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Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Comments
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Comment:
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<https://boisedev.com/news/2020/11/19/wilks-brothers-mccall-land/>

For Trident to say they are about "preserving McCall" is an utter distortion – a travesty. “Trident Holdings is a privately held investment firm in Boise, Idaho. Trident’s core business is to target opportunistic transactions that provide significant created value to investors, but also honor and improve the communities in which projects are located. Trident has a unique ability to identify assets with uncaptured value potential, to navigate complexities that have previously prevented that capture, and provide strong risk-adjusted returns.”

There is a way to for Trident to persevere the McCall area that would be a win-win. Trident can buy lands the Wilks Brothers put up for sale, or any other lands are already private. Trident could reclaim, preserve, and develop them in the way they have proposed to do with the endowment lands in and around McCall and Payette Lake. However, what they are currently proposing is to essentially steal lands that are currently public by instituting a trade that is worth pennies on the dollar. Who benefits the most from the opportunistic transaction they are currently proposing?

The endowment lands can't be sold in the way Trident would like so they are skirting the law by offering a "trade." There are plenty of private lands available for sale without adding to them by Tridents proposal for a trade of Idaho Endowment Lands. However, this would not create the profit margins they desire, so it is not being considered.

Do we really want or need another Coeur d'Alene, Sun Valley, or something like Lake Tahoe in the heart of Idaho? I believe we really want and need to fight aggressively against private interest to save our public and endowment lands? I believe we need to protect and save Idaho now for the future. Say no to Trident and the privatization of the endowment and public lands. Say yes to conservation and the environment – protect Idaho Endowment Lands near McCall. They are a treasure not to be traded and lost to a private entity. There has to be a way to make them “profitable” to maintain your mandate without essentially selling them off to the highest bidder.

The "trade" they are proposing may result in a short-term gain but will end up a long-term failure. Trident is acting like a modern-day robber baron and land grabber for personal gain that will not benefit Idahoans in the long run. It will destroy the access and availability of the endowment lands in the McCall and the Payette Lakes area for all future generations.

"Idaho Constitution mandates that state endowment trust lands are to be managed to secure the maximum long-term financial return to the endowment beneficiaries. Revenue-generating activities on endowment lands and earnings on invested funds provide millions of dollars annually in support of Idaho's public-school system and numerous other state of Idaho institutions. In addition to providing financial support to the beneficiaries of nine endowment funds, endowment lands may also benefit the citizens of Idaho by providing access for recreational pursuits, so long as recreation activities are consistent with the constitutional mandate."

One of the prescribed ways to generate income is conservation. However, "trading" these lands to Trident, which is essentially selling them off – 28,000 acres to a single entity, will result in the loss of the lands forever. How is this ensuring the mandate of the state endowment lands – if you keep chipping away at the endowment trust lands there will be nothing left for the future.



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The Honorable Brad Little
Governor of Idaho
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Dear Governor Little,

The Payette Endowment Lands Alliance (PELA) appreciated the opportunity for comment regarding the McCall area endowment lands during the Land Board meeting on November 17, 2020. At that meeting, PELA heard Alec Williams of Trident Holdings state his intention to submit an application for a land exchange within a few weeks, and we would like to address that here.

At the June 16, 2020 Idaho Land Board meeting, the Land Board directed the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) to suspend leasing and disposing of lands in and around McCall, where not previously approved, until a detailed plan for those lands is presented by the IDL and approved by the Land Board. During the November 17, 2020 Idaho Land Board meeting, Ryan Montoya of the IDL presented the draft Payette Endowment Lands Strategy and proposed to seek Land Board approval for a final plan in February or March of 2021.

PELA respectfully requests the Idaho Land Board honor the current moratorium on the leasing and disposing of McCall area lands by pausing consideration of proposals or applications, written or oral, for leasing or disposing of the McCall area endowment lands. In accordance with the Land Board's direction to IDL, Trident Holdings and other entities should not be allowed to make proposals or

applications until after the IDL has completed the Payette Endowment Lands Strategic Plan, presented it to the Land Board, and received final approval. Also, this would facilitate the IDL's focus on reviewing a broad range of phased-in solutions with stakeholder input and finalizing a plan.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Deb Fereday". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deb Fereday
President, Payette Endowment Lands Alliance, Inc.

Cc:

Mr. Lawrence Denny, Idaho Secretary of State
Mr. Lawrence Wasden, Idaho Attorney General
Mr. Brandon Woolf, Idaho State Controller
Ms Sherri Ybarra, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction
Mr. Dustin Miller, Director, Idaho Department of Lands, Secretary to the Land Board
Mr. Ryan Montoya, Real Estate Bureau Services Chief, Idaho Department of Lands

From: Gmail <mnlipps@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Trident Proposal

Categories: Comments

As a resident of Idaho, I urge the land board to prioritize protecting publicly-owned land access for all citizens.

