External}Recreation not Development

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Ted Eisele
4352 Maplewood Dr
Boise, ID 83703

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From: Kristin Ertter <kristinertter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 6:25 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: {External}Recreation not Development

Thank you! My aunts are very active and keep me up to date for when I need to participate in Idaho biz even though I live in AZ.

Thanks, KR
Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 15, 2020, at 4:06 PM, Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Kristin-

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From: Kristin Ross <Kristin.Ross.328438039@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 4:23 PM
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Regards,
Kristin Ross
3419 N River Rapids Dr
Tucson, AZ 85712

From: Melinda Quick <melindaquick@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: {External}Recreation not Development

Thank you so much, Sharla, for the response and update! I will continue to follow the meetings and appreciate your informational email. Hope you are well and have a great rest of your week!

Cheers,
Melinda

Melinda Quick
www.linkedin.com/in/melindaquick

On Wed, Jul 15, 2020 at 4:53 PM Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

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From: Melinda Quick <Melinda.Quick.327056737@p2a.co>

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 2:04 PM

To: Brian Oakey <Brian.Oakey@ISDA.IDAHO.GOV>

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Boise, ID 83702

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David patchell
1133 N Wildwood Way
Boise, ID 83713

From: Brianna Colo <briannacolo@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:00 PM
To: Thomas Manning, MD; Julie Manning; Jeff Canfield; Debbie Fereday; jennet1130@yahoo.com; Melissa Coriell; Thomas Welty; darby_webb@yahoo.com; Rick Fereday; Fred Coriell; Judy Anderson; Craig Utter; Jared Alexander; Earl Dodds; Thomas Bill-Rubin Jackie; Jim Harrison; Comments; Rousseau David; Ace Hess; Alexis Martin; Katy Allan; andrewcurran@cableone.net; Alicia Harrison; Bill & Lynda Rawlings; Jim Herrold; Pat Zak; Kevin Helmick; Joanna Weyand; Wayne Brood; Tim Brass; Barry Crosse; bgiles@mccall.id.us; Brian Brooks; External - Timothy Johans; Bruce Grow; Jeff Byers; Bill Traverso; Bob Biechner; Brad Walters; Scott Bailey; Brad Treadway; Reinold Benzschawel; commissioners@co.valley.id.us; Claire Manning; Mike Curtin; Ernie Weyand; Kip Hill; dmoon@house.idaho.gov; Danny Turner; Drew Wahlin; Ken Everett; Mike Emerich; Matt Gilgen; fwood@house.idaho.gov; Jeff Flaker; Lance Kronberger; Ilana Rubel; Delphina; Tom Goodwin; Lisa Grow; Joseph Lynch; Kaden Baratcart; Katie Hedrick; Robert Monroe; Diane Graves; Justin Hayes; (Robert) Jason Hensley; irubel@house.idaho.gov; David Schneider; Henry Manning; Jonathan Oppenheimer; Jon Swerdloff; Scott Kelly; Tom Kari; Karen Harvey; TJ Kemp; Lisa Curtin; RJ Thomas; Mike Maciaszek; mholmes@mccall.id.us; Erica Maguire; Mike Henbest; Rhiana Menen; Aaron Swift; Carolyn Robinson; Ted Holmes; Ron & Mary Nahas; John Wills; Terry Theriot; Pete Swanstrom; Dean Park; Robert Angell; Ron Spomer; Bryan Morgan; Scott Schoenherr; sthayn@senate.idaho.gov; Amanda Sills; Alan Malaise; Paige Shafer; Tom Grote; tsowers@mccall.id.us; Tess Fox; Renee Jacobsen
Subject: Re: McCall Land Grab/ Write to the Land Board/Sign up for Live Testimony/Distribute widely

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Land used daily by wildlife and Idaho citizens in their migration from the mountains to riverbeds crisscrossed by moose. Land innumerable other species of wildlife. Perhaps appreciated by Idahoans treading lightly.

The Trident Holdings LLC team that brought using insider access was made up of:

1) Alec Williams: 33-year-old Ivy League fairly unremarkable service as a Navy SEAL kid was certainly no Bill McRaven and (Kyle). Degrees from Princeton, Yale, Harvard.

From: Thomas Manning, MD <TManning@idneuro.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:12:59 AM

To: Julie Manning <j4manning@yahoo.com>; Jeff Canfield <seafield@ctcweb.net>; Debbie Fereday <debfereday@gmail.com>; jennet1130@yahoo.com <jennet1130@yahoo.com>; Melissa Coriell <meli.newell@gmail.com>; Thomas Welty <thomaswelty@gmail.com>; darby_webb@yahoo.com <darby_webb@yahoo.com>; Rick Fereday <aviator81t@gmail.com>; Fred Coriell <fredcoriell@gmail.com>; Judy Anderson <shaver.anderson@gmail.com>; Craig Utter <craigutter@payettelandtrust.org>; Jared Alexander <juljar@frontiernet.net>; Earl Dodds <edodds@frontiernet.net>; Thomas Bill-Rubin Jackie <wthomas40@frontiernet.net>; Jim Harrison <Jharrisonjr@harrisonprops.com>; comments@idl.idaho.gov <comments@idl.idaho.gov>; Rousseau David <David.Rousseau@srpnet.com>; Ace Hess <hess@backcountryhunters.org>; Alexis Martin <atmartin0412@gmail.com>; Katy Allan <KAllan@idneuro.com>; andrewcurran@cableone.net <andrewcurran@cableone.net>; Alicia Harrison <harrisonshome@cox.net>; Bill & Lynda Rawlings <Bill.Rawlings@agribeef.com>; Jim Herrold <jim@alohalee.com>; Pat Zak <pjzak@icloud.com>; Kevin Helmick <kahelmick@aol.com>; Joanna Weyand <ehweyand3@aol.com>; juljar@frontiernet.net <juljar@frontiernet.net>; Wayne Brood <wbrood@rmef.org>; Tim Brass <tim@backcountryhunters.org>; Barry Crosse <barry@muledeer.org>; bgiles@mccall.id.us <bgiles@mccall.id.us>; Brian Brooks <bbrooks@idahowildlife.org>; External - Timothy Johans <brainstorm@cableone.net>; Bruce Grow <thegrowswalds@msn.com>; Jeff Byers <Jeff@op2labs.com>; Bill Traverso <traversolw@msn.com>; Bob Biechner <robiechner@yahoo.com>; Brad Walters <hellscanyonoutfitters@gmail.com>; Scott Bailey <scott@nationalmedicalsolutions.net>; Brad Treadway <treadb@gmail.com>; Reinold Benzschawel <r.nickbenz@hotmail.com>; commissioners@co.valley.id.us <commissioners@co.valley.id.us>; Claire Manning <clairemanning2@gmail.com>; Mike Curtin <michaelcurtin1754@msn.com>; Brianna Colo <Briannacolo@outlook.com>; Ernie Weyand <ehweyand@gmail.com>; Kip Hill <kiphill@q.com>; dmoon@house.idaho.gov <dmoon@house.idaho.gov>; Danny Turner <danny.t@franzwitte.com>; Drew Wahlin <idahochukarfoundation@hotmail.com>; External - Timothy Johans <brainstorm@cableone.net>; Ken Everett <everettbuilding@gmail.com>; Mike Emerich <mike@toppagedigital.com>; Matt Gilgen <mgilgen@dlevans.com>; fwood@house.idaho.gov <fwood@house.idaho.gov>; Jeff Flaker <JFlaker@idneuro.com>; Lance Kronberger <freelanceoa@mac.com>; Ilana Rubel <ilana@rubelforidaho.com>; Brian Brooks <bbrooks@idahowildlife.org>; Delphina <guereama@gmail.com>; Tom Goodwin <tegoodwin@live.com>; Lisa Grow <Lgrow@idahopower.com>; Joseph Lynch <dr.joseph.lynch@gmail.com>; Kaden Baratcart <Kbart1999@gmail.com>; Katie Hedrick <katie.tedrick@gmail.com>; Robert Monroe <tayloroutfitting@gmail.com>; Diane Graves <plastinograves@gmail.com>; Justin Hayes <jhayes@idahoconservation.org>; (Robert) Jason Hensley <Foca4@aol.com>; irubel@house.idaho.gov <irubel@house.idaho.gov>; David Schneider <dschneider@idneuro.com>; Henry Manning <henrymanning13@icloud.com>; Jonathan Oppenheimer <joppenheimer@idahoconservation.org>; Jon Swerdloff <swerd@cableone.net>; Scott Kelly <scott.k.kelly@gmail.com>; Tom Kari <tompattikari@gmail.com>; Karen Harvey <karen@forestpropertymanagement.com>; TJ Kemp <orthobiker@gmail.com>; Lisa Curtin <lisadcurtin@hotmail.com>; RJ Thomas <win70shooter@live.com>; Mike Maciaszek <mmaciaszek@mccall.id.us>; mholmes@mccall.id.us <mholmes@mccall.id.us>; Erica Maguire <maguire3@q.com>; Mike Henbest <mlhenbest@yahoo.com>; Rhiana Menen <menenr@slhs.org>; Aaron Swift <aswift@rmef.org>; Carolyn Robinson <urokboise@msn.com>; Ted Holmes <nvsealcop@aol.com>; Ron & Mary Nahas <rnahas@rafnah.com>; John Wills <jwills5@cableone.net>; Terry Theriot <tjt06@cableone.net>; Pete Swanstrom <pete@swanstrom.net>; Dean Park <dean.park@biomark.com>; Robert Angell <robertrangell@gmail.com>; Ron Spomer <ron@ronspomeroitdoors.com>; Bryan Morgan <bmorgan@jbmtraining.com>; Scott Schoenherr <scotts@rafnah.com>; sthayn@senate.idaho.gov <sthayn@senate.idaho.gov>; Amanda Sills <outdoorgearmedics@gmail.com>; Alan Malaise <sandymalaise@msn.com>; Paige Shafer <paigeshafer@me.com>; Tom Grote <starnews@frontier.com>; tsowers@mccall.id.us <tsowers@mccall.id.us>; Tess Fox <tfox@idahopress.com>; Thomas Manning, MD <TManning@idneuro.com>; rjacobsen@idl.idaho.gov <rjacobsen@idl.idaho.gov>

Subject: McCall Land Grab/ Write to the Land Board/Sign up for Live Testimony/Distribute widely

Here is some info to share widely. Scroll thru the whole thing please. Sorry that it's long, but the situation requires it. Info that the lobbyists from Trident Holdings would rather the public not see and be aware of. Please forward this and share very widely with as many people as you can. Share with anyone who cares about preserving public land, wildlife, and wild places. Share with anyone who cares about the political process and objects to closed-door meetings about our lands. Share with anyone who objects to money-driven access to politicians outside of the light of public scrutiny. Keep up the pressure! Grass roots matters!

See the LinkedIn screenshot of Alec Williams posted below. Get a good look at the kid just back from working Private Equity and Hedge Fund Investing in New York City. Now with lots of East Coast contacts and four fairly slippery local lobbyists helping him set up closed-door meetings with our elected officials as he tries to gain control of 28,000 acres of Public Land around Payette Lake, including Elk migration corridors. Shine the bright light of public scrutiny upon Alec's dealings. Let YOUR elected officials at YOUR Idaho Land Board know that you will not tolerate closed-door meeting between elected officials and Trident Holdings. Plans for the future of the Payette watershed need to be discussed in open public forums. Keep complaining loudly about Alec Williams and his four slippery lobbyists: Greg Casey, Erika Malmen, David Lehman, and David New. Don't allow cockroaches to retreat to dark corners. Shine the bright light of public scrutiny!

Send letters to: comments@idl.idaho.gov.

Send an email to the clerk of the Land Board, Renee Jacobsen rjacobsen@idl.idaho.gov and ask Renée for 2-3 minutes to address the Land Board in person at the microphone at the Lincoln Auditorium at our Capitol at 9 am Tuesday July 21st.

Let YOUR elected officials know in person that the Payette watershed is too important for its fate to be discussed in closed-door meetings! This is an issue that IS NOW BEFORE THE LAND BOARD.

6:16

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🔍 Alec W.



Alec W. · 3rd

Manager at Trident Holdings

Trident Holdings LLC, New York

Public lands are among the most important entities that the citizens of our state collectively own together. How we take care of these lands, and what we allow to happen to these lands, will reflect back upon us in 50 to 100 years as to the quality of the citizenry we are now.

Will later generations look at us as strong principled people who preserved the land for wildlife and an appreciation of natural things? Or will our descendants look back at us with scorn for our weakness at not standing up and loudly objecting to an insider land grab financed by out-of-state private equity?

Read closely the minutes of the June 16 Idaho Land Board meeting. Read paragraph 8 of the minutes. In that meeting, each of the five elected officials who sit on the land board had to somewhat sheepishly admit for the record that (outside of and in advance of the Land Board meeting), they (or in one case their staff) had each met with Alec Williams of Trident Holdings to be briefed on his proposal to effectively steal 28,000 acres of the public land around McCall.

Land used daily by wildlife and Idaho citizens. Land tracked by elk in their migration from the mountains to the valley. Meandering riverbeds crisscrossed by moose. Land that serves as home for innumerable other species of wildlife. Public Land cared for and appreciated by Idahoans treading lightly upon it.

The Trident Holdings LLC team that briefed our elected officials using insider access was made up of:

1) Alec Williams: 33-year-old Ivy League-educated MBA/JD. Brief, fairly unremarkable service as a Navy SEAL (as a frogman, this kid was certainly no Bill McRaven and neither was he a Chris Kyle). Degrees from Princeton, Yale, Harvard. Now trying to capitalize upon and sell the SEAL brand (the emblem affectionately known as the "Trident"). After getting his Harvard MBA, Alec cut his teeth in New York working for private equity and most recently working at Table Management LP, a firm that manages the personal wealth of Hedge Fund Billionaire Bill Ackman. Alec is intimately connected with New York private equity firms. After not quite a year of working for Bill Ackman, Alec has now returned to Idaho and has assembled financial backing and a high-priced team of lobbyists and lawyers and is attempting to portray himself as a local boy trying to "preserve" these 28,000 acres of public land.

2) Greg Casey: Lobbyist, formerly CEO of BIPAC. Founding partner at Veritas Advisors LLP. Made headlines in 2014 for parking his Bentley sports car mere yards from the U.S. Capitol. Casey came up in the politics game hitching his wagon to that of Sen. Larry Craig (the same Larry Craig whose career finally spun out of control in 2007 following his arrest in a Minneapolis Airport men's room). Now he seems to be focusing on delivering access to politicians here in Idaho. Casey is a consummate "money buys access" guy. In 2017, the Spokesman-Review quoted Casey as saying, "As long as the people who are the voters know where the support comes from, it's really their

decision whether a campaign contribution constitutes corruption. . . . I don't think there's too much money in politics. I think it's the mother's milk of our republic." Casey is now facilitating high-level, closed-door meetings with Idaho's elected officials on behalf of Alec Williams.

3) Erika Malmen: Natural resources lawyer with Perkins Coie. Her client list reads like a "who's who of Idaho's extractive industries," according to reporters in 2015. Erika's back-door nomination to become a federal judge in 2015 faltered under the light of public scrutiny. At the time that she was put forward for judgeship, she had essentially zero judicial experience. Please read Betsy Russel's article in The Spokesman-Review detailing the failed back-door judicial appointment. Erika's husband, Jeff Malmen is one of the top political operatives in the state, having most recently served as chief of staff to governor Butch Otter. Erica's husband Jeff now works to direct Idaho Power's political campaign donations in his role as Senior Vice President for Public Affairs at Idaho Power. The Malmen family has made a family business out of insider access, corporate representation, and courting political favors with campaign donations. Now Erica is serving up the insider access for Alec Williams.

4) David Lehman: Lobbyist with Primus Policy Group. Came up in the politics game as a policy advisor to then-Gov. Kempthorne. Followed Kempthorne to the Department of the Interior in 2006. Has now spent the last decade as a private lobbyist.

5) David New: Timber industry consultant. Formerly at Boise Cascade. Now the principal at Growing Excellence, Inc., a forest business management consultant firm whose recent clients have included the Idaho Department of Lands. Now he's been hired by Alec Williams to facilitate a heist of those same Public Lands.

6) Financial backing: Unknown. Alec Williams refuses to disclose. Likely a lot of lot of New York City telephone area codes in his list of contacts and east coast money writing the checks to underwrite all this lobbyist work. Is his lobbyist crew working on contingency for a piece of the financial pie? Remember that Alec's last job before coming to Idaho was working for Hedge Fund Billionaire Bill Ackman.

Do not allow this back-door theft of public land to go forward! Become involved. Send letters to each of the five members of the Land Board. Write to your representatives. Write to the McCall City Council. Write to the Valley County Commissioners. Let the Land Board members know that they are OUR elected officials and if they are unwilling to represent the public interest, they can be removed from office via election or recall.

Shine the bright light of public scrutiny upon these back-room dealings! The North Fork Payette watershed is too special a place to allow for this sort of back-door land grab! Long term protection for this watershed will be necessary. Concerned citizens and organizations are working on long term

protection. The immediate issue however, is to send Alec Williams and Trident Holdings and his entire lobbyist team packing on the next train headed East.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Silas Dittmer <Silas.Dittmer.330917854@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:09 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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Regards,
Silas Dittmer
3214 Canyon Creek Way
New Meadows, ID 83654

From: Pamela Williams <3blackdog9@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:15 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: {External}No Land Exchange

Thank you, Sharla. There are a great many issues competing for my attention these days, but I appreciate the information. It is especially helpful to stream the meetings. Again, thank you!

On Wednesday, July 15, 2020, Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Pamela-

Brian Oakey was kind enough to forward your email to the Idaho Department of Lands. I'm sorry I'm not able to reach out to you in person, but I want you to know your email was received.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sharla Arledge

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From: Pamela Williams <Pamela.Williams.328448975@p2a.co>

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 5:00 PM

To: Brian Oakey <Brian.Oakey@ISDA.IDAHO.GOV>

Subject: {External}No Land Exchange

Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

My priorities are wildlife habitat and public access. I oppose any efforts to facilitate more lake-front and river-front development. I ask you to deny the land exchange proposed by Trident Holdings.

Protection of lakeshore and riparian habitat is what I care about. Such protections will safeguard the tourism economy.

Please reject Trident Holding's proposal and instead take a stand for the public good.

Regards,
Pamela Williams
[2418 Jean St](#)
Boise, ID 83705

From: Anne Carr <Anne.Carr.330046518@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:35 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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Regards,
Anne Carr
14023 Hideaway Ct
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Mark Engibous <engiboum@slhs.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:08 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: Trident Land Swap

Thank you Sharla,

As a full time McCall resident, it is the utmost of my priorities to preserve this area for my children and the children of our community. This is our home and we love our outdoor activities and need access to those pursuits which, in essence, define our identities. There is no doubt in my mind that the current trident land swap would jeopardize land access, trail systems, skiing, and inevitably prevent us from accessing the areas we have imbedded in our lives. We live here and raise our families here for a reason. The last thing we want is for our community to become a miniature privatized Lake Tahoe.

Thank you for your efforts...please continue to fight for our land. Although trident holdings withdrew from their current audience request, there is no doubt they are strategically planning their next proposal. Please continue to keep the public informed! We do not want this!!!!

Best Regards,
Mark Engibous, CRNA

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From: Sharla Arledge <sarledge@idl.idaho.gov> on behalf of Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 5:57:17 PM
To: Mark Engibous <engiboum@slhs.org>
Subject: RE: Trident Land Swap

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Mark-

Thank you for your thoughtful response, and for the homework you have done. I'm sorry I'm not able to reach out to you in person, but I want you to know your email was received.

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From: Mark Engibous <engiboum@slhs.org>

Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:29 PM

To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>

Subject: Trident Land Swap

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to voice my very strong opposition to the proposed land swap of Idaho endowment lands in Valley County with Trident Holdings.

Access to the lands in and surrounding McCall is intrinsically woven into the history, culture, and economy of the town and the State of Idaho. Our love for these lands compels us to speak out against the Alec Williams/Trident Holdings LLC proposed swap of 28,000 acres in and around McCall for some unspecified timber lands in Northern Idaho.

The reason these lands have attracted this would-be developer is not only because of their unique beauty but also because Idahoans have worked to preserve the quality of the state and adjacent federal lands and their waters. Generations of local conservation efforts from the advocacy that created Ponderosa Park to the recent regulations protecting Payette Lake have generated a strong land ethic that makes this area a place people want to live. Trident intends to capitalize on all of this. *Here are just a few of the problems with Trident's proposal:*

- Trident is proposing a business venture. Making money for its investors, as stated by Trident, is the company's primary purpose.