I am an active outdoorsman and land and water conservationist. I personally recreate on this proposed land. This land provides an escape from my busy complicated career and home life. We need this priceless opportunity to escape and rejuvenate.

Please prioritize protecting this unique American public land heritage.

Sincerely,
Michael Lipps

From: Julie Manning <j4manning@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Ryan Montoya
Subject: Attached Memo
Attachments: 12_7_20 Memo to Montoya.pdf

Categories: Comments

Hi Ryan,

Hope you are well.

Last month, PELA members listened closely to the November Land Board meeting. We appreciated your presentation and all the work you are doing on the McCall area endowment lands. We have studied it as we consider next steps in this ongoing process.

Attached is a short memo we hope you will find helpful. Please feel free to contact me by email or phone with any questions or comments you may have.

Julie Manning
208-514-5266

MEMORANDUM

To: Ryan Montoya
Real Estate Services Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Lands
Cc: Scott Corkill, Payette Lakes Supervisory Area Manager
From: Payette Endowment Lands Alliance ("PELA")
Date: December 7, 2020
Re: Formation of an Advisory Committee

In the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy draft plan dated and presented to the Land Board on November 17, 2020 ("Lands Strategy"), IDL identified an issue: "the continuing need to evaluate and discuss the future of endowment lands within and immediately outside of the city of McCall's growth and impact area". The Lands Strategy cited the "inconsistency between current asset classification and local planning", stating that "lands in a community context require long range evaluation" and there must be consideration of "the context of surrounding uses".

It seems to follow that there is a need for collaboration with public entities and stakeholders in the community to develop a workable plan that would minimize conflict and tap the creativity of a larger group process. In fact, the plan says that IDL would like "to work with stakeholders to establish coordination and cooperation within constitutional limitations and mandate" and expressed "willingness to work with stakeholders to identify opportunities that will close financial gaps and allow IDL to hold lands in current management". The Lands Strategy also recognizes the importance of "provid[ing] the time and resources to address the broader context of aligning endowment land management in the context of community development".

We understand that IDL has looked for models within neighboring state trust lands for solutions to the problems increasingly affecting western communities. PELA has reviewed the model put forth by the Whitefish School Trust Lands Neighborhood Plan. We feel this Whitefish model offers some good directions. In this model the Montana Land Board responded to the request of citizens who wanted a more open and representative process to protect community values while honoring the financial obligations of the trust by creating a diverse stakeholder group, including Department of Natural Resources and Conservation staff, to develop a plan.

In the Whitefish case, the Montana Land Board recognized this advisory committee would enhance planning and management in four important ways:

1. **Minimize conflict:** The state trust benefits when conflict is minimized by involving local communities in the management decisions of neighboring trust lands.
2. **Add value to endowment lands:** high quality land use planning adds value to trust assets and provides some predictability and stabilization for future planning.
3. **Consider impacts:** Provide value and revenues to beneficiaries with consideration of community impacts

4. **Recognize additional values:** Recognize that recreation, conservation and other “non-development” values on endowment lands would significantly enhance property values, thereby increasing the tax revenues available for school districts and local economies

In support of IDL’s goals referenced above and inspired by the Whitefish model, PELA proposes the formation of a Payette Advisory Committee to develop a sound land-use plan for the endowment lands surrounding Payette Lake. This advisory committee could operate under a mandate to help formulate a plan that would provide increased revenue for the endowment beneficiaries while maintaining the economic, environmental, and cultural vitality of McCall, Valley County, and surrounding areas.

To satisfy the four goals set forth above, the advisory committee, in addition to including IDL staff, would be well served by including participation from the City of McCall, Valley County, large adjacent landowners such as the state park system and Payette National Forest, the sewer district (PLRWSD), Big Payette Water Quality Council, and other stakeholders. As it was the case in Whitefish, Montana, PELA believes that creating an advisory committee for the McCall area would minimize conflict and yield a robust plan that could garner wide acceptance.

From: David Simmonds <info@bigpayettelake.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:45 PM
To: governor@gov.idaho.gov; ldenney@sos.idaho.gov; bwoolf@sco.idaho.gov; sybarra@sde.idaho.gov; Dustin Miller; Ryan Montoya; Scott Corkill; Renee Jacobsen
Cc: David Simmonds
Subject: Board letter regarding Payette Lake watershed endowment land
Attachments: BPLWQC Comments on Endowment Lands - December 2020.pdf
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Governor, members of the Board and IDL staff,

Please find attached a short letter explaining the position of the board of the Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council with regard to the planning and disposition of endowment lands in the Payette Lake watershed.

I would appreciate the opportunity at the next Land Board meeting to briefly present our reasoning and some opportunities regarding endowment land and watershed planning in this sensitive area. Thank you.