- Trident would gain complete control over 28,000 acres, all within the North Fork Payette watershed. These lands extend from 3 miles south of Upper Payette Lake, on both sides of the North Fork Payette River, along both sides of Payette Lake, then east to catch the mouth of Lake Fork Creek, and in a long block going down the east side of the valley to Paddy Flat Road including Boulder Creek and Boulder Reservoir. This ownership would also give Trident significant leverage over other private lands in the area.
- Contrary to Trident's statements and fuzzy math, these state lands **are** producing revenue for the state endowment fund, benefitting public education.
- The inestimable value of the state lands in and around McCall goes far beyond the dollar value of unspecified timber lands up North; it includes water quality, wildlife habitat, recreation and aesthetic values, which also generate valuable tourism revenue and tax dollars.
- The Idaho Land Board and Department of Lands recognize that access to state endowment lands provide an abundance of outdoor opportunities to the public that are "part of the fabric of Idaho's history and culture." The Land Board also recognized in the 2007 Asset Management Plan that some lands should be kept in perpetuity.

What we need and want, especially for our children and grandchildren, are forests to wander in, cliffs to climb, creek banks to scramble down, wildflowers and berries for the summer, and snow trails to explore in the winter. What we need and demand is protection for wildlife and our precious watershed. Public use of lands fosters love of the land and teaches us how to care for it. This is a most crucial skill for the 21st century.

Best Regards,
Mark Engibous, CRNA

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From: Barclay Hauber <Barclay.Hauber.46554123@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:42 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.

As a McCall property owner, and Idaho resident, I strongly 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,
Barclay Hauber
160 Old Pollock Rd
Pollock, ID 83547

From: Rebecca Fiske <Rebecca.Fiske.330938112@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:45 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Rebecca Fiske
1406 Warren Wagon Rd
Mccall, ID 83638

From: julie murphy <juliegmurphy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:23 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: Comment Submitted

Thanks so much for your reply. Please continue to protect the environmental Quality and aesthetic beauty of Payette Lake.

Sincerely,

Julie Mirphy

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 15, 2020, at 5:49 PM, Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:
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From: Molly Trautman <Molly.Trautman.330947824@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:37 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

Trident, LLC may be claiming a commitment to protecting public access and environmental stewardship, but this proposed land exchange sounds like a bad deal for Idahoans who treasure Payette Lake.

I am opposed this proposal as it's clear that Trident plans to develop these lands with roads and houses, and not for conservation purposes.

Instead, I encourage you to identify solutions that can preserve the integrity of Payette Lake, along with the the quality of life that my family enjoys.

Regards,
Molly Trautman
1838 Broadmoor Dr
Boise, ID 83705

From: Mark Nicola <Mark.Nicola.330986885@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 6:10 AM
To: Comments
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Mark Nicola
1893 Club Hill Blvd
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Coquille Wilson <Coquille.Wilson.330994471@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 7:02 AM
To: Comments
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Coquille Wilson
674 Sawtooth Dr
Boise, ID 83709

From: Susan Bistline <Susan.Bistline.56726383@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 8:22 AM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Susan Bistline
957 W Garfield Bay Rd
Sagle, ID 83860

From: Ryan Garton <Ryan.Garton.331018563@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 8:45 AM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Ryan Garton
9816 W Hidden Valley Rd
Rathdrum, ID 83858

From: Christopher Church <Christopher.Church.156149257@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 8:47 AM
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Regards,
Christopher Church
12 Buckskin Dr
Donnelly, ID 83615

From: Samson Large <samsonlarge5@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: Idaho Land Board/Trident Landgrab.

Sharla,

This is good news, something should be done about the website preservemccall.org it very clearly states that IDL is liquidating all endowment lands and is spreading that narrative.

Thanks,
Samson

On Wed, Jul 15, 2020 at 9:41 PM Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Samson-

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From: Samson Large <samsonlarge5@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:56 AM

To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>

Subject: Idaho Land Board/Trident Landgrab.

Hello,

My name is Samson Large, I grew up in McCall, there is nothing more important to me than keeping the land surrounding McCall public. It is what makes McCall the amazing place that it is. I've spent countless hours alone, with friends, family, wandering the forest surrounding payette lake, river, boulder res, paddy flat landing, and just about every square inch of the 28,000 acres proposed to be STOLEN. If these 'investors' from the east had done minimal research or just visited our community they would be able to see very clearly that the public land and the ability to use said land is how our community makes money. As a community we own that land and we do take care of it, as it takes care of us. One of my favorite Teddy Roosevelt quotes describes this situation almost to a T.

"Defenders of the short-sighted men who in their greed and selfishness will, if permitted, rob our country of half its charm by their reckless extermination of all useful and beautiful wild things sometimes seek to champion them by saying the 'the game belongs to the people.' So it does; and not merely to the people now alive, but to the unborn people. The 'greatest good for the greatest number' applies to the number within the womb of time, compared to which those now alive form but an insignificant fraction. Our duty to the whole, including the unborn generations, bids us restrain an unprincipled present-day minority from wasting the

heritage of these unborn generations. The movement for the conservation of wild life and the larger movement for the conservation of all our natural resources are essentially democratic in spirit, purpose, and method.” - <https://www.trcp.org/2011/03/18/defenders-of-the-short-sighted/>

Please don't let our lands go to greed.

Samson Large

From: Martha Bibb <marthasbibb@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Sharla,

Thank you for your kind response. I am a worried old lady who has seen the devastation of the west during my life time. I truly want to leave a legacy for young people, for you, for my 4 grandsons.

Corporate profits don't make the good side of the history books. Advocates for saving the environment do...start with John Muir.

Sincerely,

Martha S. Bibb, DMD(retired)

On Jul 15, 2020, at 10:21 PM, Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Martha-

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Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sharla Arledge

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From: Martha bibb <Martha.bibb.101266626@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 7:27 AM
To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

Do not sell our beautiful lake front publicly owned property to developers. This will have a terrible detrimental impact on the health of the lake, on access to the lake and on the scenic beauty enjoyed by all citizens. If you want to know how this will impact our public lake front property just look at Lake Tahoe, South Shore. That is what we can expect on Payette Lake. And look at the impact on the health of the lake water with runoff from private lawns and yards.

The monetary gain is not the most important goal in this current world. Preserving the public lands to maintain health and cleanliness of our water and environment far outweighs the past notion that development at any environmental cost was the goal.

If we need to change the state's goals regarding the benefit of protecting public property then that is what is needed. Old laws written to economically benefit corporations or individuals need to be changed to reflect the needs of the majority of the citizens. The greater good outweighs the dollar gain to a few developers.

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Sincerely,
Martha S. Bibb

Regards,
Martha bibb
810 CD Olena Dr
Hailey, ID 83333

From: Sharla Arledge on behalf of Comments
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Comments
Subject: FW: Protect the public lands around McCall!

From: Dori Them <dori@dragonflytransitions.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Re: Protect the public lands around McCall!

Sharla, do you have a map or a link to a map that shows where the received proposals and those previously approved in the McCall area are located? I would certainly like to know for sure, especially if the maps published in the local paper are inaccurate.

From: Dori Them <dori@dragonflytransitions.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Re: Protect the public lands around McCall!

Thank you, Sharla. I'll start streaming the meeting. You are most kind to send a link.

From: Sharla Arledge <sarledge@idl.idaho.gov> on behalf of Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:39 PM
To: Dori Them <dori@dragonflytransitions.com>
Subject: RE: Protect the public lands around McCall!

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From: Dori Them <dorisokei@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Protect the public lands around McCall!

Good morning Land Board,

My name is Dorothy Them and I was born in McCall Idaho in 1958. My father, Water Them, moved here in 1951 in order to run survival training with Frank and John Craighead for the Air Force troops fighting in Korea while my mother completed her Masters in Zoology before joining him in 1952. How does this relate? The very lands you are considering privatizing are the lands where my father did that survival training. We needed that land then for a crucial purpose and we need it now for equally important reasons, including the need to someday again train our military in winter survival. This story also indicates McCall has always drawn hardy well-educated people to build their homes and raise their families.

That's point Number 1.

Number 2: Sustaining the necessary wild lands corridor for wildlife habitat.

Number 3: Maintaining the watershed supplying the town of McCall. Number 4: Slowing the development of tourism in McCall so it is measured, thoughtful, considered and deliberate.

Many of McCall's residents do not want more second and third homes in our area. We want people who live here to move in and take up their civic duties as community members, not simply tourists. I imagine you will hear from them as this decision is on the table. Please listen - that is your civic duty.

Dorothy Them

From: Matt Stokes <Matt.Stokes.331164020@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Matt Stokes
3075 E 3400 N
Twin Falls, ID 83301

From: Kay Snodgrass <Kay.Snodgrass.331218651@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Kay Snodgrass
PO Box 2362
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Ken Everett <everettbuilding@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Lake Area Land Swap

Greetings Land Board members,

I wish it to be known that my family and I, long time Idaho residents, vehemently oppose the state land board trading away the proposed Payette Lake state lands to Trident Holdings, or anyone else. Those lands need to be held for the public and their access and enjoyment. We are hunters, and hikers. We love this area! We want to be able to enjoy it, not be locked out like when the state failed to re-acquire the West Mountain/Red Ridge area, letting it go to the Texans! What were you thinking! We don't need a repeat where only the super wealthy have access. Look what previous leadership did with Ponderosa Park and its preservation. Everyone loves that people gave a damn in the past and made the effort to save this area. All people ever say is " what a wonderful thing was done, how wise and thoughtful!" Don't you want to be thought of this way? Don't you want future children to think of you this way? You have a golden opportunity here to do the right thing.

Additionally, the Payette lake area and McCall area are already on the verge of overpopulation and vehicle gridlock. Do you realize the impact to the local quality of life the added traffic from major development in these lands will bring? Don't allow this area to be essentially given to the forked-tongued out of state developers.

We know they are saying the trade would be a win for the state because the timber land they want to trade for is "more valuable" than the land around Payette Lake. This is rubbish. There is only so much lake terrain in the state. Does their forest property have a large beautiful lake beside it so that thousands of people can access and enjoy it like the Payette? Of course not! Big beautiful lakes and their surrounds cost a hell of a lot to create. (In fact they are priceless. The Saudis have tried it, ask them about the costs.) When the economic analysis is done, it better include the wide ranging costs of the regional public loss! If not, those on the board who are negligent in their duties to the citizenry of Idaho will be looking at a tsunami of rage heading their way.

Be careful, the state already screwed up big time with the West Mountain/Red Ridge deal, and a lot of folks were very pissed off, not to mention hurt, that their own state let their beloved hunting and rec area slip away into the hands of a bunch of unneighborly frackers from Texas.

Oppose this deal! Once something precious is gone, it is gone forever!

Thank you,
Ken Everett

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Ken Everett
Everett Building Inc.
208.630.4539

From: Jill Frye <Jill.Frye.331233483@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

Trident, LLC may be claiming a commitment to protecting public access and environmental stewardship, but this proposed land exchange sounds like a bad deal for Idahoans who treasure Payette Lake.

I am opposed this proposal as it's clear that Trident plans to develop these lands with roads and houses, and not for conservation purposes.

Instead, I encourage you to identify solutions that can preserve the integrity of Payette Lake, along with the the quality of life that my family enjoys.

Regards,
Jill Frye
123 Whitebird Ridge Rd
Pollock, ID 83547

From: Will Wicherski <Will.Wicherski.138017541@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 9:34 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

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Regards,
Will Wicherski
1280 TC Dr
Victor, ID 83455

From: Jared Stokes <Jared.Stokes.331317976@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 12:17 AM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Jared Stokes
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Star, ID 83669

From: Meredith Newton <Meredith.Newton.331345128@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 7:37 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange, please read

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

Trident, LLC may be claiming a commitment to protecting public access and environmental stewardship, but this proposed land exchange is not a fair investment for Idahoans who treasure Payette Lake, the surrounding area and the quiet that is our treasured mountain area.

I am opposed this proposal. It undermines the long-term value of conservation and open land.

Instead, I encourage you to identify solutions that can preserve the integrity of Payette Lake, Lake access for the average middle class Idahoans and locals families. You proved in the last 10 years the legislative order to "get the most from state-owned leased land" drove questionable behavior in multiple areas. This is your chance to make a more informed and fair decision to benefit the State of Idaho, not just the bottom line of the 2021 budget.

Regards,
Meredith Newton
4944 E Stemwood St
Boise, ID 83716

From: Codi Bradley <Codi.Bradley.331355893@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Comments
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Codi Bradley
1302 W Targee St
Boise, ID 83706

From: Thomas Manning, MD <TManning@idneuro.com>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Comments; Sharla Arledge; Renee Jacobsen
Subject: Comments regarding the Upcoming Agenda Item: Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall/Vicinity

Please forward to all members of the Land Board and to Dustin Miller:

Public lands are among the most important entities that the citizens of our state collectively own together. How we take care of these lands, and what we allow to happen to these lands, will reflect back upon us in 50 to 100 years as to the quality of the citizenry we are now.

I am concerned about the “Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall/Vicinity” being discussed at this Tuesday’s Land Board Meeting (July 21st). My letter pertains to that agenda item, and I would ask that this letter be included as part of the record for the July 21st Land Board meeting.

I have concerns over the openness of this process. Concerns heightened by events of the last six weeks. I read closely the minutes of the June 16 Idaho Land Board meeting. I also watched the Idaho PBS video recording of the meeting. In that meeting, each of the five elected officials who sit on the land board had to state for the record that (outside of and in advance of the Land Board meeting), they (or in one case their staff) had each met with Alec Williams of Trident Holdings to be briefed on his proposal to gain control of 28,000 acres of the public land around McCall.

This 28,000 acres is land that is used daily by wildlife and Idaho citizens. Land tracked by elk in their migration from the mountains to the valley. Meandering riverbeds crisscrossed by moose. Land that serves as home for innumerable other species of wildlife. Public Land cared for and appreciated by Idahoans treading lightly upon it. In the video, first, Attorney General Wasden admits to having been briefed on May 7th by a lobbyist team representing Trident Holdings. Each of the other elected officials, Governor Little, Secretary of State Denney, Comptroller Woolf, and Superintendent Ybarra later in the video also acknowledged that they (or in one case their staff) had received similar briefs.

At the June 16 meeting, Trident and it’s proposed McCall area land swap proposal came before the board and Mr. Alec Williams spoke before the board regarding an outline of his proposal. The issue is now BEFORE THE BOARD.

The Trident Holdings LLC team that briefed our elected officials using insider access was made up of:

1) Alec Williams: 33-year-old Ivy League-educated MBA/JD. Brief, fairly unremarkable service as a Navy SEAL (as a frogman, this kid was certainly no Bill McRaven, no Eric Olson, no Rudy Boesch, and no Chris Kyle). Degrees from Princeton, Yale, Harvard. Now trying to capitalize upon and sell the SEAL brand (the gold emblem worn on the chest and affectionately known as the “Trident”). After getting his Harvard MBA, Alec cut his teeth in New York working for private equity and most recently working at Table Management LP, a firm that manages the personal wealth of Hedge Fund Billionaire Bill Ackman. Alec is intimately connected with New York private equity firms. After not quite a year of working for Bill Ackman, Alec has now returned to Idaho and has assembled financial backing and a high-priced team of lobbyists and lawyers and is attempting to portray himself as a local boy trying to “preserve” these 28,000 acres of public land.

2) Greg Casey: Lobbyist, formerly CEO of BIPAC. Founding partner at Veritas Advisors LLP. Made headlines in 2014 for parking his Bentley sports car mere yards from the U.S. Capitol. Casey came up in the politics game hitching his wagon to that of Sen. Larry Craig (the same Larry Craig whose career finally spun out of control in 2007 following his arrest in a Minneapolis Airport men’s room). Now he seems to be focusing on delivering access to politicians here in Idaho. Casey is a consummate “money buys access” guy. In 2017, the Spokesman-Review quoted Casey as saying, “As long as the people who are the voters know where the support comes from, it’s really their decision whether a campaign contribution constitutes corruption. . . . I don’t think there’s too much money in politics. I think it’s the mother’s milk of our republic.” Casey is now facilitating high-level, closed-door meetings with Idaho’s elected officials on behalf of Alec Williams.

3) Erika Malmen: Natural resources lawyer with Perkins Coie. Her client list reads like a “who’s who of Idaho’s extractive industries,” according to reporters in 2015. Erika’s back-door nomination to become a federal judge in 2015 faltered under the light of public scrutiny. At the time that she was put forward for judgeship, she had essentially zero judicial experience. Please read Betsy Russel’s article in The Spokesman-Review detailing the failed back-door judicial appointment. Erika’s husband, Jeff Malmen is one of the top political operatives in the state, having most recently served as chief of staff to governor Butch Otter. Erica’s husband Jeff now works to direct Idaho Power’s political campaign donations in his role as Senior Vice President for Public Affairs at Idaho Power. The Malmen family has made a family business out of insider access, corporate representation, and courting political favors with campaign donations. Now Erica is serving up the insider access for Alec Williams.

4) David Lehman: Lobbyist with Primus Policy Group. David came up in the politics game as a policy advisor to then-Gov. Kempthorne. Followed Kempthorne to the Department of the Interior in 2006. Has now spent the last decade as a private lobbyist.

5) David New: Timber industry consultant. Formerly at Boise Cascade. Now the principal at Growing Excellence, Inc., a forest business management consultant firm whose recent clients have included

the Idaho Department of Lands. Now he's been hired by Alec Williams to facilitate a heist of those same Public Lands.

6) Financial backing: Unknown. Alec Williams refuses to disclose. Likely a lot of lot of New York City telephone area codes in his list of contacts and east coast money writing the checks to underwrite expensive lobbyist work. Remember that Alec's last job before coming to Idaho was working for Hedge Fund Billionaire Bill Ackman.

Please shine the bright light of public scrutiny upon these back-room dealings! The North Fork Payette watershed is too special a place to allow for these sorts of closed-door meetings organized by lobbyists. Let prospective land speculators who are hoping to get their hands on the Public Lands know that closed-door private meetings are no longer acceptable. Discussions need to be in the public forum, going forward. Long term protection for this watershed will be necessary. Concerned citizens and organizations are working towards solutions for long term protection. Please work with all the stakeholders in an open, public manner to preserve the Payette watershed and preserve the quality of Idaho lakes and wildlife habitat.

Respectfully,
Tom Manning
McCall and Boise

Sent from my iPhone

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Steven&Barbara Bussolini at mccallbussolini@gmail.com
Phone: 2086343374
Address: 325 RioVista Blvd
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please tell Trident that our State lands are not for sale. I urge you to take action to preserve ownership of our State lands so that other groups don't get the impression that the Idaho Land Board is in the business of liquidating our States natural resources. We are McCall residents and appreciate and use State land resources year round. We moved to McCall for that reason.

From: William Thomas <William.Thomas.329983484@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 11:19 AM
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Regards,
William Thomas
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Mccall, ID 83638

From: Delany Campbell <Delany.Campbell.331433643@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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Regards,
Delany Campbell
51842 Shade Hill Ln
Miami, AZ 85539

From: Cassandra Drake <Cassandra.Drake.331433724@p2a.co>
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Mccall, ID 83638

From: A Canfield <ajoycanfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Statement of Opposition to Trident Land Exchange

To the members of the Land Board:

I would like to formally state my opposition to the land exchange proposed by Trident Holdings LLC. I grew up in Council and spent many of my childhood summers swimming in the lake, playing in the parks, and hiking the trails nearby. With all of their children grown and out of the house, my parents decided to move up to McCall to enjoy a peaceful retirement.

Their lifestyle, as well as that of all of the other residents of and visitors to McCall, is in danger of being sacrificed to a business venture masquerading as a mission of goodwill. The proposal made by Alec Williams/Trident Holdings LLC has been cleverly gussied up to appear to be the only option to keep the lands surrounding Payette Lake from being divided up by greedy developers. The reality, however, is that the Land Board could indeed develop its own long term plan to preserve this land with input and support from stakeholders and conservation groups.

I urge you to consider my parents and everyone in their position as you move towards making your decision. Think about what will be lost the moment these lands are in private hands. You have an important decision to make. Please do not make it lightly.

Thank you,

Annie Axsom
Formerly a resident of Council, Idaho

From: Deborah Wagner <davieswagner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 4:32 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Land swaps in Idaho

I am writing with concern for land swaps in the State of Idaho. While I do understand the need for money to fund education in the state (I am a teacher), I cannot understand for the life of me why the ILB would do a swap exchanging some of the most valuable land in the state just so non-state entities could make the big money from it, and at the same time ruin the very long-term assets that the people of Idaho value the most: space, clean air & water, recreational opportunities, natural habitats. Other states have made this error & lived to regret it. Let's value the assets mentioned above appropriately. How many Idaho citizens would swap our Idaho way of life for the life of a New Yorker or Californian who have high property values with little QUALITY of life? One thing that COVID-19 has shown us is that when the chips are down, what we have, what we value, what we must protect, what makes Idaho special, are the wild lands and places. Please do not swap those for million dollar homes & empty promises from those who want to make a buck by using our own state's laws & regulations against us. As a third generation Idahoan with deep roots in McCall, I implore you to protect our home.

Deborah Davies Wagner
1916 Warren Wagon Road
McCall, ID 83638
Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

From: Christopher Church <Christopher.Church.156149257@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 8:06 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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

Regards,
Christopher Church
12 Buckskin Dr
Donnelly, ID 83615

From: Jessie Kinney <Jessie.Kinney.332202350@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Jessie Kinney
8000 W Dorian St
Boise, ID 83709

From: Michael Childers <Michael.Childers.332284404@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2020 10:44 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Michael Childers
2306 W Apgar Creek Dr
Meridian, ID 83646

From: Dixie Dykman <ddykman@dykman.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 7:05 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident takeover

Members:

Please say "NO" to the very selfish, money hungry trade request of public lands by Alec Williams and Trident Dev. This request needs to be shot down and in a big way. Making such a trade would ruin what we now know and love about McCall and the area.

Please reject this proposal for the so called "betterment" of Idaho. We know better.

Dixie Dykman

Sent from my iPhone

From: Liane Carr <Liane.Carr.332327938@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Liane Carr
13006 Farm to Market Rd
Mccall, ID 83638

From: paul sadlek <paul.sadlek.332342869@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a TERRIBLE deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

There are 2 things that will happen if you allow the swap of this public land.

First, we will face substantial and permanent environmental damage if this land is developed. Noise pollution, air pollution, disruption of wildlife habitat.

Second, we will repeat the disaster of the recent Wilks brother's land purchase, closing off public access for their selfish and arrogant desires. The general public will be closed off from hiking, biking, snow shoeing, berry picking access that has been enjoyed for generations.

I hope you get your inspiration from Teddy Roosevelt and Frank Church, please save our public lands. Your decision will go down in history. Do not succumb to the wealthy and their pursuit of individual riches.

thank you

Regards,
paul sadlek
171 W Lance Ln
Eagle, ID 83616

From: Frances Rutter <Frances.Rutter.81834060@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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Regards,
Frances Rutter
2813 S Honeycomb Way
Boise, ID 83716

From: dmcamp@frontiernet.net
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 6:39 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident hHoldings Land Swap

Dear Idaho Land Board Members,

This Letter is concerning the Idaho land swap proposed by Trident Holdings. Along with a few of my many concerns.

Number one, To let you know I am absolutely not in favor of this proposed 28,000 acres in the McCall area falling out of public hands. I feel all options need to be explored that can satisfy our obligations to the endowment Laws. From what I understand you have an open door to consider things such as a land trade for other state land that may be more profitable to the objectives of endowment laws. Maybe a possible trade with the Forest Service or other Federal agencies. Or a possible land trust that would keep these lands in the public domain. I do believe we have many options available to us to find a solution without letting these public land falling into private hands. As we all know once public lands are sold off we lose them forever. I feel we have an obligation to preserve these lands not only for us but more importantly for the future generations that have the right to inherit these lands.

My second concern is Trident Holdings. Alec Williams claims to have McCall's best interest in mind. That I find hard to believe. This to him and his shareholders is a for profit business deal. I don't care what spin he puts on it. Also who are the shareholders involved in Trident Holdings that are willing to come up with the money and land for this exchange. Is Alec Williams the major shareholder of Trident or a front man that could be forced out after the exchange is complete. All these questions need transparency.

It is my guess this land far exceeds the land value of any 28,000 acres of timber land that will be proposed by Trident holdings in the exchange. People live and come to McCall for many reasons. I believe the main draw is the access to our public lands and if we were to lose this property as Idahoans we lose for more then what Trident Holdings is proposing. That is why I feel the Idaho Land Board is obligated to work with the citizens of Valley County and all of Idaho to find a solution before any consideration of turning over our public lands to a privet holding co.

In closing I feel we must look to the future of Idaho. This proposed swap I feel in no way would benefit the long term well being of the citizens of Idaho both now and in the future. Please move slow and with caution on this proposal.

Dennis Campbell
13985 Farm to Market Rd,
McCall, Idaho 83638

From: angela michaelis <angela.michaelis.332384548@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
angela michaelis
6005 S Brian Way
Boise, ID 83716

From: heybigbenny <heybigbenny@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 7:20 PM
To: Comments
Subject: OPPOSED TO LAND SWAP

I write to oppose the proposed land swap with the Idaho Department of Lands and Trident Company. It's not a good fit for the community of McCall or Valley County. We are not in need of being saved or preserved by an infantile company from other states or even a mature company from our own pool. Please do not vote to exchange valley county endowment lands with these people.

Sharon L. Johnson

From: James Richardson <jamesr@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:06 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comments on proposed exchange of McCall Endowment lands
Attachments: Richardson - Walker re McCall land swap.docx

James Richardson
Associate Prof. of Management (retired)
Shidler College of Business
University of Hawaii at Manoa
2404 Maile Way
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James Richardson, Phd & Lorenn Walker, JD, MPH

The Honorable Brad Little
Governor of Idaho
Idaho State Capitol
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720

Dear Governor Little and Members of the Idaho Land Board,

We are writing about the McCall “land swap” proposed by Trident Holdings. Though Trident has postponed their proposal, we hope the Land Board will proceed to consider options for the McCall Endowment lands. We have some comments on Trident’s economic analysis and we suggest alternatives to Trident’s proposal that are more economically sound and would both ensure future generations use of the land and income for Idaho public schools.

Briefly:

- Trident’s economic analysis probably overstates the cost to the Endowments of holding the McCall lands and overestimates the benefits the Endowments would gain from exchanging them for land in northern Idaho (see comments below).
- Should the Land Board decide to exchange the McCall Endowment lands, there are probably better exchange partners that would keep the McCall lands held in the public interest and provide the same benefits to the Endowments (see alternatives below).

We are a married couple who own a home in McCall where we are part-time residents. Our family has lived in McCall for fifty years where our nephew is the chief of the fire department. We have four grandchildren three of which have spent every Christmas in McCall for the last 15 years. We are professors at the University of Hawai’i (UH). James retired this spring from teaching full time for the last 30 years from UH’s school of business, and Lorenn is with UH’s Public Policy Center.

Trident raises an important concern about preserving the State Endowment lands around McCall. These lands are invaluable to the people of McCall and everyone who visits the area for recreation, scenic views, access to nature, and enjoyment of open space. Because the Idaho Land Board is obligated to maximize income for the Endowment beneficiaries, it may find that it must sell or exchange these lands. If that should come about, the people of McCall and all who enjoy the area need to work to ensure that these lands are preserved.

It may be best for the long-term interests of McCall to have these lands taken out of the Endowment. Trident makes an attractive set of promises about preserving the McCall lands if they gain ownership. Trident, however, suggests that their proposed land exchange is the only way to preserve the McCall lands. The proposed exchange would place the lands under the ownership of a private equity firm that may or may not act in the public interest. There are other options the Land Board should consider that would have a stronger connection to the

public interest. We offer a few below. However the Land Board decides, it should make preservation promises such as those that Trident has made binding on whoever acquires the land in perpetuity.

Comments on Trident's Findings

Trident appears to be overstating the cost to the Endowments of holding the McCall lands and overestimating the benefits to the Endowments of their proposed exchange.

Trident's estimated savings to the Endowments by eliminating the cost of managing the McCall lands is certainly incorrect and probably too high. The estimated annual savings of \$276,000 is based on an average cost per acre for managing the State's endowment lands (Trident, P. 7). This average is likely much higher than the marginal cost of managing the lands around Payette Lake. State activities tend to have large fixed costs. The total cost of managing all of the State's endowment lands is unlikely to be reduced by \$276,000 because of the exchange. The Land Board should look at the actual added cost or marginal cost of managing the McCall lands. Trident's analysis also does not seem to count any current income from the Payette lands, basically dismissing it as too little to matter, despite the Idaho Department of Land's 2019 report (IDL 2019) that thousands of tons of logs were sold from the Payette Lakes area.

Several of the claimed benefits of the proposed exchange are indirect or secondary benefits that the State could achieve without the exchange—i.e., the increased harvest of existing lands, the improved access to existing lands, and the portfolio reallocation. Together, these make up nearly half of the claimed benefits.

The most direct and salient benefit would be the income from the North Idaho lands that are to be exchanged for the Payette lands. The net benefits estimated from the North Idaho lands may be overstated. Trident uses an average annual return for Pacific Northwest timberland investments (Trident, P. 9). But, to make this an "apples to apples" comparison, they should consider the \$23 per acre that they argue it will cost the IDL to manage the acquired North Idaho lands. That would come to \$471,500 for a net increase to the State's cost of managing the endowment lands. Trident estimates the net benefit to be \$1.2 million annually from logging about 20,000 acres (\$59 per acre, (Trident, P. 7)). The total state endowment lands classified as forest (1.03 million acres) generated \$43.7 million in 2019 (IDL 2019, P. 3) or about \$42 per acre. So, Trident's estimated income may be too high.

Alternatives to the Trident Exchange

As Trident has pointed out, the State is obligated to maximize the benefit to the beneficiaries of the Endowment lands. It cannot consider other benefits of the Payette lands like recreational or scenic value to the economy of Valley county and the City of McCall. Any alternative proposals must provide matching or superior benefits to the beneficiaries. Still, it is possible to achieve this objective while preserving the public interest in the lands.

James Richardson, Phd & Lorenn Walker, JD, MPH

The Land Board is allowed to exchange endowment lands for a number of reasons, as established by law and noted by the Trident proposal. There may be other State or Federal lands that would qualify for exchange with the McCall Endowment lands. Such an exchange would accomplish the same benefits to the Endowments while placing the McCall lands under control of a public entity, the State or Federal government. Such an exchange should be explored before considering the proposed private exchange.

As the Trident economic analysis points out, the State could achieve most of the claimed benefits of the exchange by directly acquiring the North Idaho lands through the Land Bank for approximately \$30 million (using Trident's estimated \$1500 per acre valuation). The only unrealized benefit is the cost reduction for managing the McCall lands. As noted above, these should be calculated as marginal rather than average costs to the State. Many options should be considered to generate this relatively small annual expenditure.

If the Land Board wants to realize the benefits of adding private North Idaho lands into the Endowment Lands and direct acquisition of North Idaho lands through the Land Bank is not feasible, then a third party, such as Trident, would have to step in to orchestrate an exchange. But other third-party options should be considered.

Another entity, such as Valley County, the City of McCall, or a land trust such as the Payette Land Trust could orchestrate an exchange similar to the one proposed by Trident. The benefit of having such an entity take over the McCall lands is that these valuable recreational and scenic lands would forever be held in the public interest to benefit the people and economy of Valley County and McCall. Such an entity could have many opportunities to generate income from the McCall lands as well. Of course, this entity would have to finance the exchange. But the community of interest in McCall has considerable resources that could be marshalled to meet this challenge and preserve the McCall lands in perpetuity.

Thank you for your public service and work to ensure the best use of the McCall's public lands. Please contact us at the below phone and emails if we may provide any further information you may need about our concerns and suggestions.

Very truly yours,

James Richardson
Lorenn Walker

References

(Trident)—Trident Holdings LLC Proposed Land Exchange: Economic Benefits to Idaho Endowment Beneficiaries

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From: Pamela Rogers <Pamela.Rogers.332416542@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:26 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Instead, I encourage you to identify solutions that can preserve the integrity of Payette Lake, along with the the quality of life that my family enjoys.

Regards,
Pamela Rogers
3725 W Taft St
Boise, ID 83703

From: William Widner <mountainrangeplumbingidaho@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Public land and water shed

This area is heavily used by the public trading it for lands up north will not benefit the valley county people only to take more of our acces away. We have lost more public lands i. The last few years then in the last 100 please listen to the public on this and do not sell, trade or give away our lands soon there will be no public lands and only the rich will own everything allowing no public access Thank for giving me this chance to say my part

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Tim Robinson at timrobinson43@gmail.com
Phone: 2088198461
Address: 11077 E Blue Lake Rd
City: Harrison
State: Idaho

Comment:

This area is rare and priceless, and should be protected as such. There are so many beautiful things that wolf lodge bay has to offer. Why would we give that away for capital gain? We bend at the will of money and those who have it all the time and call it progressivism. North Idaho has changed for sure. and not necessarily for the better. This is "public" land and we need to keep it that way. Stay true to your words and integrity IDL.

From: Angela Johnson <Angela.Johnson.332463496@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

As a lifelong resident of Idaho, and a frequent user of public lands, I am deeply concerned about the proposed Payette Lake land exchange. Trident, LLC may be claiming a commitment to protecting public access and environmental stewardship, but this proposed land exchange sounds like a bad deal for Idahoans who treasure Payette Lake.

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Regards,
Angela Johnson
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Boise, ID 83705

From: Amy Atkinson <Amy.Atkinson.332464792@p2a.co>
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Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Amy Atkinson
7707 Wesley Dr
Boise, ID 83704

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Jackie Beverage at jbeverage@cableone.net
Phone: 2089221127
Address: 679 W Sunwood Ct
City: Kuna
State: Idaho

Comment:

We are writing to voice our strong opposition to the land exchange in McCall. We have been driving all over the mountains near our cabin home in Donnelly, Idaho recently, and everywhere we go, we encounter the ORANGE gates across roads and NO TRESPASSING signs, which were once open and used by the public to access our public lands. It is a shame, and we are heartbroken that people from out of state can control our lives in such a way, but they do! Being native Idahoans, the Idaho of our childhood is no more, but we need to stand up and not allow further development which will not only change the way we recreate at the Lake, but will also seriously impact the infrastructure and environment for Valley County. 28,000 acres would mean mega development, which would also mean a huge influx of people to Valley County and a strain on the city of McCall. We are afraid this would also encroach on Ponderosa State Park as well. 😞 Working for ITD in Valley County, we know the traffic right now to and from Treasure Valley, and beyond, to Valley County is already an extreme burden on Highway 55! An increase of 3 to 4 thousand people or more would make it so much worse, to the point of shut downs and more accidents. There is no current plan to widen or improve Highway 55, so unless ITD is included in any future plans to develop property of this magnitude in Valley County, it should not move further along. While the public enjoys the use of the Endowment lands, there are so many ways in which to enrich the fund without giving away the farm! Losing this land is a big loss for not only the current residents and part time, summer home residents, of Valley County, but for the future generations as well. My parents purchased a lot in Donnelly in the mid 1960's. There were verbal promises at that time that every fifth beach lot would be left open for public access to the lake. As of today, this is not the story. The greed of money decided that "fifth" lot was worth more than keeping a promise to the people. This is exactly what realtors and developers do all the time. Anything promised for this exchange of land with the Endowment Fund cannot be promised to future generations. Please take this seriously and think long and hard before any decisions to "trade or exchange" prime real estate property for any wooded timber acres! Thank you for taking consideration of the people of this great state and the future as well.

Sincere regards,
Raymond Steven and Jacquelyn J Beverage
Donnelly, Idaho and Kuna, Idaho

From: Laura Carroll <Laura.Carroll.332468257@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:05 AM
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Regards,
Laura Carroll
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Boise, ID 83709

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
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To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Kristi McEntee at krism3404@cableone.net
Phone: 2088661659
Address: 3404 S Ashbury Pl – 2542 Warren Wagon Rd
City: Boise and McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
PLEASE PLEASE NO ABSOLUTELY NO ON THE TRANSFER OF OUR GORGEOUS LANDS TO TRIDENT!!!!

From: Angie Michaels <angie@ewsid.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Comments
Cc: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: comments regarding endowment land management McCall/Vicinity

I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed Trident land purchase of the 28,000 acres around McCall. My husband and I recently purchased land in Adams County near McCall because we enjoy the amazing recreation opportunities as well as the peace and quiet. We enjoy hiking, backpacking, Fly fishing, and mountain biking. We love seeing deer and the occasional moose as well a huge number of birds. The wildlife habitat is a huge asset to the area. Part of what makes McCall special is the fact that it can't be over developed due to the large amount of endowment land around the north end of the lake and beyond.

Another concern is the additional traffic the proposed development will generate. SH55 is already a nightmare to drive on weekends and the nightmare is spilling over to weekdays as well. I know it's not IDL's issue, but I believe the safety of Idahoans should be a consideration.

I would argue that Trident's calculation that shows this area costing taxpayers is misleading. The endowment lands is a large part of what brings tourism, fishing, boating, skiing, hiking, wildlife habitat, etc., to the area which is an economic benefit to the state and the community.

I appreciate the role that IDL plays in our great state. We are fortunate to have endowment lands to help fund our schools. I am sure the decisions made on how best to manage them are not made lightly. I strongly encourage you to not be short sighted and to look at the long term benefit of preserving this land. As former Gov. Cecil Andrus once said, public lands are "our second paycheck" and the reason many of us live here. Please don't let this land get privatized. Please consider the members of this community, Idahoans, and the environment.

Sincerely,

Angie Gilman Michaels

From: claycarley@ oldboise.com <claycarley@oldboise.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Comments
Subject: 28,000 acre land exchange proposal from Trident

I am a fifth generation Idahoan whose family has had property in McCall since 1920. The land surrounding Payette lake should be preserved and have open access to all people in perpetuity. I understand the state must monetize this property for the benefit of Idaho Education. This is very critical.

Therefore, I am not opposed to the land exchange and private ownership under the following conditions only.

1. The new owner agrees to preserve a vast majority of the land (95%) in a conservation easement which is irrevocable.
2. The public approves of the land to be preserved and the land to be developed.
3. The public approves of the type of development and the location.

If the state does not enter into this land exchange, then I hope the state will put this land in a conservation easement which is irrevocable. Future development in McCall belongs to the south of the lake and not surrounding the lake.

Clay Carley
2202 Payette Drive
McCall, Idaho 83638

From: Katherine Llewellyn <Katherine.Llewellyn.332482233@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

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

Regards,
Katherine Llewellyn
415 E Whitbeck St
Kuna, ID 83634

From: Jeffrey Mousseau <jeffreymousseau@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Re: Comment for the Record for July 2020 Land Board Meeting

Thank you.

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From: Sharla Arledge <sarledge@idl.idaho.gov> on behalf of Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:25:24 AM
To: 'Jeffrey Mousseau' <JeffreyMousseau@msn.com>
Subject: RE: Comment for the Record for July 2020 Land Board Meeting

Jeffrey-

Your email was received and will be included in the comments regarding Agenda Item #8 - Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall and Vicinity, that the Land Board will receive for tomorrow's Land Board meeting.

Thank you.

Sharla Arledge

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From: Jeffrey Mousseau <JeffreyMousseau@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2020 6:30 AM
To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Cc: Renee Jacobsen <rjacobsen@idl.idaho.gov>; Sharla Arledge <sarledge@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Comment for the Record for July 2020 Land Board Meeting

Please disregard previous comment submitted, this is what I intend to say at the Land Board meeting pertaining to Agenda Item 8. I have requested 3 minutes of speaking time at the meeting and plan to attend in person.

I am commenting on the report on Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) Endowment Land Management Plan, Schedule, City of McCall and Vicinity agenda item as part of the July 2020 meeting. My name is Jeff Mousseau, I am a native of Idaho, a

resident of McCall, a University of Idaho graduate, and a licensed engineer in the State of Idaho. Most of my career was spent at the INL cleaning up nuclear and hazardous waste at the Idaho National Laboratory, and I am now retired. Environmental issues and pristine lands are important to me. I also know the importance of long-term planning and applaud the Idaho Department of Lands for undertaking this Management Plan.

I fundamentally believe that the State of Idaho endowment lands in the McCall area remain as public land for generations to come, but I also believe they can be better managed providing additional financial benefit for the Endowment Fund. These McCall area lands are precious and have three distinct benefits. First they provide that critical wildlife habitat; second that they provide the watershed for Big Payette Lake, the sole drinking water supply for McCall; and third they provide unlimited recreational opportunities. In visiting McCall, you can look up and still see undeveloped forests and pristine lands around Payette and Little Payette lakes. These lands are what fundamentally makes McCall, McCall. These benefits need to be considered, weighted, and factored into the IDL Management Plan and considered by the Land Board in any proposal to privatize and develop it.