David Simmonds, President
Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council, Inc.
PO Box 3108
McCall, ID 83638

On Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 1:26 PM David Simmonds <dsimmonds50@gmail.com> wrote:
Governor Little, Members of the Board, and staff,

Please accept the attached comment letter of the Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council for the Land Board meeting of June 16, 2020. We support the staff recommendation for suspension of leasing and disposal of lands within the Payette Lake scope, and for further careful study with an opportunity for public involvement. Thank you.

Dave

David Simmonds, President
Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council
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December 7, 2020

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Comments on Payette Lakes Endowment Land Planning

Governor Little, Members of the Land Board and IDL Staff,

The board of our organization has taken the position that large scale transfer of State endowment lands in the Payette Lake watershed for private development is not in the best interest of lake water quality. To do so would add new risks and uncertainties to the lake and watershed at the very time we're seeing disturbing and as-yet unexplained new signs of impacts to the lake, including novel and unpleasant algae blooms along with surprising evidence of cyanobacteria in remote imaging data.

This is the time to study and plan with great caution, just the opposite of major proposed development now before you. And so, we ask that you continue to carefully plan and study lands in the Payette Lake watershed to ensure sustainable water quality with the greatest certainty possible, and involve key stakeholders in your planning processes. The goal of sustainable water quality in Payette Lake is paramount, and must not be sacrificed to endowment revenue alone, as such a course would be self-defeating and hardly in the interest of the State.

We likewise hope and anticipate that further study and planning for the health of the lake will continue, and that formal structures can be put in place for assurance of water quality governance across the watershed, with participation of key local stakeholders. The 1993-2006 Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council, a statutory group appointed by Idaho's governors, is a prime example of such a steering group. Such efforts are once again called for as challenges to the North Fork Payette River watershed and its major lakes threaten local economies, drinking water sources and our quality of life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Simmonds", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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From: J Fisher <fish2902@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 7:48 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve McCall for Idaho's future.

Categories: Comments

Dear Idaho Board of Land Commissioners,

As a fourth generation Idahoan, who is an avid outdoorsman, I am writing to express my strong support of the "Preserve McCall" proposal. Admittedly until recently I was largely uninformed on state endowment lands and beneficiaries in Idaho. However, I was horrified to learn that we are not making every effort to support the education of our youth with our endowed lands. Instead we continue to pass levy after levy and still come up short in our financial support of our teachers and students. Not only are we taxing our elderly out of their homes with the increase in property taxes, but we are essentially kicking the can down the road by avoiding a true long-term solution.

The "Preserve McCall" proposal resolves the issue of using the endowment land for its original purpose of being a source of revenue for the state. In a time when excess funds are scarce, it provides a resolution to the issue of lack of affordable housing, crowding in valley county, and improved access to recreation. As a lifelong outdoor enthusiast, I have grown to love and appreciate our public and state-owned lands. However, what good is this land if access is limited to only an exclusive group?

The land in McCall that is being proposed for exchange is currently not generating revenue for the state, nor is it readily accessible by the citizens of Idaho. The "Preserve McCall" proposal will increase revenue by hundreds of thousands of dollars and it will provide access to the current property in Valley County by the expansion of Ponderosa Park. Let us put the tools that we have been gifted by the Federal government to use to benefit the many, instead of only a select few.

Sincerely,

Joshua Fisher

From: Chris Oates <chris.a.oates@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:14 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve McCall Proposal

Categories: Comments

Dear Idaho Board of Land Commissioners,

As a resident of the Treasure Valley, and former frequent visitor of McCall and Valley County I support Preserve McCall and its vision for the future. For myself, McCall has become a cumbersome and trying vacation location; in my experience both vehicle and pedestrian traffic downtown and the surrounding areas is becoming unusable and irritating at best. More and more people are going to be heading to McCall for vacation as the Treasure Valley explodes with growth, the amenities in McCall need to spread out. The beauty of the area should be for all, not a select few.

I do feel that the growth of McCall is tied directly to the growth of the Treasure Valley, both are growing at unprecedented rates and the growth needs to be managed properly. We are all frustrated with the amount of people moving to Idaho, but the reality is that the growth will continue, however it must be managed responsibly; Preserve McCall I feel has that vision.

Making this land available for all Idahoans, I do feel that is the best, and most practical use that will benefit the Idaho Land Endowment Fund and its mission to provide for Idaho's schools.

Sincerely,

Chris Oates

From: Bruce Smith <bms2650@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Dustin Miller; Bill Haagenson; Ryan Montoya; Scott Corkill
Subject: McCall Draft Plan for December Land Board Meeting

Categories: Comments

Gentlemen- I took a look at the draft plan--a/k/a "a schedule". I know you have challenges with the politics of Land Board members but this is likely--no guaranteed-- to attract lobbyists and flies in equal numbers and the flies won't have a chance.

From: Roberts, C. Kent <CKRoberts@SCHWABE.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment on the Preserve McCall plan

Categories: Comments

To the Idaho Department of Lands:

My family and I have been vacationing in McCall almost annually since 1977. We have stayed at various lodgings and our winter activities have included skiing at Brundage, cross-country skiing in Ponderosa State Park, snowshoeing, and ice-skating (especially at the old outdoor rink), and in summer, hiking, fishing, boating and bicycling in and around McCall, and of course, frequenting the area shops and restaurants. We love McCall.

We have enjoyed access to public lands in the McCall area for over 40 years. I have learned about the Preserve McCall proposal that would trade non-revenue producing Idaho State lands around McCall for productive timberland, a proposal that would also permit some planned development in the McCall area, while preserving vast areas for public access. The Idaho Department of Lands and the Idaho Land Board (ILB) should act to adopt the Preserve McCall plan and allow the land exchange to go forward.

I am familiar with the ILB's obligation for managing state lands to maximize revenue supporting public education. The Department of State Lands here in Oregon has the same obligation, and has auctioned off non-revenue lands, or lands that were too expensive to maintain, to private interests. Community groups frequently oppose these actions, but rarely do they offer economically viable alternatives that fulfill Oregon DSL's mandate to maximize public education funding. The Preserve McCall plan is that alternative for the ILB's lands around McCall.

Having observed McCall's growth over the years, it seems apparent the ILB will have no choice but to auction off parcels of McCall area land over time in order to fulfill its obligation to fund public education. The result will be uncoordinated, piecemeal, and exclusive development by developers without roots in Valley County – the exact type of development that opponents of the Preserve McCall plan state they oppose.

The Preserve McCall alternative will fund the land exchange with limited, planned and coordinated development, while placing the vast majority of the lands into public trust, forever preserving public access for the McCall community and visitors like my family. And the ILB will have new revenue producing assets, timberland that the Idaho Department of Lands is particularly adept in managing to maximize public education funding.

The Preserve McCall plan includes important equity components, with community input in permissible but limited development, addition of community services and the opportunity to provide workforce housing. This is a vastly better approach than some of the development I have seen here in Oregon. Opposing all development is simply unrealistic. By preserving the majority of state land around McCall for public use, the Preserve McCall plan prevents uncontrolled development, and it promotes community focused economic and use benefits in a way that deserves local and state support.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands to recommend the Preserve McCall plan, and the Idaho Land Board to adopt it. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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From: Patrick Kurdy <ptkurdy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserve Idaho

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Land Board Members,

I believe that the proposal in question is worth looking at. The land board decided to get out of cabin leases to simplify and earn returns for education. This may also make economic sense adding marketable timberland. Added development is inevitable in the McCall area. It seems that the impact of this trade would not make a large impact on the region.

Patrick Kurdy
President, Idaho Jazz Education Endowment

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Comments

From: Diana Fields at dianacfields@gmail.com
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Comment:

I strongly urge the IDLB to impose a one-year moratorium on any land swaps/development to conduct long term studies on wildlife, watershed and other environmental and community impacts from development. The wholesale proposal by Trident is irreversible and short-sighted. The process should not be dictated by Trident; the board has a long-standing fiduciary duty to all Idahoans to take the time to study the future of a precious resource. Please reject the Trident proposal.

From: Julie Manning <j4manning@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: Letter for the Land Board
Attachments: 12_15_20 Land Board Comments.pdf

Categories: Comments

Renee,

Attached is a letter to the Land Board regarding Item #7 on the Final Agenda for the Land Board meeting to be held tomorrow, December 15, 2020.

Could you please insert this letter into the record for the meeting?

Thank you, and please feel free to contact me by email or telephone with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,
Julie Manning
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Dear Governor and Commissioners:

This letter regards Item #7 on the Final Agenda for the December 15, 2020 Land Board meeting and the draft Payette Endowment Lands Strategy to be presented at that meeting ("Lands Strategy").

When looking at the Lands Strategy plan what stands out to us is not the questions it answers, but rather two questions, in particular, that it does not address. Foremost among the missing issues is that there is no mention of the importance of the protection of the health of the ecosystem, the watershed, or the lake, not only to the ultimate value of the "assets" themselves but to the life of our community. The degradation of that ecosystem-- whether through overdevelopment, misguided land use planning, or management practices that do not take into account the realities of the 21st century- would result in an irredeemable loss for all of us, the community, the land, our school system, and the beneficiaries. All the lands in the McCall area would be greatly reduced in value if the lake were to become degraded. Therefore, it is essential to protect Payette Lake and its watershed, and this should be a foundation of the "Lands Strategy".

Secondly, we are confused by the many references to needing more cooperation with local entities regarding transition plans without offering a mechanism to facilitate this. We are concerned with ensuring that the IDL's suggested "facilitated discussions with stakeholders to establish coordination and cooperation" as outlined in strategies for Tier I and Tier II should be a sincere, long-term effort to engage the community in decisions that ultimately affect their lives, drinking water, economy, and the health of their ecosystems.