That there has been a lot of local opposition to transfer or sale of these lands is an understatement. Over 500 comments of opposition were provided to the McCall City Council, multiple petitions of opposition have been signed by over a thousand people, and local rallies and demonstrations have been held. People care and care passionately about this. But let me be clear, residents of McCall and Valley County who make this our home desire to be part of the solution, not just to point out problems. We would ask that a team of representatives be able to work with the Department of Lands in the developing this plan. We have a lot of smart people in McCall and Valley County and would like to contribute to ideas of revenue growth for these endowment lands to meet objectives. I am uncertain of revenue numbers to date because there have been so many and all different. But I do know that we can implement additional actions that will increase revenue and far exceed average per acre profit. With a lot of numbers floating around, I do request that a clear financial analysis and proposed financial targets be included in the IDL Management Plan.

Lastly, I know the importance of education and the need to properly fund it. My mother was a high school teacher in Idaho Falls her entire career. I know of no one who cared more deeply about education or the betterment of students. A balanced approach in priorities between public land use and endowment fund revenue generation needs factored into the IDL Management Plan. These endowment lands should not be sold or likewise traded, I'm not certain that is even legal. Let's work together in developing this IDL Management Plan to keep these lands as Endowment Lands while at the same time evaluating and putting in place actions that will increase revenue for the education-based funds. Thank you for your time..

Jeff Mousseau
McCall, ID

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From: susan bliss <sbwild2000@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Comments
Cc: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: Comments Regarding Agenda Item #8, Report on Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall/Vicinity"

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a former full time resident of Valley County and an owner of a home in Donnelly.

I am adamantly opposed to any land exchange for the endowment lands that surround Payette Lake. My hope is that unlike previous sales of endowment lands in Valley County, that the committee takes the time to explore better opportunities that will also take into account the needs and desires of the community that Ali enjoys these lands.

Susan Jenkins

From: Heidi Wyman <heidijwyman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Comments
Cc: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: Comments Regarding Agenda Item #8, Report on Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall/Vicinity"

Dear IDL,

As a full-time McCall resident I am opposed to the private sale or swap of the McCall area endowment lands. I appreciate the efforts of the board and understand their fiduciary obligations. These lands are what make McCall the recreational/tourist Mecca that it is. They also draw amazing teachers & citizens into our community. I believe there are multiple options available that would both provide funding for our stellar schools and preserve these lands for generations.

Alternative fiscal options:

1. Annual use permits
2. Launch fees collected at boat ramps
3. Use fee attached to each recreational vehicle licensed

Preservation options:

1. Annex these lands into Ponderosa State Park
2. Allow citizens to purchase and then donate these lands into a public land trust

Thank you for your time and careful consideration on this topic. What you decide today will forever change this vital piece of Idaho for generations to come.

Sincerely,
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McCall, ID 83638

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Angela Staup at astaup@gmail.com
Phone: 2086304167
Address: PO Box 1221
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am writing to express concerns i have in regards to the Endowment Lands around McCall. It seems there is quite a bit of discussion around the prospects of land swaps and development. I believe there are better, more economically, & environmentally sustainable approaches to the management of this land while maintaining public access. Public lands are a hallmark of Idaho and a source of pride among the people. Let's not ruin our State's legacy, betray the trust of the people, and set an undo burden upon the Valley County community.

From: m hays <haysmkc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Comments
Cc: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: Comments Regarding Agenda Item #8, Report on Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall/Vicinity

Idaho Department of Lands,

As the Department prepares the McCall Plan they must look outside IDL 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. The recent Trident proposal and lobbying for State land around McCall indicates the Public opposition to privatizing State Lands around McCall, generating over 600 letters in opposition to the McCall City Council and close to 10,000 signatures on petitions opposing privatization, in about a 2 week period.

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 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, ‘Cottage sites and commercial properties represent individual asset classes that add critical balance and diversification to the endowment portfolio. These two asset classes provided, and have the potential to continue providing, the highest returns per acre of any asset class. Their rates of return are approximately three-to-five times that of other classes. For the past three years, cottage sites and commercial properties have appreciated approximately three to four times the rate of other asset classes. Selling off these public lands is an irretrievable disposition of valuable endowment assets. The Land Board can buy stocks and bonds all day long — not so with cottage sites at Payette and Priest Lakes. Cottage sites, once sold, are likely gone forever, thus foreclosing significant revenues that out compete all other classes.’ ‘No fiduciary/ prudent investor would sell, through constitutionally suspect procedures, the most valuable, highest returning assets from their “Sacred Trust” portfolio in 2020 based on 2010 assumptions and data that have not been updated or reviewed. The Committee has had an opportunity to examine many aspects of the endowment in much greater detail than the Land Board as a whole. The Committee needs to recommend, and the Land Board needs to take, immediate action to stop the sale of public land cottage sites and commercial properties. 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.’

The Public does not want to see the State degrade the Lands around McCall. There are alternatives!

Thank you,
Mike Hays
McCall Idaho

From: Doug Wyman <douglasdwyman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Comments
Cc: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: Comments regarding agenda item #8 report on endowment land management plan schedule, city of McCall/Vicinity.

Greetings Idaho Land Board Members,

I'll keep my comments short and to the point. If the Endowment Lands near McCall are not meeting their fiduciary responsibilities to the state, and you are REQUIRED to act, don't let Mr. Williams and his development team be your only option. Find other solutions that can solve the fiduciary responsibility of the lands and keep it public. You are going to be in the room where this decision happens, don't let Mr.. Williams dictate your only course of action.

Thank you for your time. Thank you for your dedication to the citizens of this great State of Idaho. We are counting on you. Be our champions.

Sincerely,

Douglas Wyman CDR USN (Ret)
2072 E Lakes Rd
McCall, ID. 83638

Sent from my iPhone

From: Robert Rebholtz <Robert.Rebholtz@agribeef.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed Land Exchange - McCall

My name is Robert Rebholtz and a long time Idahoan and property owner in Valley county.

I would really appreciate it if the Land Board and the IDL would provide more transparency and communication to the public during its review of the Trident proposal.

Losing 28,000 acres of Endowment Lands to real estate development, which Idahoans have enjoyed for generations, would be a travesty, especially without the benefit of public input and participation.

I also encourage the Land Board and IDL to explore other options that better balance preservation of public lands for longer term benefits (i.e. environment, wildlife and recreation) with maximizing long-term financial returns.

Thank you.

Robert Rebholtz
208-338-2500

From: Lea Albright <lmalbright23@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Agenda item #8

To the IDL members and anyone else reviewing agenda item #8 regarding endowment lands,

I am a McCall resident and I ask that the endowment lands in our area be considered for conservation purposes and not be sold, traded or developed. The land in and around McCall is special and valuable to residents and to people that come to recreate, hunt and relax.

If the lands can not be made a valuable asset through timber I ask that we can help look at other alternatives and that you work with agencies such as the Idaho Wildlife Federation to explore alternatives that would protect the environment, water and animal habitats.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration
Lea' Albright

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Andres Olson at staleyolson@gmail.com
Phone: 2083420932
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please y not mess with the endowment in McCall. Please do not do a land swap. We go there all the time and if it is done we will find another place to go!! We love to play on the state lands! Thank you. Andrea Olson

From: Kitty Boothe <Kitty.Boothe.332495536@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:17 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,
Kitty Boothe
PO Box 301
Council, ID 83612

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Kirk Prall at kirkprall@gmail.com
Phone: 2088903932
Address: 7 Loon Pt. Ct.
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
Hi,

I wanted to voice my opposition to giving away the land around Payette Lake. For me it is like giving away Yellowstone.

thanks, Kirk

From: kirkprall@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: Payette Lake

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thanks, Kirk

From: Christine Lovitt <lovitt_mccall@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Comments
Cc: Renee Jacobsen; Sharla Arledge
Subject: Comments regarding the potential upcoming agenda item endowment land around the city of McCall and vicinity

We feel McCall is an outstanding and unique area of Idaho and should be managed as such by the State of Idaho and not by land developers. These developers say they want to “preserve” these lands but the state should take the responsibility to manage these lands for the benefit of all the residents of Idaho, not just a select few. McCall is a booming destination for people seeking natural outdoor experiences and needs more open less. Once it is sold and locked up, it is gone forever. There is no going back. We feel that the state should offer more state park type management including campgrounds, trails and continued access. These lands would generate revenue to the state in perpetuity, not just a one time windfall. Look what happened when land was sold to the Wilks brothers. It was gated off and only a few had access. There is no guarantee what any developers will do with these lands no matter what they say before they get it.

Long time residents of McCall,

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: domiano caserotti at domiano.caserotti@gmail.com
Phone: (208)-559-0666
Address: 3725 n rugby dr
City: boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

my name is dom caserotti and i am 9 yrs old.i ask you to vote no on the payette lake land transfer because it is public land now,and letting trident make homes and condos and change the whole place into private property just isn't right.it hurts the earth and erodes our freedom. that is why i ask you to vote no on the transfer.
thank you.

From: Kevin Boothe <Kevin.Boothe.332498119@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

Trident, LLC may be claiming a commitment to protecting public access and environmental stewardship, but this proposed land exchange sounds like a bad deal for Idahoans who treasure Payette Lake.

I am opposed this proposal as it's clear that Trident plans to develop these lands with roads and houses, and not for conservation purposes.

Instead, I encourage you to identify solutions that can preserve the integrity of Payette Lake, along with the the quality of life that my family enjoys.

I Propose for Long Term economic stability of the land in question be added to Ponderosa State Park. Expand Camping and recreation areas and build more rental cabins. Ponderosa is always Booked up in advance and has been making probably more money then any other State Park in Idaho.

Regards,
Kevin Boothe
po 301
Council, ID 83612

From: Carey Freeland <careyfreeland@me.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Comments
Subject: IDL Presentation regarding land around the Payette Lakes Region and McCall Idaho

I am deeply concerned over recent discussion regarding "Land Swap" or Sale of the Endowment lands adjacent to the Payette Lakes region in and surrounding McCall Idaho. It is my wish to keep these sacred lands intact for generations to come. I recognize this board has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that revenues are being generated to support our state. I believe that preserving these lands in a Trust or State Owned status helps accomplish this goal. I also believe that other options for revenue should be considered in order to maximize these revenue potentials without sacrificing the very rare and valuable land to developers or private ownership.

Fiscal Options in Lieu of Sale:

1. Annual or daily use permits for both the lake and the region.
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3. Use Fee attached to each recreational vehicle licensed.

I also feel strongly that the board should consider some long term preservation options.

1. Annex these lands into Ponderosa State Park
2. Allow citizens to purchase the land only with written intent to annex into a public land trust

I don't have to tell anyone who has enjoyed these lands what the importance of preservation of these lands means. Idaho is very special and McCall and the surrounding Endowment Lands are precious to this state and the people who live and recreate here. The decision to sell or trade these lands for fiscal gain is irresponsible and short sighted. Please understand that I recognize the challenges facing this board regarding revenue. I certainly appreciate your time and careful consideration of these items as the decisions made by this board will affect generations to come.

Regards,

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McCall, Idaho. 83638

208)991-8522

From: skylarjett@idahobo.org
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:37 PM
To: Comments
Cc: Idaho Business for the Outdoors; Renee Jacobsen
Subject: Comments Regarding Agenda Item #8, Report on Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall
Attachments: Statement from Idaho Business for the Outdoors July 2020.pdf

Idaho Business for the Outdoors would like to submit the following statement in regards to Agenda Item #8 and the Endowment Land Management Plan.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,



Skylar Jett// Executive Director
Idaho Business for the Outdoors// C: 208.599.3264
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From: Autumn Freeland <autumnfreeland@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:39 PM
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Regards,

Autumn M. Freeland
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McCall, Idaho. 83638

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From: Katie Watts <katie@tvlitho.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Comments
Cc: Renee Jacobsen; Sharla Arledge
Subject: COMMENTS RE UPCOMING AGENDA ITEM: ENDOWMENT LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN SCHEDULE, CITY OF MCCALL/VICINITY

To whom it may concern,

I am requesting that this letter get included as part of formal record for tomorrow's Land Board meeting, with regards to Agenda Item #8, "Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall/Vicinity."

Please see my comments regarding issues related to this agenda item.

I am a 62 year old Idaho Native and I have been enjoying Idaho for its "outside and unplugged" treasures all of my life.

McCall is dear to me for all it offers – the lake, the ski resort, open space, public lands for hiking and exploring.

I am opposed to the Trident Holdings Proposal, which intends to acquire these lands for development, not for conservation, and surely not to preserve the quality of experience that McCall offers to the locals and visitors. Plenty of the land is already privatized. McCall is a treasure with its recreational opportunities and natural beauty. Tourism, fishing, boating, hunting and wildlife watching on these lands also contribute significantly to the local economy, and protection of lakeshore and riparian habitat is of critical importance to Payette Lake's water quality. At the end of the day, these lands are better off protected for public access, recreation, wildlife habitat and water quality for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren than being sold and parceled off.

The Land Board has a duty to evaluate this based on a much bigger picture than just money. Please don't let this be one more area where value is only measured in dollars. Precious natural resources and the enjoyment of all are something that cannot always be retrieved once lost.

Thanks for your consideration.

Katie Watts
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From: Michael Wissenbach <mjw.pra4snow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Agenda Item #8 Report on Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall/Vicinity

To: Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners

From: Mike & Pam Wissenbach

Re: Agenda Item #8 Report on Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall/Vicinity

As Idaho citizens and residents of Valley County, we are deeply concerned about the future of the Idaho Endowment lands in the vicinity of McCall. These lands, held by the State of Idaho, and managed for the benefit of its citizens, are integral to the natural resource-based economy and way of life that many residents and visitors to the area enjoy. In addition to providing income for Idaho's public schools and other institutions, these lands provide valuable wildlife habitat, wetland and watershed values, readily accessible recreation opportunities, and many other benefits, including the natural forested backdrop that frames, protects and defines Payette Lake and the City of McCall.

A recent proposal to exchange and develop these lands and other proposals that will undoubtedly surface in the future seriously threaten these natural resources and their value to the citizens of Idaho. We request that the Idaho Land Board develop means to keep these lands under state control and management in perpetuity. This should include review of the Idaho constitutional mandates for the Idaho Department of Lands in relation to changing priorities for Endowment Lands, especially the need for conservation and public access in the 21st century.

Development of an Idaho Department of Lands management plan specifically for these 28,000 acres is a critical part of ensuring the proper safeguarding and management of the lands and their resources for the citizens of Idaho. The management plan must be developed with public input and participation. We encourage the Land Board and the IDL to solicit and work with a local advisory group as they develop the management plan. This group should include representatives of organizations whose members use these lands for various forms of recreation as well as representatives of resource protection groups and business leaders.

The management plan should also explore the use of conservation easements to increase endowment fund revenues. These easements could include stewardship that protects and enhances recreation and provides natural resource protection while ensuring continued public access.

The very nature of the McCall area is tied to these lands and dependent upon their continued accessibility to the public and to the protection and proper management of their natural resources. Please consider these needs.

Mike & Pam Wissenbach

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McCall, ID 83638-5167

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From: Katie Ferguson <kgkferg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Comments
Cc: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: Comments regarding Agenda Item #8, Report on Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall/Vicinity

As a full time resident of McCall, I am opposed to the private sale or swap of the McCall area land endowment. I appreciate the careful consideration of this process, and understand the complexity. We all have obligations to this state and it's preservation. These endowment lands make McCall a special and amazing place that cannot be encroached on. This fact drew me and my family to this area. We enjoy the environmental opportunities, including the unencumbered freedom these endowment lands offer. It is devastating to imaging the future of this community without this promise. McCall is a state treasure, and losing this land to development would forever change the landscape of this county.

Please consider the residents of this city, permanent and temporary, as this sacred land makes this community so valuable.

Sincerely,

Katie and Greg Ferguson
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Ferie1111@mac.com

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Jolene Heinze at mardeeka@gmail.com
Phone: 208-954-4755
Address: 1027 Bitterroot Dr., PO Box 2722
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:
Please reject any proposal to sell or trade the endowment lands within the vicinity of McCall, ID.

These lands are a precious asset for all Idahoans. They must be managed and maintained for long-term financial gains that will benefit stakeholders and beneficiaries as well as conserve the history, culture, and economy of the area and State of Idaho. To do otherwise will only result in profits for unnamed investors at the expense of Idahoans now and in perpetuity.

The 28,000 acres in question are the equivalent of 44 square miles, an area more than four times the size of McCall and over ½ the size of Boise. These lands should not be handed over to a group of nameless investors for their profit at the expense of Idahoans. The lands must be protected and preserved for the benefit and profit of Idahoans. If the lands are sold or traded they will be forever lost to Idaho and the only benefactors will be Trident Holdings, LLC and their secretive private investors. The area is nearly perfect as is and does not need to be developed, a euphemism for the destruction and deforestation of Idaho's watershed, wildlife habitats, and the loss of recreational opportunities and access to a high mountain lake for all. We really do not need another overdevelop area like Lake Coeur D' Alene or Lake Tahoe in the heart of Idaho. There are plenty of other places that can be developed within Idaho that will not result in the loss of this Idaho gem. Send Trident Holdings packing to consort with the Wilkes Brothers and develop lands that have already been forever lost. Do not add the Payette Lakes area to this list.

Please work with Idahoans, the true stakeholders of these lands, to develop ways to maximize the revenues so the area can be maintained for future generations. You have an obligation to maximize revenues, but you also have an obligation to protect, preserve, enhance, manage, and maintain Idaho's endowment lands. There is no obligation to privatize, sell, or trade Idaho's lands which will result in a total loss for Idaho and only profit nameless investors who only value the bottom line.

Drop the Swap and Keep Idaho Lands in Idaho Hands.

Sincerely,
Jolene Heinze
McCall, ID

From: Brenda Empey <blempey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Regarding Agenda Item#8

Please, please say NO to Trident Holdings. We need to keep Idaho lands for Idahoans. Too many rich people and companies have bought up Idaho land and closed off all public access. I urge you to vote NO.

Thank you,
Brenda Empey

From: Michelle MacBride <Michelle.MacBride.332534370@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Instead, the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board should work to craft a solution that protects public access, recreation, water quality and wildlife habitat for all Idahoans.

Regards,
Michelle MacBride
236 E Wythburn St
Kuna, ID 83634

From: Nick Foster <Nick.Foster.132398149@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:05 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed Trident Land Swap

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

I am writing to express my disagreement with Trident, LLC's proposal to swap land around McCall for land in northern Idaho. I believe that future generations of Idahoans will lose out on this proposal. This land around McCall is incredibly valuable, more so than the proposed land the State would gain. My in-laws live adjacent to these lands. They are an important part of our lives and for thousands of others who live or visit McCall each year. They help make it the special place it is today.

No private company would agree to this swap and I don't think Idaho should either.

Regards,
Nick Foster
1709 N 19th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Jessica Foster <Jessica.Foster.332597470@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:09 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Jessica Foster
1709 N 19th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Carol Schoenherr <schoenherrcarol@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:13 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Agenda item #8 - endowment land management -McCall Area

To whom it may concern,

My name is Carol Schoenherr and I am a property owner in Valley County. I have heard that the Endowment Lands around McCall may be sold to a private developer. I would like to voice my concern about this, and request that these irreplaceable 28,000 acres be kept public. Thank you.

Carol Schoenherr

Sent from my iPad

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Linda Wagner at
Phone: 13105366856
State: Idaho

Comment:

Our beautiful lake is for recreation and is the economic source for the community. The lake is already badly polluted and if not addressed visitors will stop coming here and the town will face financial hardships. Do not add to this spiral and please adhere to the Mission of the IDL. Title to these lands is held in trust and is administered for the public benefit rather than for a specific beneficiary. Thank you.

From: James Richardson <jamesr@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Comments
Cc: Lorenn Walker
Subject: Re: Comments on proposed exchange of McCall Endowment lands

Sharla,

Thanks for responding to our comments. We're glad to hear the IDL will be studying this issue and considering all the options for the endowment lands around McCall. Perhaps our comments will prove useful in your investigations. We will continue to follow this issue with great interest.

Best regards,

James Richardson
Lorenn Walker

James Richardson
Associate Prof. of Management (retired)
Shidler College of Business
University of Hawaii at Manoa
2404 Maile Way
Honolulu, HI 96822

On Jul 20, 2020, at 12:08 PM, Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

James-

I'm sorry I'm not able to reach out to you in person, but I want you to know your email was received.