The Lands Strategy plan says that IDL would like to work "with stakeholders to establish coordination and cooperation within constitutional limitations and mandates" and "to review proposed strategies and garner feedback". To

accomplish this, PELA proposes that an advisory committee should be established that is comprised of IDL staff and stakeholders.

An advisory committee would enhance planning and management in four material ways:

1. **Minimize conflict:** The state endowment trusts benefit when conflict is minimized by involving local communities in the planning and management decisions of neighboring endowment lands.
2. **Add value to endowment lands:** High-quality land use planning adds value to trust assets and provides some predictability and stabilization for future planning.
3. **Consider impacts:** A committee could devise ways to provide value and revenues to endowment beneficiaries with consideration of community impacts.
4. **Recognize additional values:** Recreation, conservation, and other non-development values on endowment lands would significantly enhance property values, thereby increasing the tax revenues available for school districts and local economies.

The proposed Payette Lands Strategy Advisory Committee would be well served by including participation from the City of McCall, Valley County, large adjacent landowners such as the state park system and Payette National Forest, the sewer district (PLRWSD), Big Payette Water Quality Council, and local conservation groups to weigh in on the endowment lands located within their community. By including these affected community stakeholders in the planning stages, an advisory committee for the McCall area would minimize conflict and yield a robust plan that could garner wide acceptance and offer the needed protection to our watershed.

In sum, PELA advocates amending the Lands Strategy plan so that it rests on two foundational bases: (1) the paramount importance of Payette Lake as a basis for planning and managing the endowment lands in the McCall area and (2) the formation and implementation of an advisory group to support and cooperate with the IDL's planning, and we respectfully request that the Land Board direct the IDL to establish this Payette Lands Strategy Advisory Committee.

Yours truly,

PAYETTE ENDOWMENT LANDS ALLIANCE
Debbie Fereday, President

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Zip Code: 83638

Comment:
Comments to Idaho Land Board
Re: Trident Holdings Proposed Land Exchange
December 14, 2020

Honorable Land Commissioners:

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed Trident Holdings land exchange that would affect Idaho Endowment Lands in the McCall area. These lands are a critical part of McCall's and Valley County's identity. The Endowment Lands and their inherent natural resources are a large part of what makes this special area "home" to us residents and attractive to visitors. In addition to their ability to generate value directly to Idaho's public school system and other trust beneficiaries, they have greater, more extensive, long-term value to Idaho in the forms of ecological health, maintenance of watershed functions, protection of water quality, and recreational opportunities. Specifically, Trident's proposed land exchange and development would permanently alter the McCall area environment and create many associated problems:

- It is environmentally and economically dangerous to put control of such a large portion of the McCall area in the hands of one private, profit-seeking entity.
- Lands held and managed for the benefit of the public should be managed by a public entity with the expertise and capacity to manage those lands and concomitant resources. That management agency should also be open to and have mechanisms to consider input from the public that is so benefited. In Idaho, that agency is the Idaho Department of Lands.
- In addition to the importance of the Endowment Lands, Payette Lake is central to the ecology of the region, and Idaho holds the Lake and all waters in trust for the benefit of the public. Endowment Land along the eastern shore of Payette Lake constitutes the only undeveloped portion of the shoreline remaining. Trident proposes to develop this land. To protect the Lake from further degradation, this undeveloped land should not be developed but held in perpetuity as a Natural buffer for the Lake.
- Trident's proposal 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. This Plan must be considered and guide any proposed development for the area.
- The biodiversity, wildlife habitat, and water quality inherent in the Endowment Lands would be significantly and permanently impacted by Trident's private development and by development of expanded "park" facilities as envisioned in Trident's proposal.
- Recreational opportunities, including hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, and others would also be significantly, adversely impacted by the private development proposed by Trident.

This proposal is also dangerous as it could set a precedent for exchanging or selling other Endowment Lands. This does not bode well for long-term maintenance of the endowment funding, the ecological integrity, or outdoor recreational opportunities for Idaho and her citizens. There is no need to rush into accepting this proposal and making such far-reaching, permanent changes without serious study and consideration of public input. Please do NOT exchange our Endowment Lands!

Sincerely,

Mike Wissenbach
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From: pam krueger <plkmusic@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Preserving McCall
Attachments: Letter to ILB.pdf

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I have also attached a signed formal version. Thank you for taking the time to consider this.

Dear Board members:

We are writing in support of Preserve McCall. We have lived in Idaho since 1997 and are active members of the Boise community. We frequently vacation in McCall with our immediately family and often with our extended family from out of state. McCall is one of our favorite places and the one place we have established some of the best family memories and traditions. Skiing in the winter, water sports in the summer, biking in the spring and summer are all possible because of the abundance of nature and the charming town. We hope that McCall may be preserved as such and therefore ask you to consider adopting the recommendations of Preserve McCall as a solution to the issues facing Idaho's endowment lands.