During the June 16 Land Board meeting, the Department of Lands asked and received permission to put a hold on leasing, selling, or exchanging endowment trust land in the McCall area, unless that land was already part of a previously approved action. The Land Board directed us to take a holistic look at all at endowment trust lands in and around McCall, evaluating what will bring the best, long-term return to the endowment beneficiaries. We'll present a timeline for the study at the Land Board meeting in July.

There seems to be concern that the Department of Lands is liquidating all endowment land in the McCall area, that is not the case. The Land Board has received proposals from private individuals offering to lease lands and an informal idea with no application from a company offering to exchange land, however, everything is on hold, unless previously approved to move forward. IDL will complete its own study before anything new moves forward for consideration. The Board has not taken action on those offers.

The company mentioned above had previously requested an audience with the Land Board for a presentation, and as a courtesy, the Land Board had scheduled the informational item for its July 21

meeting. However, the company has recently withdrawn its request and will not be presenting next week.

You are always welcome to look at the agenda for upcoming meetings along with meeting materials at <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/about-us/land-board/>. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person, or may stream the meeting live at <https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ww02/>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sharla Arledge

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-----Original Message-----

From: James Richardson <jamesr@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:06 PM
To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Comments on proposed exchange of McCall Endowment lands

James Richardson
Associate Prof. of Management (retired)
Shidler College of Business
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2404 Maile Way
Honolulu, HI 96822

From: Ciera marquardt <Ciera.marquardt.332735494@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 12:05 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,
Ciera marquardt
5144 Twila Ct
Post Falls, ID 83854

From: Derek DeBlieck <Derek.DeBlieck.332927518@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 8:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

Trident, LLC may be claiming a commitment to protecting public access and environmental stewardship, but this proposed land exchange sounds like a bad deal for Idahoans who treasure Payette Lake.

I am opposed this proposal as it's clear that Trident plans to develop these lands with roads and houses, and not for conservation purposes.

Instead, I encourage you to identify solutions that can preserve the integrity of Payette Lake, along with the the quality of life that my family enjoys.

Regards,
Derek DeBlieck
5137 N Leather Pl
Boise, ID 83713

From: Susan Rost <Susan.Rost.98818439@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

I am distressed that companies like Trident, LLC might be able to convince you that the beautiful area around McCall needs to be developed to provide you with a profit. I am sure you are smarter than that. How can you put a price on the intrinsic value of open space? The ability to visit or live near a forest and a beautiful lake are invaluable treasures that make McCall and Idaho unique. Special areas like this are rare and hard to find. They must be preserved for everyone to enjoy. Our human sanity depends on having areas like this to escape to. Taking a hike through this forested area soothes the soul. Swimming in the lake refreshes the body. The lands need to be available to all who need them, not developed for the wealthy few who could afford them.

I am opposed to this proposal as it's clear that Trident plans to develop these lands with roads and houses, and not for conservation purposes.

Instead, I encourage you to identify solutions that can preserve the integrity of Payette Lake, and its surrounding forests, along with the the quality of life that my family currently enjoys.

Regards,
Susan Rost
14073 Morell Rd
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Brandon Cole <Brandon.Cole.334017138@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2020 7:13 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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

Regards,
Brandon Cole
495 E Whitbeck St
Kuna, ID 83634

From: Susan Morris <Susan.Morris.334245658@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

The land exchange proposal from Trident, LLC, fails to recognize the treasure that is associated with Payette Lakes recreational activities, its natural and scenic beauty, and its pristine environment.

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Instead, the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board should work to craft a solution that protects public access, recreation, water quality and wildlife habitat for all Idahoans.

Regards,
Susan Morris
2840 Conway Rd
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Jeanne Mitchell at jmitchell_69@hotmail.com
Phone: 208-630-6186
Address: P O Box 2462
City: McCall
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please do not exchange the McCall endowment land for lands elsewhere. These lands are very much a part of McCall and what helps it to survive, tourism. To change the character, the landscape, the open land around McCall would be the first step in a death sentence for our little town. Please, I beg you, don't do it.

From: Dana Gross <danacayleen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 5:43 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Land swap around Payette Lake

To Whom it may concern,

Please have the record show that we oppose the land swap that Trident Holdings is proposing for 28,000 acres of land around and near Payette Lake in McCall. The land that this private group is trying to acquire is land that should remain public to Idahoans indefinitely. The outdoor access it provides our residents is invaluable.

We recently hiked to Duck Lake and Hum Lake and witnessed so many healthy , happy Idahoans enjoying Little Payette Lake as well as fishing , camping, picnicking, hiking , rock climbing along Lick Creek Rd.

We have enjoyed swimming with our kids and dogs ,and roasting marshmallows on the public beach in the East Arm of Payette Lake, nestled in between two children's summer sleep-away camps ;the awe of the idyllic, peaceful setting that the children of generations of Idaho families have had the opportunity to enjoy through these camps in a safe, quiet setting on the lake never ceases to amaze me.

We have paddled up the North Fork of the Payette River and our jaws drop every time in response to the serene surroundings and peaceful solitude the river affords.

These places I speak of are included in this proposed land swap. The idea of these places becoming privatized is just heartbreaking.

To those involved in the decision making process in this trade, I ask you—Have you experienced any of these activities on and around Payette Lake? If not, I ask you to please do so, and then weigh in on if you think public land and access in these locations should be preserved.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Dana and Jordan Gross

Sent from my iPhone

From: Denise Carpenter <Denise.Carpenter.335724420@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 4:04 AM
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,
Denise Carpenter
932 Flynn Ln
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Janet Wygle at Jketchum@earthlink.net
Phone: 2087206618
Address: 106 Columbine Dr.
City: Hailey
State: Idaho

Comment:

I strongly oppose the land exchange proposed by Trident Holdings LLC to the Idaho Land Board. The 28,000 acres of public lands around Payette Lake help to protect the environment and habitat for wildlife, and to provide natural space for Idahoans and others to relax and recover from life's stresses. To exchange that land for north Idaho timber lands is neither a fair exchange or a desirable one. To have condos and commercial buildings surrounding Payette Lake will destroy it's attraction for many, many people who visit McCall and environs and bring a lot of money into our economy. The development of lake property by Trident Holdings LLC will make a lot of money for that company while destroying what Idahoans love and appreciate. Over the long term, I believe the Idaho Land Board can fulfill its mandate without wholesaling our public land to developers!!! Please do not complete this land exchange!!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, August 2, 2020 8:02 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Randall A Peterman at randallapeterman@gmail.com
Phone: 2088698977
Address: 3865 N Jullion Way
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

Please do NOT privatize the lands near McCall through the exchange for northern Idaho 28,000 acres. With the Wilks brothers and other private landowners taking over much of Valley County, access to what has traditionally been public land has diminished significantly in Valley County. This is especially true along The western side of the valley, where public access is being denied.

McCall is an Idaho treasure—please don't take action now that will be regretted by future generations.

Randall A Peterman
208 869 8977

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Julie Sheen at julie.givingground@gmail.com
Phone: 8019494438
Address: 147 Ellsworth Road
City: Chubbuck
State: Idaho

Comment:

I write to oppose the land exchange proposed by Trident Holdings LLC to the Idaho Land Board. The 28,000 acres of public lands around Payette Lake help to protect the environment and habitat for wildlife, and to provide natural space for Idahoans and others to recreate. McCall, Idaho is a treasure and attracts so many visitors to our area, boosting the economy. To have condos and commercial buildings surrounding Payette Lake will destroy it's attraction for many, many people who visit McCall and bring a lot of money into our economy. Over the long term, I believe the Idaho Land Board can fulfill its economic mandate without wholesaling our public land to developers, but instead by conserving Idaho's public land for residents and visitors.

From: Keaton Owen <Keaton.Owen.337674370@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Instead, I encourage you to identify solutions that can preserve the integrity of Payette Lake, along with the the quality of life that my family enjoys.

Regards,
Keaton Owen
1416 N 5th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Renee Hill at mark@whitecloudstudiosmccall.com
Address: 3215 Hwy 55
City: New Meadows
State: Idaho

Comment:

As a resident in the McCall area for 44 years, I vehemently oppose selling/swapping the land around Payette Lake to any development company so that they may add to the private residences and population. What makes McCall 'paradise' is the access to natural spaces.

Stop this land grab!

Sincerely, Rene'e Hill

From: Ron Crump <Ron.Crump.339814741@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho's Public Lands

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Ron Crump
1 N 11th St
Payette, ID 83661

From: Ada Ritchie <Ada.Ritchie.342578317@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:21 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Ada Ritchie
539 E Parkway Ct
Boise, ID 83706

From: Susan Gemperle-Abdo <Susan.GemperleAbdo.342696929@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 7:32 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Recreation not Development

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Regards,
Susan Gemperle-Abdo
801 E Crestline Dr
Boise, ID 83702

From: Karen Miller <Karen.Miller.343309341@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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Regards,
Karen Miller
4487 N Settlers Ridge Pl
Boise, ID 83703

From: Kate Meyer <Kate.Meyer.222542986@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Kate Meyer
2984 NE Alpen Glow Pl
Bend, OR 97701

From: Michael Davidson <Michael.Davidson.145896935@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed land exchange is a bad deal

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Regards,
Michael Davidson
2503 N 29th St
Boise, ID 83703

Michael & Heidi Chew

276 E. Woodlander Dr. • Eagle, ID 83616 • (208) 629-3499 • E-mail: m.chew@pbmre.com

September 24, 2020

Idaho Department of Lands
Attn: Land Board
300 N. 6th Street, Suite 103
Boise, ID 83702

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BOISE, IDAHO

RE: Opposition to Trident Holdings LLC Proposed Land Exchange in McCall, ID

To Whom it May Concern:

We are the owners of 311 Silverpine Dr., McCall, ID 83638 and are opposed to Trident Holdings LLC, proposition to exchange timberlands in North Idaho for 28,000 premier acres of state land in and around McCall with an aim to develop lakefront homes, condos and structures that could include development of about 40 miles along Payette Lake, Little Payette Lake.

This exchange would negatively impact our community as the lands in and around McCall are invaluable for the current recreation and public enjoyment they provide. We vehemently oppose the Board proceeding with this transfer.

Best regards,



Michael A. Chew

From: Deborah Wagner <davieswagner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 7:22 PM
To: Comments
Subject: "Preserve McCall" Proposal

I am writing in opposition to Trident's Preserve McCall proposal. Let's be clear: Trident's interest is making money, pure & simple. If Alex Williams & Co. believes we Idahoans are country rubes who will buy into their "Preserve McCall" scam, they are misinformed.

I am not mincing words here. This is a land grab, nothing more. It is intended to make a boatload of money for certain private interests while excluding tax paying Idahoans from their own land. The kind of development suggested in this plan will leave prime recreational tracts to wealthy out-of-staters while marginalizing the true owners: we Idahoans.

I urge you to vote NO to the proposal ironically titled Preserve McCall. It is Trident's intent to use our own laws against us for their private gain. As a third generation Idahoan, I would tell you when out-of-staters attempted to purchase for a big price lakefront property that has been in our family for 100 years, my answer was no. They're not making any more of it!

Thank you,
Deborah Davies Wagner

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tyler Harris <tjharris@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:33 PM
To: Comments
Cc: scott harris; Brock Bemis
Subject: Trident Holdings proposal

Hello,

I recognize the constitutional charge of the Land Board regarding use of endowment lands. The land needs to make money, one way or another, or sold as per our charter.

However, I encourage the board to think broadly about what profitability means, particularly to the communities that are fortunate enough to be in close proximity to these precious jewels. The endowment land around McCall was my playground growing up. I assumed it would always be a place I could take my children to hike, observe waterfalls, fish, and play, without fear of these pristine grounds being sold to the highest bidder. Obviously, this has not been the case recently, with much of the land being sold or leased, including several of my favorite camping spots growing up.

Trident would have you believe that these regions are a net loss for the state. Any routine drive by North Beach during the summer would clearly convince a rational observer otherwise. Cars overflow the dedicated parking areas and extend along the street for a half mile in either direction in an attempt to interact with this magnificent Payette Lake inflow. Obviously they are contributing to the local economy in a myriad of ways. No degree of safe development will preserve what is there presently. Routine sightings of moose and bald eagles are common. Any established homes will certainly diminish, if not eliminate this experience.

As Idaho grows, the future value of any undeveloped expanse grows exponentially. This is plain to see, as rural areas and even suburbs are gobbled up by large developments throughout the state. The ability to preserve undeveloped tracts in desirable areas represents a unique opportunity for the state. The future economic potential of such areas is infinite, but even in the short term, far exceeds whatever a development company is willing to give. This shared resource is treasured by so many people throughout the state, and it would be foolish to exchange it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tyler Harris, MD

Sent from my iPhone

From: David Gallipoli <gallipolifish@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 8:03 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident Plan

Trident's plan is a creative investment scheme for its investors. The proposal will create a patchwork of housing development and less public use space we already enjoy. Trident will extract money for their investors, and McCall will lose more of its ecosystem.

The Trident development will destroy wildlife corridors; wildlife habitats and impact the forest and watershed. Trident's plan is nothing more than another project thinking only of land as a commodity for a few instead of preserving what we all enjoy. We must save what remains and pass it on to future generations. "Leave It As It Is."

"Leave it as it is" is the best plan. In the 2003 paper by Audrey Taylor and Richard Knight in Ecological Applications, their discoveries revealed:" that the impact from hikers to mountain bikers was identical." Hence, humans' actual presence, not the type of recreation, is what makes the impact. A more sobering find was that trails create "corridors of impact" more extensive than the trail itself.

Wildlife reacts to humans 100 meters or more, and with unofficial trails that recreation users make, the impact goes farther. And a 2020 report from The Living Planet found the world has lost 68% of its wildlife in the last fifty years. And more development would do what? "Leave it as it is."

David Gallipoli McCall, ID
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gallipolifish@gmail.com
203 314 1377

From: Rick Piper <hunakai68@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve McCall Proposal

I am writing as a resident of McCall to say that my family is strongly against the Trident holdings proposal. I have read the entire 112 page outline and feel that it would be grossly irresponsible for the IDL to push this proposal thru without more study and investigation. Please do not make a decision based on a "sales brochure"! Of course there are many factors in this analysis to consider but it seems that the current infrastructure cannot even handle the amount of development currently taking place.

This land needs to stay protected for our wildlife, future generations and access to public lands. Please do not mess with a good thing!! We already have ample corridors for development and timber access. Find another solution other than filling the pockets of non local investors.

Regards,

Rick Piper
713 Bridal Path Way
McCall

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: Bob Barrow <barrowdc@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Comments
Subject: comments concerning Trident

Idaho Department of Lands,
The Payette Endowment Lands are a priceless, irreplaceable asset for all the citizens of Idaho. Many people enjoy these lands in many different ways every year. Please protect and keep them public for many future generations to enjoy! Say NO to Trident!

Bob Barrow

208-572-6076

From: Kit Woras <kitworas@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall State endowment lands

Hello,

I am writing you today to express my opposition to any trade or sale of the state endowment lands around Payette Lake to any private party. These lands provide limitless recreation opportunities to the local community, and tourists visiting our community. These lands are quite literally an essential part of community, and contribute greatly to the quality of life for many residents. Further, these lands and the recreation opportunities they provide are a huge draw for local tourism that supports so many of our local businesses. Any sale or trade of these lands to a private entity would be incredibly detrimental to our community and our state. If these lands were to leave public ownership, there is no going back. The benefits they provide would be lost forever, and an elite few would receive the profits of the public's loss. Please, please, I beg you to oppose **any** proposed exchange or sale that would remove these lands from the public domain. I implore you to please consider other options such as the expansion of Ponderosa state park (or creating a new park) or selling or exchanging the land to the Forest Service to keep these lands public. This area is truly special and unique and it is absolutely essential that it remain in public hands and open to everyone.

Thanks you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

-Kit Woras

From: Steve Bruce <sbruce@boise-dentist.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed Payette Lake area land swap

Land Board Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my concerns about the proposed land swap. I am absolutely opposed to the concept.

I have spent a great deal of time in Valley County over the last 65 years and one of the attractions has been access to federal and state lands. I realize the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to generate income from state lands but I think it also needs to consider the incredible value this land has to current and future Idahoans. That is hard to put a price on but I would consider it priceless!

Idahoans have already lost access to most of the land that Boise Cascade previously owned in the region and many people are upset about that. If this proposed land transfer were to occur I believe the response from the public would far exceed what has happened with the Boise Cascade land.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steven Bruce DMD

Sent from my iPhone

From: Julie Ketchum <julie.ketchum@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands and Trident Holdings

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am opposed to the privatization of an extensive tract of land surrounding Payette Lake.

There are many considerations in reference to the Trident proposal, not the least of which is maintaining these beautiful wild areas for all to enjoy instead of splitting up and selling the lands to the highest bidder. The area in question has long been enjoyed by hikers, snowshoers, x-country skiers, and snowmobilers. This access would be eliminated or severely curtailed by a large development of some 300 personal residences.

There is also an issue of the PLRWSD not having the capacity for many areas that already exist in and around the city of McCall. It is my understanding that a development of this size would require extensive repairs and expansion of the existing system.

McCall relies, in large part, on tourism for its bread and butter. It is important to balance the needs of local residents,

many of whom are already priced out of the housing market, with out-of-town and part-year residents (of which I am one).

Let's protect this beautiful jewel of an area by limiting large-scale development, and by planning years and decades in advance of small-scale development.

Our beautiful Idaho lands should be there for the enjoyment of all.

Sincerely,

Julie Ketchum
2206 Payette Dr.
McCall, ID 83638

From: Steve Rinehart <steverine@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall endowment land trade

I have reviewed Trident's proposal for the state endowment lands around Payette Lake, and offer these comments.

- while couched in the language of public good (and with lots of pretty pictures) the clear purpose for this proposal is so some developers can make a bunch of money selling real estate. This does not strike me as a persuasive reason to upend what has apparently been good public management to date.
- building houses out in the forest will provide some private benefits but will restrict how the public land is managed, whether it be decisions about wildlife or forest fires. When a fire comes the houses will get first claim on the response while the habitat and recreation — the public values — will be left aside.
- I understand the purpose of the endowment lands, but the financial comparisons are mainly based on timber values and not the recreation and wildlife values — the values that matter most to the most people. These values can be measured, with a more comprehensive approach. And, with some different thinking, the endowment could earn more money this way.

I have enjoyed these public lands. I hope my kids and grandkids can enjoy them, too. I oppose this trade.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Steve Rinehart,
1709 W Irene St.
Boise, ID 83702

From: Edward Rebman <edward.j.rebman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident LLC McCall Land Transfer - Please Oppose

Hello,

I am the co-chair of the Idaho Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, representing over 2,000 members here in the State of Idaho. I am writing you on behalf of our membership to oppose the Trident LLC land transfer proposal of State lands around Payette Lake in McCall, ID.

This proposal threatens a large intact tract of fish and wildlife habitat that provides some of the best public recreational opportunities in the state, in addition to jeopardizing this important source of clean drinking water. Divestiture of resources that have significant cultural, ecological and scenic values does not provide for the best interests of the public trust.

I also believe that the economic studies, conducted by Trident LLC, are misleading and were poorly constructed. They fail to account for outdoor recreation, tourism and other economic factors important to the area. I urge you to reject this land transfer proposal.

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Best Regards,

Edward Rebman

Southwest Idaho Co-Chair (Volunteer)

Idaho Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers



From: hunter j <hjohn44@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident LLC Land Swap - McCall

Dear Idaho Department of Lands,

As I've been watching for the last several months, Trident Holdings LLC is proposing a land swap with IDL for 28,000 acres of publicly-accessible state land in McCall, including lakefront property near Payette and Little Payette lakes. The exchange would be for timber property in northern Idaho that IDL would theoretically then use as a funding mechanism through timber sales, aligning with the constitutional responsibility to generate revenue (for the state, school systems, etc.) on state land.

While I understand there are complexities and that IDL is bound to generate income, I also understand the importance of public access to the areas in McCall. Taking away 28,000 more acres of public access to hunting, fishing, boating, and recreation, in an area with ever-dwindling public access and ever-encroaching development, is not acceptable. Swapping that access in McCall for (potentially) accessible land in northern Idaho, an area with abundant state, federal, and private land accessible to the public, is a no-net-gain for the public. IDL Land Board has received a lot of feedback from organizations like Backcountry Hunters & Anglers (BHA) and Idaho Wildlife Federation (IWF) imploring the agency to decline the land swap and seek alternate actions that do not take away public access or hurt the recreation economy and community in McCall and Idaho at large. I stand with BHA and IWF, and I ask for better alternatives. The land swap is a bad deal!

Thank you for your hard work managing our state endowment lands, and consideration of our public input! Please do the right thing!

-Hunter Johnstone
Wildlife Technician, Hunter, Land Steward, Conservationist

From: Molly Lipps <mollylipps@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident Proposal

As a resident of Idaho, I request the land board to please keep as a top priority protecting publicly-owned land access for all Americans.

I am a hiker, camper, bird watcher, fisherwoman, hunter, conservationist, skier, pursuer of God, and I have struggled with mental health issues. I know first hand the healing attributes of nature to our minds and spirits and I am proud of the unique American heritage of public lands so every American can access the miracle of nature, regardless of purchase power. Please prioritize protecting this unique gift we have as most countries do not have this.

Thank you,

Molly Lipps

From: Jonathan Crossley <jonathan.crozzley@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Keep public lands Public!

As an avid outdoorsman, I ask that you prioritize keeping our lands publicly owned and publicly accessible. Especially those in the interest of Trident Holdings.

Sincerely,
Your Neighborhood Public Landowner

From: Sam Boies <sam.qtcabinets@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 12:16 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident LLC Land Transfer

Good morning,

I would like to submit a comment in relation to the Trident LLC land transfer. Our public lands are one of our greatest assets in the West. Once they are sold off we never get them back. I hope that you can foresee the consequences of allowing corporations and wealth consolidate and privatize our resources. The freedom we have with recreation on public lands is taken for granted and decisions like this have repercussions that last generations. Please for our sake and for generations to come, don't go through with this transfer. Please explore options that leave public lands in public hands so that we can keep the outdoor tradition alive in this state.
Thank you for your time.

Sam Boies
775-275-0040
sam.qtcabinets@gmail.com



From: Sabrina Schuler <sabrinaschuler@u.boisestate.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident LLC Land Swap - McCall: Comment

Dear Idaho Department of Lands,

This message is intended for the Idaho Land Board meeting that is to occur on November 17th, regarding the McCall Public Endowment Land issue, and the possible privatization of over 28,000 acres of land around Payette Lake. I am a public landowner within the Boise area, and I am strongly against this land exchange at the cost of public recreational opportunities, clean and accessible water, and wildlife habitat. While I understand the complex responsibilities of Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) to generating funds, public land access has been widely prized in this area, and privatizing these precious opportunities could create major conflicts of interest, and a dissociated community.

On a personal level and an affiliate of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA) - the voice for our public lands, waters, and wildlife - the proposal to reduce public land accessibility and interfere with wildlife corridors, especially for mule deer and elk within that area, strongly conflicts with my stance and views, and those of BHA as well. The Payette Watershed provides significant sentimental values to those who visit the area, as well as ecological interests for the fish and wildlife that utilize these fundamental areas. Many citizens that come from the state of Idaho and even beyond find solitude and peace being able to recreate in this pristine area - including myself - and having that taken away may be detrimental to our livelihoods, the economy within that area, and to the environment. I have seen the Boise foothills becoming highly congested with unnecessarily large homes that take away the aesthetics of the foothills, the public land accessibility, and the habitat from the largest wintering mule deer in the state - and this is still an ongoing issue today with a proposed trail near Lucky Peak. The idea of developing large residential, private lots at the cost of that serenity and ecological integrity is not an acceptable trade, and I hope that this proposed transaction can be reconsidered, and the voices of those opposed can be respectfully heard.

Endowment lands originally comprised approximately 3.6 million acres of land, and much more land has been sold off than has been added. Selling off public lands to benefit a few just does not seem like the most wise and careful decision that could be made here. Idaho is known for its public lands - we are blessed to have over 60% of our land be publicly available to all of us - and coming originally from Indiana - where less than 2% of all land is public - in order to utilize all of these public lands is extremely special for me, as I know it is for others. I hope that I can be a voice for those opposed to this proposal, and I hope that some alternative to this land exchange can be considered.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I hope this brings some careful thought to the table.

Sincerely,
Sabrina Schuler

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Sabrina Schuler
Biology, MS

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From: Logan Eres (leres) <leres@micron.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident Land Swap

Micron Confidential

Hello Committee,

I don't know how to submit a formal comment but I am going to say I am EXTREMELY against this.

Thank you,



Logan Eres
SUPPLY CHAIN BUSINESS PROCESS ANALYST
Manufacturing Integration
Micron Technology, Inc.
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Micron Confidential

From: Jason Kreizenbeck <jasonkreizenbeck@lobbyidaho.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Renee Jacobsen; Comments
Cc: Bob Looper; Kristin Sinclair; Carlie Foster
Subject: Written Testimony for Monday
Attachments: IDL Letter for 11.17.20_FINAL[1].pdf

Please include the attached letter as comments for next Tuesday's Land Board Meeting.
Robert Looper would still like to testify as well.

Thanks,

Jason

Jason B. Kreizenbeck
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From: Renee Jacobsen <rjacobsen@idl.idaho.gov>
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 4:52 PM
To: Jason Kreizenbeck <jasonkreizenbeck@lobbyidaho.com>
Cc: Bob Looper <bob@brundage.com>
Subject: RE: Request to Testify

Mr. Kreizenbeck –

Thank you for your email. Detailed instructions for public comment will be provided tomorrow.

Renée Jacobsen
Management Assistant
Idaho Department of Lands
208.334.0242
rjacobsen@idl.idaho.gov

From: Jason Kreizenbeck <jasonkreizenbeck@lobbyidaho.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Renee Jacobsen <rjacobsen@idl.idaho.gov>
Cc: Bob Looper <bob@brundage.com>
Subject: Request to Testify

Renee –

My client, Robert Looper of Brundage Mountain Resort, would like to testify on the phone at next Tuesday's Board of Land Commissioners Meeting in regards to the Trident Holdings proposed land exchange presentation. Bob is on this email as well, but here is his contact information:

Robert Looper
Brundage Mountain Resort

bob@brundage.com

208-870-5371

Could you send me a note to confirm you received this request?

Thank you,

Jason

Jason B. Kreizenbeck

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November 13, 2020

Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners
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Boise, ID 83702

Honorable Commissioners:

We represent a coalition of homeowner's associations and Brundage Mountain Ski Resort in McCall, Idaho, and are writing today to express our opposition and concerns with the proposed Trident Holdings, LLC land exchange around Payette Lake in Valley County.

For background, those representing the coalition include Robert Looper, CEO of Brundage Mountain Holdings, which recently purchased the Brundage Mountain Ski Resort, who has also served on the Brundage Mountain Company Board since 2008, and as President and Managing Director in 2013. Brundage Mountain Ski Resort became involved in the issue not only because we care about all lands in and around McCall and Payette Lake, but also due to our long-term goals for the ski area that could be harmed under the Trident proposal. Mr. Looper is also the President of the Pilgrim Cove Homeowners Association, a group of 85 homeowners on Payette lake.

Also involved in our coalition is Kristin Hoff Sinclair, representing the Brightwater HOA located just off of Eastside Dr. in McCall. Kristin's family, the Hoff's, were instrumental in the founding of McCall when they settled there in 1910 and purchased the mill from Tom McCall and jumpstarted the logging business in town. The Brightwater HOA is impacted by the Trident proposal because parts of the endowment land border the area.

We have met with most of you or your staff over the past few months to share our concerns, but wanted to again reach out during this critical time frame. We are also coalescing with other similar groups in the area to exchange ideas and work on solutions.

We are deeply concerned about the land exchange concept proposed by Trident Holdings, LLC for the following reasons:

- It puts too much land under one private entity ownership
- We believe the proposal undervalues the land involved in the proposed exchange
- There has been a lack of true stakeholder input
- McCall cannot handle the infrastructure/absorption needed for the proposal
- This decision could set precedent for the remainder of the state

Too much land under one private entity ownership:

The prospect of one private developer group gaining control over the McCall area Endowment Lands is of utmost concern to our group. It will change the very essence of what McCall is and

why it is known as “a crown jewel” of Idaho. There are many western states that have fallen into this trap and regretted it later, i.e. Tahoe, Yellowstone Club.

The proposal undervalues the land involved in the proposed exchange:

The concept of exchanging all of this land at one time assumes that the land is stagnant and not increasing in value. It is no secret that the land values in the area are going up significantly. As reported in the Thursday, Nov 12 Star News “the COVID-19 pandemic has fueled a local building boom” A new subdivision in Cascade sold 80% of the lots in Granite’s Eagles Nest Subdivision in two months. This is not factored into the proposed valuations.

One approach mentioned in our conversations is that of Whitefish, Montana. The Board of Land Commissioners there engaged a diverse group of community stakeholders to develop the Whitefish Area Trust Lands Plan because of the controversy and the high political stakes involved with the potential development of these lands. The plan reflects the community’s concerns by allocating only a small amount of land for development in the near term. This also allows the trust to capture the increasing valuations over time and the town infrastructure to keep pace.

Lack of true stakeholder input:

There are many stakeholders that have not been included in this discussion that would be dramatically affected by what is being proposed, including the City of McCall, Valley County, Brundage Mountain, the beneficiaries of the endowments and all of the people of Idaho. There may have been meetings organized by the proponents, but none have truly been for the giving or receiving of public input. To date, it has been a one-way conversation that has not allowed for alternative concepts to be considered for the lands involved. And there would be no opportunity or incentive for such input or meaningful discussion once the lands are placed in private hands.

Infrastructure/Absorption which McCall cannot handle:

There are many local issues and concerns that need to be considered or discussed in this area before moving forward with a land exchange of this magnitude:

- Currently the City of McCall is looking at capping sewer hookups because no capacity exists.
- Highway 55 construction will last 2 more years and on any given weekend, traffic is over the limit for the state highway.
- Lake water, which is the primary drinking source of the area, is already suffering with the increased usage fueled by Idaho’s growth. Studies are underway to understand what/how much. Those should be reviewed as part of this decision process.

Precedent setting for the remainder of the state:

Other areas around the state of Idaho with similar circumstances are watching and wondering how this proposed exchange will impact the endowment lands in their area. The current COVID 19 Pandemic has increased the value of the great outdoors and the lure of living in a rural environment, as Idaho is a destination now on everyone's radar. More proposals will surely follow this one, which makes it even more important to proceed with caution and work to ensure Idaho citizens and the endowment beneficiaries feel engaged in the process.

We understand and appreciate the important responsibility that all of you have as managers of Idaho's Endowment Lands and the seriousness with which you are all considering these issues. And we know that you must seriously consider all proposals that would help generate additional funds for the endowments. And we know that a long-term plan for the lands in this area must be developed to take care of all parties involved. But we do not feel that the Trident Holdings, LLC concept is the right way to move forward. As an alternative path forward, we would suggest:

- Reach out to all stakeholders in your role as elected officials and Land Commissioners. Engage them in discussions of alternative solutions for the area that the state could execute on. Don't give that responsibility to a private entity like Trident Holdings, LLC who may not consider the interests of all parties involved.
- Explore what has worked in our neighboring states as they worked to modernize the management of their endowment lands, especially Whitefish, Montana that had many similar issues.
- Take your time and do this the right way, as elected leaders, because the impacts of your decisions today will stretch far into the future and impact many generations of Idahoans who hold this special place in such high regard.

We respect and realize that you all have a fiduciary duty and constitutional restrictions in your role as Commissioners. We also know that all of you want to do the right thing by Idaho. We would like to be a part of supporting the effort to ensure it is the right path forward for all. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Robert Looper
Kristin Hoff Sinclair
Dave & Brenda Spurgeon
Larry & Julie Prince
Ron & Carol Reagan
Eileen Langan Barber
Doug & Heidi Wyman
Marilyn & Chuck Nelson
Martin & Jessica Sachse
John & Debbie O'Bryan
Curt Reisig & Marjorie Gatewood
Walt Sinclair

Kathy McGowan
David & Sybil Imel
John Robinson
Fredric Shoemaker
Dan Poole
Barbara Barsness
Pat Miller
Holt Haga
John Jillian
Lisa Rock
Jim Schulz
Camille Farley
Shaun Flaherty
Mare Heil
Paula Coulter

From: Daniel Burton <dkb.mathman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident Holdings and McCall area endowment lands

Hi,

I've been an Idaho resident since my family moved to Boise in 1987. Prior to this, we would visit every summer from Alaska given my mom's extended family in Nampa and their long established cabins in McCall, ID originally built in the 1920's and 30's.

My family moved to McCall in 1989. My formative years were spent in McCall and surrounding Valley County. I graduated from McCall Donnelly High School in 1996.

The endowment lands in Valley County and around Payette Lake are shared publicly by so many and were a critical component of my Idaho youth. They are one component that makes McCall, ID a draw for tourist dollars. Cougar Island, accessible by canoe from the Camp Morrison waterfront, is a blessing for all the youth who get to enjoy it and the adventure of getting there.

There is absolutely no good reason that Idaho should swap these lands for simple timber property in North Idaho. There is obviously a fiscal gain for the endowment, but at what ultimate cost to the residents of McCall and Valley County?

The town is already subject to some 70% of homes being non-primary vacation homes. Do we just need to add to that number? Give one wealthy family an island getaway while taking the land away from hundreds if not thousands of Idahoans visiting per year?

Trident Holdings wants to make money. They want to make money and are playing off their motives as a call on your board to fulfill your fiduciary responsibilities for Idaho schools.

You know you have alternatives to privatizing more of Idaho's public lands. Think about this one seriously. You'd be swapping the land of the many to satisfy the wants of the few or the one (Trident Holdings).

Let's keep as much of Idaho public as possible.

Thanks,

_Daniel Burton

From: Anne Herndon <aherndon9@aim.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:08 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

Land Board:

I **oppose** the Payette Lake land exchange proposed by Trident LLC and **support** the State of Idaho Land Board to engage the Payette Land Trust, Payette Endowment Lands Alliance, Idaho Wildlife Federation, and any interested stakeholders to explore other options to permanently keep this state land parcel in public hands.

Thank you,
Anne Herndon
998 Spruce Way
McCall, Idaho 83638

From: Jeffrey Mousseau <JeffreyMousseau@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comments for November 2020 Land Board Meeting
Attachments: Maggie.Land Board.pdf

I submit the following written comment for the November 2020 Land Board meeting regarding the Trident Holdings presentation and the IDL Payette Lands Strategy update. Thank you.

Jeff Mousseau
McCall, ID

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

I am Jeff Mousseau, a resident of McCall. I would like to submit my written comment to item #7 and #8 on the Land Board November meeting agenda from an interview that I had recently with Maggie the Moose near McCall.

Hello Idaho Land Board members. My name is Maggie and I am one of the moose that lives along the north end Payette Lake in McCall, Idaho. Perhaps you have seen me or some of my family or friends. I have heard the that there is a movement again to sell or trade all the lands I live on for private ownership and development. That makes me sad. You see, I need pristine open forests and undisturbed marshes to thrive and yummy clean water to drink. I like to munch in the marsh. I love to stick my head underwater and munch plants on the bottom. It's the best. The land I live on is called Endowment Land, and the State of Idaho takes care of it. They do a good job. They allow logging, grazing, horse riding and other activities that make money for education for Idaho children. I am cool with that. I like kids. Maybe you have seen some of my "kids" around. They have long legs like me. Their education is from these lands.

I don't really understand developing this land, it should be available for all. If there are houses all over this land, it will box me in, take away my habitat, and my water will become dirtier. I will probably have to move somewhere else and I will miss my home in McCall and you won't see me anymore. It seems like people already have enough land to build houses in the area. I think it would be better to keep these endowment lands available for all of my "kids" and your kids too for generations to come. I need decisions regarding these lands to be well thought out using a disciplined approach such as that proposed by the Idaho Department of Lands. I need any sale or trade of lands to be open and public, and not based on a single wildcat proposal. I need solutions that both conserve these lands and provide revenue to be developed. And lastly, I need you to listen to the opposition of residents and representatives in McCall, including critters like me.

Thanks a Munch!



Maggie

From: Kip Wadsworth <kip@wadsdev.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public Comment about Payette

I am writing to express my concerns about the Proposal as set forth by Trident Holdings, LLC concerning the Public Land around Payette Lake.

I own property on the lake and am adamantly opposed to Trident Proposal. I think it is a land grab and is being done purely for the benefit and profit of a private corporation. The lands surrounding Payette Lake are pristine, beautiful and provide the atmosphere and setting for the lake and the enjoyment for thousands of people who own property, ride mountain bikes, hike, hunt, fish or otherwise enjoy the Public Lands.

Trading or selling these lands to a private organization would be a very short sided decision. The lands belong to the Public and are currently being used and enjoyed by the Public. Allowing them to become privatized would be at the detriment of the Public. In these times finding places to safely get out of the house and enjoy the outdoors is more important than ever and the minimization of the that opportunity is simply the wrong decisions.

Thanks,

Kip Wadsworth
2125 Eastside Drive
McCall, ID

From: dkushlan@fiberpipe.net
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:09 AM
To: Comments
Subject: November 17 Agenda -Trident Holdings

Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners:

I encourage you to look at the success of collaborative approaches to public lands resource management that we have witnessed in this state: the Owyhee Initiative, the Clearwater Basin Stewardship, and the Boulder White Clouds Campaign. Idahoans know how to create coalitions to solve intractable challenges. Please follow these examples in your consideration of the Trident proposal.

Thanks for listening,

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:24 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Thomas Unger at tomunger@cableone.net
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City: BOISE
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83712

Comment:

I am writing to support Debbie Fereday and the Payette Endowment Lands Alliance . Her guest opinion printed in the Idaho Statesman on Monday , November 16th struck a cord with me . In her letter she stated that McCall – area endowment lands are at risk of being sold or traded to private interests . Trident Holdings , LLC has expressed interest in acquiring these lands for development . I am vehemently opposed to this idea !

I do not own land in McCall . I am a retired teacher in the Boise School District and have lived in Idaho since 1990 . I am not against growth and development but I am opposed to groups such as Trident Holdings trying to purchase land in the McCall area for development .

Sincerely,
Tom Unger

From: Thomas Manning, MD <TManning@idneuro.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Comments
Cc: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: Oppose McCall Land Swap and Support a Better McCall Lands Strategy

Dear Honorable Members of the Land Board:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Land Swap/Land Grab being proposed by Mr. Alec Williams of Trident Holdings which is on the agenda for this months' Land Board Meeting. I am also writing to express my support for a continued dialog between the Idaho Department of Lands and the Valley County Stakeholders.

The 28,000 acre Land Swap/Land Grab being proposed by Trident Holdings would, if it went forward, represent a radical departure from the historic management of these Public Endowment Lands. Wildlife depend on these lands for their survival. The lands are crisscrossed by Elk and Mule Deer in their migrations from the high country to the lower areas. Shiras Moose make their home in the upper reaches of the North Fork Payette Watershed. People and kids depend on these lands also. The schoolchildren beneficiaries of the Endowment Trust deserve a chance to have their voices heard. The kids oppose commercial development of their Public Lands. The schoolchildren represent the next generation that will roam those lands; they represent the future if Idaho.

Any decision regarding management of the Endowment Lands is by nature a Moral Decision. It is neither morally right nor fiscally prudent to put on blinders and invoke "Constitutional Obligations regarding maximal financial returns..." Management of this Public Land has been entrusted to the members of the Land Board; the five elected officials in whom Idahoans have put their trust via the ballot box. Idahoans expect their elected officials to possess a strong Moral Compass. Governor Little has the shared responsibility of protecting Idaho's land and watersheds. Land Board decisions cannot be made in a vacuum, ignoring detrimental effects on the land, the lakes, and the rivers. "Long term benefit", as called for in the constitutional mandate, requires the willingness of elected officials to strive to see 100-300 years or more into the future, to consider what will happen if ecosystems and watersheds are destroyed. If blinders were the rule, and morality and wisdom thrown out of the analysis, we could end up with any of these possibilities and more along the North Fork Payette Watershed, and along the shore of Payette Lake:

- 1) A high-end brothel catering to offshore sex tourism.
- 2) A nuclear waste storage facility leased for a thousand years to the Federal Government.
- 3) A fifteen-story Disneyland-style hotel with casino, ten waterslides, and a fleet of several hundred surf rental boats, just south of Ponderosa Park North Beach Unit.

Mr. Alec Williams and his newly established Trident Holdings LLC have galvanized the citizens of Idaho and the residents of Valley County against his proposal. Mr. Williams is a 34 year-old just out of law school and business school and whose work experience to date has included a couple short stints working for New York Private Equity. He has never developed any project here in Idaho. He has come from the East Coast to Idaho, intent on using threats of litigation (Scenario 4 on page 96 of his proposal) to try to gain control of 28,000 acres of some of the most valuable public land in the state to fashion his very own version of Montana's Yellowstone Club.