It would be detrimental to the city of McCall and it's natural and beautiful outlying recreation areas if uncontrolled development were to happen. Developers from outside with the intent on making profits and no interest in preserving the amenities of the McCall area or in protecting the recreational interests of Idahoans would destroy the area as we know it. Preserve Idaho is a comprehensive plan to protect McCall and it's surrounding public lands while still offering economic benefits to fulfill the Idaho Land Board's obligation to maximize revenue in supporting public education.

Please consider the Preserve McCall plan. <https://preservemccall.com/>

Sincerely,

Brian and Pam Krueger

*Pam Krueger
Director of Music Ministry
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church
Boise, Idaho*

Brian and Pam Krueger

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Date: December 13, 2020

Idaho Land Board Members

Dear Board members:

We are writing in support of Preserve McCall. We have lived in Idaho since 1997 and are active members of the Boise community. We frequently vacation in McCall with our immediately family and often with our extended family from out of state. McCall is one of our favorite places and the one place we have established some of the best family memories and traditions. Skiing in the winter, water sports in the summer, biking in the spring and summer are all possible because of the abundance of nature and the charming town. We hope that McCall may be preserved as such and therefore ask you to consider adopting the recommendations of Preserve McCall as a solution to the issues facing Idaho's endowment lands.

It would be detrimental to the city of McCall and it's natural and beautiful outlying recreation areas if uncontrolled development were to happen. Developers from outside with the intent on making profits and no interest in preserving the amenities of the McCall area or in protecting the recreational interests of Idahoans would destroy the area as we know it. Preserve Idaho is a comprehensive plan to protect McCall and it's surrounding public lands while still offering economic benefits to fulfill the Idaho Land Board's obligation to maximize revenue in supporting public education.

Please consider the Preserve McCall plan. <https://preservemccall.com/>

Sincerely,

Brian and Pam Krueger

Handwritten signatures of Pam Krueger and Brian Krueger. Pam's signature is in cursive and appears to be 'Pam Krueger'. Brian's signature is also in cursive and appears to be 'Brian Krueger'.

From: Michelle Williams <michellebutler1645@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 9:57 PM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall Land Exchange

Categories: Comments

Dear Sirs and Madam,

My family lives here in Boise and we frequent the lands surrounding Payette Lake. Having a cabin in the region, McCall holds a very special place in our hearts. I know it does for all of you as well. I have been quietly watching the controversy in regards to the endowment lands and after reviewing the proposal presented by Preserve McCall as well as the comments in opposition and their concerns, I believe that Preserve McCall's plan is the right choice. As you are well aware, the endowment lands are not generating the revenue that it could and I believe that Preserve McCall's proposal strikes the right and best balance for those who love McCall but also for the beneficiaries who rely on the revenue produced by the endowment lands – such as the public schools and the universities in our state. I love Idaho. I want my son to not only enjoy the beauty of McCall as he grows up, but to also have the best education without being a victim of lack of funding. I urge you to shut out the noise, and adopt the proposal and what is best for the future generations of Idaho.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Butler

From: Ryan Montoya
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: FW: December Land Board Meeting/McCall Plan

Categories: Comments

[Another comment.](#)

From: Bruce Smith <bms2650@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Ryan Montoya <rmontoya@idl.idaho.gov>; Dustin Miller <dmiller@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Re: December Land Board Meeting/McCall Plan

I would also suggest being careful with advice from real estate brokers. They make money off of sales.

On Tue, Dec 15, 2020 at 11:49 AM Bruce Smith <bms2650@gmail.com> wrote:

You both did a pretty good job dealing with questions but you were still left swinging in the wind. So I guess you are entitled to some empathy and a little slack in the rope. Not sure if you are even allowed to solicit input as the plan suggested so LB staff will now show up on your doorstep and you will get the "feedback at any time" you both elicited.

Let me offer one suggestion-- Ryan kept referring to our "obligation to maximize revenue." That is incorrect. That is why the strategy as currently drafted is a problem--focusing on revenue "gaps". By a focus on short term value and revenue you are digging yourselves a hole you can't get out of. The obligation is to maximum "returns". There is a significant difference between returns and revenue. (There is a PAG paper on this.) That is why you can justify a longer term strategy (in response to Brandon's question)-- because land values will go up. You enhance returns by a longer term strategy instead of maximizing short term revenue. That is what the governor does on his private land. That is also why handling of my glamping proposal was so wrong-- I focused on returns, not revenue. I still want my lease because it is good for the endowment. I am ready to compromise but not give up. You have a problem with your legal advice but I can't do anything about that. Best of luck. Bruce

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Comments

From: Jane Wallace at janers.wallace@gmail.com
Phone: 828-779-4336
Address: 5412 W Kootenai St
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83705

Comment:

Please don't sell off public waterfront land to private developers. The public land of the western US is precious and unique. If you want to see what privatized lakefronts are like, go to the Southeast, where only the rich get to enjoy the lakes, which are surrounded with mansions and multiple piers. We don't want that in Idaho.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Comments

From: Christopher Church at christopherchurch@msn.com
Phone: 2089544105
Address: 12 Buckskin Dr.
City: Donnelly
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83615

Comment:

Please look at other ways to utilize our endowment lands, other than selling or trading them to developers. McCall is already overcrowded with it being almost impossible to turn left on any given summer day. The traffic is so bad you just have to give up and turn right and drive around the block. Our cell phones and internet are really slow due to all the tourists as is. And additional development will only make matters worse. Please work to protect our town by considering other options for income from these lands. Special Use permits for recreating would be much better than additional homes or development. Look at what has happened the last few years with Wilkes brothers locking everyone out. That's what we will get if these lands go to developers. Say NO to any type of land grab here and keep it public please!

From: Ryan Montoya
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: FW: Land Area Total

Categories: Comments

Renee,
Here is another comment.
Thanks,
Ryan

From: Jeffrey Mousseau <JeffreyMousseau@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Ryan Montoya <rmontoya@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Land Area Total

Hi Ryan. I'm Jeff Mousseau, a resident of McCall. I have been involved in the endowment lands trade issue since July. I organized the rally in McCall this summer, am responsible for a lot of the OPPOSE signs, am the writer for "Maggie the Moose" and am currently a volunteer with PELA. I appreciate the briefing you gave on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy to the Land Board yesterday. I support the disciplined approach that you and IDL have outlined complimented by stakeholder involvement for both planning and execution. There are good solutions available that can close revenue gaps without sale or trade.

One thing you may want to correct in the document is the an inconsistency in the total acreage of the parcel areas. When I add up the acres parcel by parcel I get a total of 5,425.98 acres. In numerous places in the strategy document it states a total of 5,478 acres. Not sure of the difference or if there is an error.

Thanks for your work. Jeff Mousseau

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Benn Brocksome <Benn@idahosportsmen.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: Fw: Preserve McCall Proposal
Attachments: Land Board_ Preserve McCall.pdf

Categories: Comments

Best,

Benn Brocksome
Executive Director
208.859.4428
idahosportsmen.org



From: Benn Brocksome <Benn@idahosportsmen.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 2:17 PM
To: governor@gov.idaho.gov <governor@gov.idaho.gov>; ldenney@sos.idaho.gov <ldenney@sos.idaho.gov>; AGWasden@ag.idaho.gov <AGWasden@ag.idaho.gov>; bwoolf@sco.idaho.gov <bwoolf@sco.idaho.gov>; sybarra@sde.idaho.gov <sybarra@sde.idaho.gov>; dmiller@idl.idaho.gov <dmiller@idl.idaho.gov>; rjacobesen@idl.idaho.gov <rjacobesen@idl.idaho.gov>
Cc: Carl <carl@idahosportsmen.org>; Brad <bradc@idahosportsmen.org>; David <david@idahosportsmen.org>; Ellary <Ellary@idahosportsmen.org>; Brad M <bradm@idahosportsmen.org>
Subject: Preserve McCall Proposal

Dear Land Board,

Attached please find a letter from Idaho Sportsmen pertaining to the Trident Holdings proposal for a land exchange near McCall. We hope to be a resource in finding a common-sense solution that works for all Idahoans.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or feedback.

Best,

Benn Brocksome
Executive Director

208.859.4428

Idahosportsmen.org





December 16, 2020

Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners
C/O Idaho Department of Lands
300 N. 6th St.
Boise, Idaho 83702

State Board of Land Commissioners,

At the November 17, 2020 Land Board meeting, Alec Williams of Trident Holdings presented a proposal for a large-scale land exchange called "Preserve McCall". Like many Idahoans we listened carefully to the presentation and were both cautious and curious about the ramifications of such a rare and large-scale proposal. After carefully listening to Mr. Ryan Montoya's comments, and the Board's discussions in the December 15, 2020 meeting pertaining to focus groups and stakeholder engagement, we are reaching out to you today to lend our collective voice and support as hopeful participants in this process.

We recognize the constitutional mandates associated with endowment lands. We trust that you as members of this important board will do what is best for the beneficiaries, as well as communities throughout Idaho and those that will be impacted by such a large decision. We also believe there could be impacts beyond the financial decisions of the Land Board including lasting social, recreational, wildlife habitat, and community impacts that will be the result of any action of this magnitude. We believe these and other impacts should be carefully considered throughout this process.