Mr. Williams refuses to disclose his investors, and says the issue is too sensitive for the investor's names to be made public. Excuse me.. we are talking about some land that's extremely sensitive and the investors don't want to be named? When the United States of America makes a cross-border raid into Pakistan to take out Osama bin Laden, we do it with a great amount of secrecy and we do it in the dark of night... but that's combatting terrorism. When we make decisions about our public lands... we do it in broad daylight under the light of public scrutiny with involvement of the local citizenry and the local government entities.

I ask the Land Board to extend its current moratorium on Leasing/Sale/Swap of the McCall Endowment lands for an additional twelve (12) months. During this period of a spiking COVID pandemic, it is just very hard to get adequate input to make good plans and good decisions. I ask the board to direct IDL to engage with the Valley County Commissioners, the McCall City Council, the Idaho Conservation League, the Idaho Wildlife Federation, the Payette Endowment Lands Alliance, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and other groups to fashion a first-rate long-term plan for the McCall Endowment Lands. Our kids, and our grandkids, and their kids deserve it. I ask the Land Board to consider, "what would Teddy Roosevelt do?"

Respectfully,
Thomas C. Manning, MD, PhD
McCall, ID
Boise, ID

From: Nicole Amundsen <nicky@nicoleamundsen.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Lands and Trident Holdings

To ID State Board of Lands,

This is a public comment to push for a FULL STOP of the Trident Holdings proposal to try to steal away public lands, dress this steal using buzzwords, like "parks", "affordable housing", "community benefit." Let's be honest, this is about Trident trying to exploit cracks in the State Management to mine the pristine environs of McCall for its own huge financial benefit. This is NOT about helping the State, McCall or the Citizens of Idaho who recreate in McCall, as if it is like Yosemite, Yellowstone, etc. McCall and these Endowment lands are State Treasures, and Trident hopes to exploit that treasure for its own benefit.

The 28,000 acres of Endowment land is not up for Developers to decide how it is used, it is up to you, guardians of the State and its land treasures. Trident started this effort by having private, backdoor meetings with Representatives to pitch their fiction. They are doing the OPPOSITE of "enhancing" this land, instead they are teeing it up for how they can get priceless real estate and develop on the Lake and the surrounding watershed that feeds the Payette Lake. Your guardianship of this land is for the benefit of ALL of Idaho, not Trident. Why do they want to get their hands on these lands? Money, Real Estate, Development. They are trying to cloak this is some community benefit, and that is simply a lie.

The people of McCall and of the State oppose this LAND GRAB. Please support the welfare of Idaho over Trident and its trickery.

-Thank you,

Nicole Amundsen
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From: Habitat Design PDX <lesliedominique1@gmail.com> on behalf of Leslie Campbell
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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

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: 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

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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: Julie Manning <j4manning@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:41 PM
To: Renee Jacobsen; Comments
Subject: Comment Letter from PELA
Attachments: Letter to LB 11_17_20 (1).pdf

Hi Renee,

Please find Payette Lakes Endowment Alliance's comment letter to the Land Board for the meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

Thank you.
Julie Manning



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November 16, 2020

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Honorable Commissioners:

This letter provides our comments on agenda items #8 and #9 for the Land Board meeting scheduled for November 17, 2020.

The Payette Endowment Lands Alliance, PELA is a grassroots organization working to conserve and protect the State of Idaho endowment lands located in the McCall area and the North Fork Payette watershed for current and future generations, while acknowledging a fiduciary responsibility to preserve the Idaho Endowment Trust.

We have reviewed Trident's latest proposal and remain firmly opposed to it and to the concept of a large-scale privatization of the McCall area endowment lands. We plan to provide more specific written critiques of this proposal, and for now here are several major issues:

1. It represents a drastic break from how these lands have been managed since statehood.
2. The proposed swap would dispose of these precious lands for far less than what their values at auction would be, thus depriving the endowment trust beneficiaries of immediate values and extinguishing any possibility for long-term returns to accrue to the trust.
3. It would not be reasonable or economically prudent to put control of such a large portion of the McCall area in the hands of one private, profit-seeking entity.
4. It ignores the substantial planning and work done by the McCall City Council, the Valley County Commissioners, and the public that resulted in the 2018 McCall Area Comprehensive Plan. Many voices are better than one, and this McCall Plan should serve as a primary source for development and preservation in the region.

PELA advocates that ecological considerations must be paramount to planning in this region. PELA strongly supports IDL's value of stewardship, which IDL describes on its website as "making decisions and taking actions that positively affect long-term financial returns for the trust beneficiaries and enhance the health and resilience of Idaho's natural resources".

In a letter to the public a few months ago, Dustin Miller recognized that caring for the ecology accrues to the endowment beneficiaries when he stated: "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 addition to the importance of the endowment lands, Payette Lake is central to the ecology of this region. The Land Board and IDL not only have a public trust obligation for the endowment lands, but the State also holds all waters in trust for the benefit of the public. These dual responsibilities need to be managed consistently, and PELA advocates that the undeveloped lands around Payette Lake should be held in perpetuity as a living buffer for the lake.

Keeping in mind these overarching values of ecological health, stewardship, and the trust beneficiaries, PELA has undertaken an initial review of the IDL draft plan and finds as follows:

We agree with IDL's proposal with regard to:

- Taking a disciplined, multi-phased approach
- Finding that transition lands in a community context require long-range evaluation
- Its "[w]illingness to work with stakeholders to identify opportunities that will close financial gaps and allow IDL to hold lands in current management"
- Its desire to "[e]xamine other opportunities that will increase revenue"
- Providing a public comment period in December through January

We have some serious concerns about:

- Development on certain of these lands, such as Parcel G, due to the immediate and long-term damage it would cause to the Lake
- Accounting for sales in the area, where the proceeds of sales go into the Land Bank and are not included in the revenues from the area
- We advocate that IDL should discard the possible strategies of a land exchange or disposition of any significant amount of land, while recognizing that certain parcels, such as the Deinhard 80, could make sense to sell or lease

In closing, we advocate for the State to reject the false allure of any proposals that purport to offer a quick fix here. Fortunately, however, it is becoming increasingly clear that the City of McCall, Valley County, the residents of the region, and stakeholder groups are determined and willing to collaborate and support the Land Board and IDL in identifying and developing solutions to protect the McCall area endowment lands.

Finally, we applaud the Land Board for declaring the current moratorium, and we respectfully request an extension of this moratorium for an additional 12 months to give IDL, local officials, and stakeholders sufficient time to work together to develop an excellent management plan.

Sincerely,
PAYETTE ENDOWMENT LANDS ALLIANCE

From: Bruce Smith <bms2650@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:10 PM
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Subject: Comments for Land Board Meeting Nov 17,2020
Attachments: November 16 (1).docx; IMG_2569 (2) (1) (1).JPG

Attached are comments for the Land Board meeting on November 17,2020.Comments include the attached article from Wall Street Journal. Thanks

November 16, 2020

Bruce Smith
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Re: Comments on Proposed Plans for McCall Area Endowment Lands for
Idaho Board of Land Commissioners Meeting on November 17, 2020

Idaho Board of Land Commissioners:

The current situation with the development of a plan for McCall endowment lands is disappointing, but not surprising. At what point do the individual members of the Land Board and the Idaho Department of Lands decide to adhere to the same rules and commitments they expect from the citizens of Idaho? Once again the Land Board and IDL have failed to live up to their respective commitments, and politics as usual continues to dictate Land Board activities. Unfortunately, Idaho school districts (except for the Oneida School District), kids, and families continue to pay the price for the Land Board's failings. It is no surprise that asking lobbyists to develop plans for disposal of endowment lands leads to exactly where we now stand.

In June, the Land Board suspended processing applications for certain activities in McCall (except for favored activities). The commitment was that the IDL would come up with a plan for the endowment lands—an update in September, a draft in November, a final plan in December. IDL told the Land Board the schedule would not cause any problems if a plan was approved by December. It is now November and all we get is a strategy for rescheduling the planning--dragging out the process into next year and allowing the Land Board to avoid making any kind of decision while it tests the political winds to see what its political constituency will tolerate.

The IDL, instead of a plan as promised, has come up with a "Strategy" for coming up with a plan or plans. Carefully reading the document shows it is full of double speak, vagueness, and ambiguities that leave the reader wondering "What does that mean?" Other portions are alarming. There are references to selling endowment lands that are classified as "timberlands" even though those with a rudimentary understanding of endowment lands know that is illegal. The Land Board Subcommittee on Re-investment went through this in detail. But apparently the IDL thinks that calling timberlands "transitional" means other prohibitions do not apply. Other references talk about annexation of endowment lands. That is as potentially damaging as it is ill considered. At the recent joint City of McCall—Valley County workshop, City of McCall officials actually discussed passing ordinances and zoning restrictions that would significantly limit or prohibit what could be done with endowment lands to only those activities the City would authorize. So the Land Board is going to annex lands into the City knowing the uses of the land could be limited in a way that destroys the potential value of the land? Think "fiduciary

obligation". Another glaring omission in the "Strategy" is with reference to "short term transition" properties (Deinhard and White Pine Heights) that are "ready". Ready for what? There is not a single word of economic or financial analysis that suggests the proposed action meets any aspect of the fiduciary obligation for returns to the endowment. It is simply another proposal for disposing of endowment lands. What is the rate of return on the proposal? Does a proposed action meet the hurdle rate for investments? Is calling the parcel short term or transitional consistent with long term returns to the endowment? In a sense, all lands are transitional. Until the IDL and Land Board start to analyze the financial aspects of a proposed action—as opposed to saying "isn't getting rid of this a good idea?"—the management of endowment lands remains woefully short of much more than political expediency. The "Strategy" is not what was promised when the Land Board suspended application processing, it is not clear, not legal, not well thought out. It is, however, "political". It kicks the Land Board decision making can down the road to who knows when and at what cost.

The Trident "Preserve McCall" proposal, in contrast to the IDL Strategy, is at least interesting. It lacks detail in some parts but does present a seemingly cogent concept for dealing with McCall lands on a larger scale. It presents a detailed financial analysis and planning structure. Whether all the numbers add up will require some review and implementation considerable effort (and investment) from the proponent. But it is the type of analysis that the IDL and Land Board should be doing. If the Land Board had done this type of analysis, perhaps the efforts to sell off the cottage sites to its friends would not have occurred, the situation today would be more promising, and the endowment much better off. The public requests for access to the lake would not seem so impossible.

The differences between the IDL Strategy and the Preserve McCall proposal are strikingly different. One thing the Preserve McCall proposal does is potentially eliminate politics from future Land Board decision making. Also, there are considerable differences between the proposal as outlined in the information submitted to the Land Board and the public comments and descriptions that have been publicized so far. The part of the proposal establishing public access seems to be a significant contrast to what has been publicly available. Perhaps the single biggest obstacle to the Preserve McCall proposal concerns whether the Land Board can set politics aside and evaluate the proposal and remain committed to its implementation if the exchange goes through. Land Board history, as evidenced by the wedding site lease breach, suggests this may not be likely.

Both the IDL Strategy and the Trident proposal implicate endowment lands that are subject to PC Partner's business plans and pending applications and tort claims. Interestingly, neither approach seems inherently inconsistent with the glamping business that PC Partners was undertaking (see attached article from the November 14, 2020 Wall Street Journal). It remains a concern that the Land Board, the IDL and the Tamarack Bay HOA would work so hard against the interests of education and business in Idaho.

Bruce Smith
PC Partners LLC

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Camping Goes Way Upscale

IT'S SAFE, BUT WHO WANTS TO SLEEP ON THE GROUND? ENTER 'GLAMPING.'

By Heidi Mitchell

The interior of a glamping tent (above) at Terramor in Bar Harbor, Maine, and the exterior (below).



AS SOON AS TEDDY Roosevelt took his legendary trip to Yosemite with conservationist John Muir in 1903, recreational camping emerged as a national pastime. In the decades that followed, pitching a tent in a campground became a rite of passage for many families. President Roosevelt likely wouldn't recognize the kind of camping that truly took off in the U.S. this year. It's called "glamping," short for glamorous camping. It has been

growing in the U.S. since 2014, after taking root in Europe during the 2008-09 financial crisis. This year, as the pandemic forced lockdowns in much of the country just as the weather was growing warm, Americans who had never considered sleeping outdoors but craved some connection with nature began viewing luxury camping as their best bet for a true vacation.

"Travelers are still afraid of cruise ships, hotel occupancy is around 50% and international travel is hard," says Ruben Martinez, founder of the American Glamping Association and co-founder of Glamping Hub, a booking site with more than 15,000 glamping destinations in the U.S. By contrast, Mr. Martinez says, "Glamping provides an escape to the outdoors with running water, a nice bed, Wi-Fi and even good food."

Of course, all kinds of camping have gotten more popular this year: A recent study by Kampgrounds of America Inc. found that 25% of total campers between May 1 and Sept. 30 were first-timers. But it is clear that glamping is part of the trend, with Glamping Hub's revenue from July through August up about 250%

from the year-earlier period.

Tentrr, a New York City-based glamping operator with 630 sites in 43 states, says it did as much business in August as all of last year.

"We've had some people who booked 20 days," says Chief Executive Anand Subramanian. "That is a beautiful quarantine."

Tentrr expects bookings to stay strong in the winter. The company offers more than 90 temperature-controlled sites for winter glamping

Glamping offers a way to enjoy nature—with amenities.

that go for around \$120 a night. Properties with hunting licenses and ones expecting snow or mild temperatures should do well, Mr. Subramanian predicts.

For those seeking luxurious accommodations at the highest end, Aman Resorts in July launched its first glamping resort in the Western Hemisphere, Camp Sarika, beside its decade-old Amangiri in Canyon Point, Utah. Each of Sarika's 10 canvas-draped pavilions has its own plunge pool and provides guests three meals a day. The cost: starting around \$3,500 a night. General Manager Julien Surget says some of his clients drive as much as 12 hours to get to Camp Sarika. The average stay is three nights.

"We are booked through Thanksgiving, and we are starting to see festive season shape up," Mr. Surget says.

For a more affordable experience, campsite giant KOA in August launched Terramor in Bar Harbor, Maine, the company's first new brand since it started business in 1962.

"Our goal was to get to 80% occupancy, but when Covid hit, we reset expectations and tried to get to 50%," says President and CEO Toby O'Rourke. "We were blown away."

Terramor averaged 77% occupancy before closing for the season on Oct. 15. Its tents, priced from \$250 to \$370, are distant enough from one another for safety and privacy. There is also a breezy wooden structure where food and evening cocktails provide a sense of community.

While Bar Harbor and Utah's nature parks are popular destinations in themselves, smaller operators in some unexpected destinations have opened as well. The Fields of Michigan, set on a blueberry farm near Lake Michigan 50 miles southwest of Grand Rapids, opened last summer and is already adding nine more tents for a total of 19 on its leafy 30 acres.

Big Cedar Lodge, owned by Bass Pro Shops founder Johnny Morris, put up seven tents in 2019 on its 4,600-acre resort in the Missouri Ozarks. This summer it increased its tent count to 20; occupancy rates from mid-June through Halloween averaged about 92%, with weekends sold out. The resort just extended its season through Dec. 6 to meet demand.

It's possible to glamp even in New York City. Candi Adams, a longtime New Yorker, had never considered luxury camping until she saw Collective Retreats' platform-and-canvas tents go up on Governors Island, in New York Harbor near lower Manhattan, and thought, why not.

She first took the ferry to the island site in July and spent her time there reading books, biking the island, making s'mores around a campfire with the Statue of Liberty in view, and eating breakfast delivered to her tent. She wound up booking at least one night for each subsequent month until the campsite closed in late October.

Even operators with no hospitality experience are jumping on the glamping bandwagon. In Kentucky, nurse practitioner and philanthropist Nicole Brassington will open Camp Bespoke on Nov. 19 near Williamstown, a small town about 40 miles north of Lexington. Ms. Brassington and her four equity partners, all of whom are Black, raised \$3 million to launch the 30-acre site, which so far offers four "teepees" with kitchenettes and spacious bathrooms. A dozen more teepees are planned, she says. Camp Bespoke already has 103 reservations on the books.

Ms. Mitchell is a writer in Chicago. Email her at reports@wsj.com.

From: Matt Brewster <matt@cimbarides.org>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:19 PM
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Subject: CIMBA McCall Land Swap Comment
Attachments: CIMBA Trident Statement .pdf

Hello,

Please see attached for a comment from the Central Idaho Mountain Bike Association (CIMBA) Board of Directors regarding the proposed Trident Holdings land swap.

Thank You,

Matt Brewster
CIMBA Membership

To Whom It May Concern:

Alec Williams of Trident recently presented his high-level proposal to the Central Idaho Mountain Bike Association (CIMBA) and the group agreed to listen for the sake of gaining more information.

That singular involvement should not be interpreted as endorsement or collaboration with Trident Holdings in formulating any plans. We want to make it clear to our members, the community of Central Idaho, and the State Board of Land Commissioners that CIMBA has no standing relationship with Trident Holdings and no collaboration on the “Preserve McCall Proposal Outline” at this time.

Furthermore, the recently released outline of the proposed development areas surrounding Payette Lake raises a number of red flags for our organization. The lake and surrounding lands are the centerpiece attraction of the McCall area; any decision made will have potential impacts on recreation and tourism. Recreational access and good land management are critical to the economy of Valley County, the quality of life for the citizens, the health of the watershed including the municipal water supply, and the protection of views and wildlife corridors.

CIMBA has enjoyed an incredibly beneficial relationship with the Idaho Department of Lands in the creation of the Payette Lake Trail around the lake, and we look forward to further collaboration with the department in the future. The “recreational lease” model has proven beneficial to both parties and aligns with our mission to “Protect, Enhance and Create quality trail experiences for the mountain bike community in Central Idaho.” As proposed, the Trident plan could seriously impair CIMBA's ability to continue to execute its mission.

As such, we would like to see the timeframe for a final decision extended. There is a great deal of information to digest and we would like to explore our options prior to the Land Board making a final determination. There are many stakeholders involved and new proposals are highly likely.

To facilitate a path forward, the Central Idaho Mountain Bike Association requests the following actions:

1. A minimum six-month moratorium on new leases, auctions, or exchanges of any parcels
2. The Land Board utilize the extended timeline and extended moratorium to directly engage with Local Government and other stakeholders
3. Establishment of a working group made up of Valley County Commissioners and staff, City of McCall Councilmen and staff as well as stakeholders such as the Payette Land Trust and Payette Endowment Lands Alliance to assist the Land Board in this important decision

We believe that these actions will enable CIMBA to continue in its engagement to promote the sport of mountain biking and responsible riding, advocate for trail access, and build and maintain sustainable trails.

Sincerely,

The Central Idaho Mountain Bike Association Board of Directors

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To: Comments
Subject: McCall State Endowment Land

Please do not transfer any land in Valley County out of public ownership/access without an equivalent amount of land being made open to public ownership/access.

Privatization of the land proposed by Trident Holdings, LLC, makes little sense when Trident does not seek to develop the vast majority of the land under its proposal.

I oppose the proposed Transfer of Idaho State Endowment Lands surrounding McCall to Trident Holdings, LLC.

Brad VandenDries

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Bradley D. VandenDries
208.484.3621

From: Dan Ukkestad <djukkestad@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall Endowment Lands

Hello-

I have a question I would like addressed at tomorrow's meeting: Has ANYONE seen the development plan for the proposed land swap in McCall? It would seem before ANY plan is even considered you would want to see the complete plan in it's entirety, locked down and non-changeable without approval by your board. All I have heard is how wonderful it is going to be and how much land is going to be preserved - nothing about what is actually being proposed to be built. Without knowing the complete scope of the project (and not "conceptual ideas") there is no way anyone can intelligently vote on the proposal.

Sincerely,

Dan Ukkestad
McCall

From: Kari D. Alt <karidawnalt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Land Swap

Hello,
Please do not let Trident Holdings swap our land for land in North Idaho. Work with the McCall community to keep our lands public and not developed.
Thank you,
Kari Alt

From: Halley Shultz <halleyshultz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment in regard to endowment land near McCall, Idaho

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in reference to the Endowment Land around McCall and Payette Lake. I have seen some of the documents in the proposal that Trident is bringing to the board and I want to voice my strong feelings against this proposal.

Too much of the shoreline and area around Payette Lake has already been developed. In order to maintain our natural resources for local residents as well as visitors and wildlife, we need to protect and preserve the shorelines of Payette Lake and Payette River and the forest around. Our recreation-based economy and our way of life depend on it. Don't let a few people trying to line their pockets take away what makes McCall what it is.

I work at an architecture firm that would directly benefit from more waterfront development - but I chose to live in McCall because of the outdoor recreation opportunities here. I will never be able to afford lakefront property myself. Please don't sell off my opportunity to enjoy the lake because Trident has seen an opportunity to make money.

It is my hope that you listen to ideas from groups like the Idaho Wildlife Federation and Payette Land Trust to find other ways to manage the Endowment Lands not just for the benefit of developers now, but for many generations to come.

Thank you!

Halley Shultz
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From: TOM FISCHER <fischer09@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 5:57 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Lake Land Exchange

To Whom It May Concern,

I do not support this land exchange at all and feel this will hurt the McCall area. Trident Holdings does not have the McCall area's best interest in mind, they are looking at how they can abuse/use the resource to their advantage to make money. I feel Trident Holdings does not value the Payette Lake as well as the surrounding areas accessibility to the people of Idaho to recreate in these lands which if this is approved some of this access will be lost. I hope the land board can use the comments submitted and make the right decision for the Valley County community.

Please vote NO on the land exchange!

Thanks in Advance,

Tom Fischer
208-870-8701

From: Diana Fields <dianacfields@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:08 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Proposed Land Swap

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed land swap to Trident. There does not appear to be any legitimate reason for the Idaho Land Board to abandon its fiduciary obligation to continue to manage the lands as good stewards for all Idahoans and those who own land in the McCall community now and in perpetuity. The short term gain proposed by Trident is completely outweighed by the benefits of keeping ALL the land, not just the "park" properties, as public land. The lack of specifics for the future development of the hospitality sites should be very troubling to the Board. Furthermore, if the idea is truly to preserve the area, the entirety should be placed under a conservation easement (which itself will provide the developers with significant tax benefits). Otherwise, the obvious, disguised intent of this project is purely to develop the area.

Idaho already has a playground for the rich and famous-Sun Valley and environs. No one wants to see the development proposed by Trident (no matter how glamorous, i.e., glamping and spas) in McCall. The natural beauty and undeveloped lands near Payette Lake will never be able to be reclaimed.

Please do not consider further action on the Trident proposal.

Diana Fields
910 Yew Wood
McCall, ID

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ryan Johnsen <ryankjohnsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:40 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Mccall land exchange

I do not support the land exchange that takes away the state lands in the McCall/Payette area. This would be a tragedy to the area.

From: John Gebhards <gebhardsj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:51 PM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall Endowment Lands

To the Idaho State Land Board and Department of Lands,

I find it absolutely ridiculous that the IDL and the Land Board are even considering a land swap/sale of State Lands in the McCall area!

This exchange is not fair to the people of Idaho nor does it make financial sense. The State of Idaho is being played due to an outdated directive that does not take into account the communities that such a directive affects. If the trade is approved, the developers stand to make hundreds of millions if not billions of dollars from the land that they would be acquiring. This does not benefit the State in anyway.

The State lands around McCall provide more than commodities for generating revenue. They provide habitat for animals, help keep the water in Payette Lake clean, they have aesthetic and recreation values to the local residents and those that visit the area, and provide access to federally managed lands that belong to all US citizens. Recreation is McCall's main industry and not factoring that into how State lands benefit recreation would be short sighted.

Management of these State lands may be necessary, but trading them to company in order to make a few extra dollars cutting timber is not the answer and is not in the best interests of Idahoans. I would venture to guess that nearly every resident in the McCall area is opposed to the trade. If you believe otherwise, commission a survey of Valley County residents and see what they have to say, not just what a developer wants you to believe. Slick and shiny presentations should not replace factual information and the needs and beliefs of local residents.

I oppose this and any future attempts to trade State lands in the McCall area.

Sincerely,
John Gebhards
McCall Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: Diane Davies <djdavies1916@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:53 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Re.: Payette Lake Land Exchange proposal

To the Idaho Land Board members,

I am writing to you to express my hope that you will not approve the Payette Lakes Land Exchange being proposed by Trident. What Trident is proposing is a transfer of an irreplaceable and valuable public asset to private ownership where it will line the pockets of Trident investors instead of benefiting all the people of Idaho.

Additionally, Trident's proposal is a classic bit of PR BS full of pretty language but utterly lacking in concrete guarantees to the people of Idaho. They do not even own the "North Idaho timber land" at the core of the swap.

My family has been in McCall for more than a hundred years. I have a deep love for the area, and hope you decision makers realize what you have and value it and preserve it by keeping it in public ownership.

Diane Davies

From: my gmail <3.1415boson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:44 PM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall Endowment Lands - Payette Lake Land Exchange

The US outdoor industry market cap is about \$900B. In Idaho, outdoor recreation generates around \$500M in revenue for the state, and around 80% of Idaho recreate, furthering consumer spending, creating jobs, continually adding to the state's coffers. Fact-based analysis shows that outdoors recreation has added more than 3% additional or add-on value to the state's treasury for the past 3 years, and it continues to grow, with boating, fishing, RVing, ATVing, equestrian, and snow activities all adding billions (USD) to the greater mountain west economy.

My family has been visiting McCall for 30 years, and I am very familiar with much of the area. I've actually witnessed members of the Hazard wolf pack around 2002 on an all-night MTB ride. As a scientist, a consummate user of public lands, and as an avid outdoors person, my reservation about the land exchange comes from the fact that the Endowment Land around McCall is a revenue stream for the state of Idaho. Furthermore, the Endowment Land is the reason People come to the greater McCall area, contributing to the continued revenue growth for the state. An exchange ends the revenue stream.

As a visitor and recreator in the McCall area, I know the Payette Lake already has a very high use rate, and the proposal by Trident Holdings will further fill in the area resulting in an unsustainable future for Payette Lake. As a scientist, I would prefer to have a complete impact assessment on human activity and the adverse impact to wildlife and habitat. However, I have sufficiently studied balanced and sustainable ecosystems, and more than 95% confident that Trident Holdings development will trash the area as we have seen in numerous places in the US.

I would recommend the Idaho Department of Lands only consider sustainable, conservation for the area, a long-term plan that benefits Idahoan's personally, and the state financially.

Randy k Rannow
Boise, ID 83716

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:56 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Don Fitzwater at don.fitzwater@gmail.com
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Address: 958 Conifer Lane
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 98296

Comment:

Appreciate your consideration to read my comment ahead of the Nov 17th meeting about the endowment land near McCall. Naturally your conscience is on trial for all future generations. There is a major goal of Trident and other financial interests to push a legal obligation of fiduciary responsibility to trade land, for what? 130 million...to the schools. Obviously the land is priceless and the board is much smarter than this and knows when they have someone trying to play them. Stay strong and make the right decision! Typically these type of organizations like Trident are formed only for one purpose and one purpose only and it's not for the schools.

From: Cindy Tappe <wangdoodle4559tappe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 6:52 AM
To: Comments

These lands belong to the people of Idaho are intended for public use.
We will never support this process to sell our premium land to reprehensible developers. As you did our beautiful lakefront property. Do not try to persuade us that this is beneficial to anyone but the developers.
Do not try to make us believe this will help our schools either. The school system is out dated , ineffective and corrupt. Throwing some more money at it doesn't fix it.
If the Lands board is unwilling to end this process immediately to protect the rights of the people to keep our land in it's natural wild state then the people will be compelled to circumvent their authority and do it ourselves.
We do not have to endure a politics my driven process nor a Department of Lands autocratic process that doesn't serve or listen to the people they are supposed to be representing.
If the Dept of Lands doesnt end this process and listen to the people then the people must circumvent its authority and take legislative action to remedy this reprehensible practice of selling out Idaho. Permently if necessary.

From: Frederick <jffrederickmack@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:04 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comments for November 17, 2020 Land Board meeting
Attachments: Mack comments on plan for Payette Lakes' endowment lands and Trident.docx; second set of comments to Land Board.docx

Please include the above attachments in the record of today's Land Board meeting. Thank you.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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Submitted: July 18, 2020, for State Board of Land meeting to be held July 21, 2020
Re: Report on Endowment Land Management Plan Schedule, City of McCall/Vicinity

Commissioners of the State Board of Land:

We recognize that the State Board of Land Commissioners (Land Board) is considering in item 8 the schedule for the Department of Lands' development of a plan(s) for the 28,000 acres of endowment land in the Payette Lakes' vicinity (the Lakes' Endowment Lands) and not the proposal of Trident Holdings LLC (Trident) to acquire this land through an exchange of unidentified timber lands (the Proposed Exchange). However, the contact Trident has already had with the Land Board and the Department of Lands (Department) and the public campaign it has initiated to garner support make it timely to raise some of the legal issues the Proposed Exchange creates.

These legal issues concern: 1.) The exclusion in Idaho Code § 58-104(8) of private entities from the legislature's grant of power to make exchanges; 2.) The Article IX, § 8, limit on how many endowment land acres a private entity can acquire; 3.) The breach of trust obligation if the endowment land of one beneficiary is used to benefit other beneficiaries; 4.) Prudent-business-person considerations in securing maximum long-term financial return from management of the Lakes' Endowment Lands; and 5.) The maximization of financial return through a competitive process when disposing of endowment land. We are not attempting to resolve these issues through these comments, our purpose is simply to identify potential plan pitfalls.

The legality of the Proposed Exchange is questionable under state law.

Under Article IX, § 8, of the Idaho Constitution, the Land Board only has the power to exchange endowment lands if the legislature grants it. The grant of power to exchange public land is found in Idaho Code § 58-104(8). Subsection 8 appears to be a limited grant because it glaringly omits corporations, companies, and individuals. This omission can only be interpreted as purposeful. Idaho Code § 58-138 does not nullify subsection 8. This later section is concerned chiefly with types of ownership interests and process and, unlike other sections of title 58, is not identified as an extension of power.

An interpretation of Idaho Code § 58-104(8) as not authorizing exchanges when the title or disposition of the land to be acquired is held by a private party is consistent with the Article IX, § 8, 320-acre limit. The 320-acre limit is the greatest amount of endowment land that can be sold in a transaction with a private entity. While it can be argued that this limitation applies only to sales and not exchanges, such an interpretation would effectively defeat the constitutional objective in establishing it. Any transaction can be structured to change the nature of consideration—money or other land—given to acquire property, allowing more than 320 acres to be readily obtained.

Any disposition of the Lakes' Endowment Lands must benefit the designated beneficiary.

The Proposed Exchange brings into question whether some endowment beneficiaries' assets may be managed to their detriment to enhance the holdings of Public Schools (K-12 education). This concern also arises because of uncertainty about what is entailed in "a holistic" approach (mentioned at the last Land Board meeting) to developing a future management plan.

Article IX, § 8, imposes a duty of undivided loyalty to manage endowment lands for the sole benefit of the endowed institution. Idaho Supreme Court holdings make clear that satisfying the duty is the only criterion the Land Board can consider when making endowment land decisions. Under this duty, an endowed institution's land cannot be managed for the benefit of the general public, existing lessees—or a different endowed institution.

Most of the Lakes' Endowment Lands were granted for endowment beneficiaries other than Public Schools, namely, State Hospital South, School of Science, Normal School, and Charitable Institutions. These lands include all the acres abutting water, which are arguably the most sensitive and most valuable ones—and the ones that Trident really wants. They are so unique that it is difficult to conceive of a mass exchange or one single management approach that will maximize the long-term financial return to each of these institutions.

Making the Proposed Exchange is not a prudent business decision.

Earning potential of Lakes' Endowment Lands: The Department's annual reports indicate the Lakes' Endowment Lands have produced an income mix from lands leased, sold, or licensed/permitted for such varied uses as grazing, logging, mining, recreation, conservation, commercial, and residential. Because of historic mismanagement forced upon the Land Board by the legislature, revenue has been artificially low. But it need not continue to be. Tax appraisals of neighboring properties indicate the Lakes' Endowment Lands contain some of the most potentially valuable land in the state for residential and commercial uses.

Trident's website indicates that at least one possibly prudent business person—Trident—believes the Lakes' Endowment Lands can provide significant financial return. The descriptive phrases from Trident's website reveal not just the company's purpose in acquiring the Lakes' Endowment Lands (which is not philanthropic conservation). The following phrases also suggest the land's earning potential: "Capture opportunistic transactions" • "Provide significant created value to investors" • "Identify assets with uncaptured investment potential" • "Provide strong risk-adjusted returns." As potentially valuable as the Lakes' Endowment Lands are to Trident, they are to current beneficiaries.

Trident is attempting to garner public and legislative support for the Proposed Exchange by triggering fear for public school funding. The company has made a facile claim that the Lakes' Endowment Lands are being operated at a loss and another ridiculous claim that without the Proposed Exchange "impoverished rural school districts" must "subsidize" lands around McCall. Depending upon the position someone is trying to support, they can manipulate numbers through the assumptions they make, the methodologies they employ, and the specific endowed acres they examine. However, given the multiple beneficiaries' interests in the Lakes' Endowment Lands, in no profit/loss scenario can the suggested subsidization occur.

While it may be true that financial returns from possible residential and commercial development of the Lakes' Endowment Lands are not currently maximized, they do not have to be if this occurs as a result of a plan to benefit only the appropriate endowed institution. The Land Board's constitutional trust mandate is to maximize long-term—not short-term—financial return. The Idaho Supreme Court has repeatedly recognized that the Land Board has large discretionary power over endowment lands, which includes discretion over the current degree of improvement to them to maximize the long-term return to the beneficiaries.

A chief reason for this discretion is because, as was recognized at Idaho's Constitutional Convention, "Neither I nor you have any definite idea of what this land is worth today which lies under the sun of Idaho or what it is going to be worth in the future." 33 *Idaho Constitutional Convention Proceedings* vol. I, p. 647 (1889).

Earning potential of lands acquired through Proposed Exchange: What would the beneficiaries of the Lakes' Endowment Lands receive in exchange? Apparently, land that relies upon logging for financial return. However, as noted at the last Land Board meeting, the current price for wood and paper products has dropped. Long-term financial return from timber harvest is also questionable. The Forest Service's 100 year "Analysis of the Timber Situation in the United States" shows a significant ongoing decline in per capita consumption of wood and paper products and a tie with GNP that renders the market volatile.

Greatly adding to the risk of depending chiefly upon logging for financial return is having the trees physically located in one geographical area. Fire, insects, and disease can harm a block of trees in one part of the state, while a block of trees in another part may be untouched. This added risk may offset any management cost savings achieved from implementing the larger-block management philosophy being considered.

Any disposition of the Lakes' Endowment Lands should be competitive.

The Land Board cannot deal with only one private individual or company and not employ a competitive process, because the exclusion of the rest of the public does not ensure the highest financial return for endowment land beneficiaries. Receiving appraisals of market value does not cure this failing. Because of the inherent subjectivity of appraisals, which can lead to vastly different conclusions as to market value, they are best done only to establish a floor in a competitive process. They should not replace interested third-parties' opportunities to submit bids or offer other proposals.

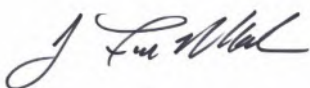
Many (most?) of the contested cases that have arisen involve the Land Board's disposal of endowment land without a proper competitive process. In dealing solely with Trident, the mistake is being made again. There is nothing about the earning potential of timberland the Land Board might receive from Trident that could make acquiring it the most desirable of all investment opportunities. As recognized in the Attorney General's opinion on the legality of the leasing process (Idaho Op. Atty. Gen. No. 10-1), endowment land beneficiaries have already lost untold millions of dollars because of preferential treatment afforded private third parties.

No further consideration should be given to Trident's Proposed Exchange.

Trident's proposal is speculative land development by a newly created, underfunded limited liability company. Trident is using the Land Board to color the Proposed Exchange with legitimacy to attract additional investors. Too often in Idaho, we have seen government be an unwitting participant in what becomes a Ponzi scheme.

During the planning process the Department may request preliminary approval for one or more alternatives or options to allow for a complete evaluation. We respectfully request that Trident's Proposed Exchange be rejected and not be subject to further evaluation. If the Proposed Exchange proceeds, untold time and money will be wasted fighting in the legislature and courts over this meritless matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Submitted: November 17, 2020 for the Land Board meeting held the same date
Re: Information items nos. 8 and 9 concerning endowment lands in Payette Lakes' area

Commissioners of the Idaho State Board of Land:

We oppose the wholesale acquisition of 28,000 acres of state endowment lands in the Payette Lakes' area sought by Trident Holding LLC (Trident) as identified in its "Proposal Outline". Instead, we generally support the more considered approach for the disposition of these lands advanced by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) in its Payette Endowment Lands Strategy.

We identified concerns to Trident's proposal in comments included in the record of the Land Board's July 21, 2020 meeting. Nothing in the "Proposal Outline" alters these concerns, and we ask that our earlier comments be included in this record. (A copy is attached.)

Trident's financial benefits comparison is flawed.

The only new comment we make regarding the proposal is that Trident's financial benefits comparison (pp. 68-69) is flawed. In it, Trident contorts logic to make two points to support the position that endowment land exchanges are more beneficial to endowment beneficiaries than selling existing and then purchasing new endowment land. One can only suppose Trident does this in a desperate effort to persuade the Land Board that Trident's involvement is essential to sell or acquire any of the land at issue—which it isn't.

Both points are arrived at by misapplying LEV methodology, which is not designed for comparing different ways to dispose of and acquire land. Regarding the first point, removing underperforming land from the endowment portfolio is beneficial whether it is removed through a sale or exchange. As to the second point, its essence is that if the Land Board sells parcel A, invests the proceeds for whatever period of time, and then purchases parcel B, it is in a worse financial position than if it simply trades parcel A for parcel B. This is obviously false: under both scenarios, the Land Bank removes and acquires the same parcels.

The power to exchange land with private parties has not been granted.

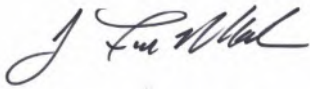
We raised the issue of the Land Board's lack of power to make exchanges with private parties in our first set of comments. Because of this issue's importance under either Trident's proposal or IDL's strategy, we further address it here.

The power to exchange land is granted in Idaho Code § 58-104(8). Idaho Code § 58-104 was part of the Idaho Code when Idaho Code § 58-138 was enacted, and the later section cannot be interpreted without it. Subsection 8 is the only part of the Idaho Code that expressly identifies the type of parties with whom the Land Board can exchange land. It does so by limiting the type of land the Land Board can acquire through an exchange. Land that can be acquired is restricted to land exchanged by a "governing body or board of trustees of any state governmental unit, agency or institution." Private parties are not included.

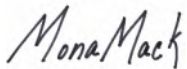
Closely read Idaho Code § 58-138. The section states the Land Board can exchange land, but it doesn't say with whom. It uses the word party, but it doesn't identify the nature of the party, i.e. whether it can be a public or private entity. The only place the word "private" appears is in describing the type of land that can be acquired. And because the party exchanging land with the Land Board does not need to hold title to it (only the power to dispose of the land is necessary) this mention does not imply the Land Board can deal directly with a private party.

One of the "evils" debated at length during the 1889 Idaho Constitutional Convention was the prospect of tracts of endowed land falling into the hands of private parties. To prevent this from happening, Article IX, § 8, of the Idaho Constitution places a limit on the number of acres a private party can acquire. This critical limit cannot be avoided through transactional machinations. We respectfully request the Land Board seek an Attorney General's Opinion before attempting to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Frederick Mack".

J Frederick Mack

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mona Mack".

Mona Dobaran Mack

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Donald Chapman at dwchap@frontiernet.net
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State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:
I oppose transfer of 28,000 acres of endowment lands via exchange for timberlands in North Idaho.

Dr. Don Chapman
P.O. Box 2289
McCall

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

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

From: Kelly C <kellydavidcook@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 6:42 PM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall Endowment Plan Swap Proposal

Dear Idaho Land Board,

My name is Kelly Cook and I live in McCall with my wife and children. My family has lived here for 5 generations. My great grandmother was the postmaster and my grandfather and father worked for Warren Brown at the mill. We have always loved it here. McCall has changed so much over the years, but because of the beautiful state lands here we still get to enjoy the outdoors and a quality of life much like they were able to do.

I have reviewed Trident's proposal and am disgusted that someone from this area would lobby to turn McCall/Central Idaho into an ugly California-like development just to make money. I sincerely hope that you accept the more reasonable State Plan.

Please don't sell us out.

Kelly Cook
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