As sportsmen, we believe if the Land Board pursues a large land exchange with a private sector entity such as this, input from stakeholders such as Idaho Sportsmen would be beneficial to the process and outcomes. Tens of thousands of acres proposed in this concept could include a vast majority of land being placed in a state park, or a large conservation easement. We would appreciate the opportunity to participate in the conversation to ensure public access and continued opportunities for sporting and recreation are supported throughout this decision-making process.

We hope to be at the table as a part of these discussions and while we recognize the proper role of the Land Board, we also want to ensure your decisions promote the long-term good that comes from Idahoan's ability to access endowment land in perpetuity. We look forward to continuing conversations about this important issue and are happy to serve as a resource in consultation with Trident Holdings, Idaho Department of Lands and other agencies, groups, and individuals who have a vested interest in doing what's right for all Idahoans.

Thank you for your service to the state of Idaho, thank you for the opportunity to address this important issue and thank you for hearing the voice of Idaho Sportsmen.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BB", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Benn Brocksome
Executive Director – Idaho Sportsmen
208.859.4429
benn@idahosportsmen.org





Idaho Sportsmen

Established in 2020, Idaho Sportsmen was created to provide access and opportunity for Idaho sportsmen and sportswomen. With a professional and ethical approach, we exist to serve the State of Idaho's sporting public. We unite the men, women, and youth of Idaho who hunt, fish and trap, to protect and advance our shared heritage. In so doing, we remain in service to our members through education, recognition, shared goals, and with an emphasis on the personal and professional development of our members.

Our Board

Idaho Sportsmen is comprised of a fully volunteer board. Board members come from diverse backgrounds with expertise in natural resource management, wildlife and habitat policy, administration, and program management. Our Board serves with a shared vision to drive the organization forward and provide Access & Opportunity for all Idahoans now and in the future.

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| Secretary | David Hensley |
| Treasurer | Ellary Tucker Williams |
| Member At large | Brad Melton |

Please visit our [website](#) or contact Benn Brocksome at benn@idahosportsmen.org or 208.859.4428 for more information.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Comments

From: David Gallipoli at gallipolifish@gmail.com
Phone: 12033141377
Address: 200 Scott St
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

I was disappointed to hear the words from the land board debate. "I wonder whether we should even be concerned about what the City of McCall thinks" by Secretary of State Lawrence Denney. And Governor Little admitting, "local goals rarely align with the state's constitutional mandate to maximize long term profits from State land." So once again, our leaders will deny science, think only of money instead of a healthy ecosystem, and destroy the beauty that surrounds McCall. The archaic State Constitution is exempt from any environmental study, and the board doesn't care about climate impact and shrinking habitat for wildlife. McCall is concerned even if they are not, and the public sent a unanimous, No, to the land board. But, heck, we locals only live here, and if Trident gets their way, they will destroy the beauty and nature surrounding McCall. Considering how quickly we have destroyed so much land, whole ecosystems in less than two hundred years, let us get on with the destruction to maximize profits. How can we trust leaders who insult McCall's community, considering the goal of profits first instead of saving the environment? Leaders who are nothing more than boosters for Trident and Midas Gold. Governor Little, Secretary of State Lawrence Denney, Trident, and Midas remind me of individuals and company mindset of what Aldo Leopold wrote, "The Cro-Magnon who slew the last mammoth only thought of steaks. We need to fight to save nature and our city. What we need are new leaders and hopefully soon to be Secretary of Interior Rep Deb Haaland, who said today, "I will be fierce for all of us, our planet, and all of our protected land."

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Comments

From: Jim Darling at jdarling@q.com
Phone: 208 590-3603
Address: 2009 S. Powerline Rd.
City: Nampa
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83686

Comment:

The plan currently being considered fails all comprehension. Thousands and thousands of people from across Idaho travel to the McCall area for recreation. By trading these lands for timbered property in the north, you would be locking the majority of these people out of this recreation area. The little land that the developers say would be used for the public, could only be used by those with fat enough wallets to afford such an outing. Selling out to the big monied interests will be a black mark on the entire Lands Dept., if not the entire State of Idaho.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 5:05 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Comments

From: John Farmer at farmerjd28@msn.com
Phone: 4255995852
Address: PO BOX 2953
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

As a 3rd generation McCall vacationer and a 3 year resident, I feel that trident should be given serious consideration. I have listened to their proposal as well as the state land boards. If they need to provide more details and apply then wait to see what they have.

As long as what they say can be made binding at closing then I am all for Trident.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2020 4:25 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Comments

From: Amber Rowe at amberntimer_1@hotmail.com
Address: 411 Dienhard Ln, Ste F 216
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Hello. I've been an Idaho resident since 2015 and have enjoyed having access to public land around my home here in McCall. I'd like to see a conservation easement option developed with recreation and the conservation of PUBLIC lands in mind. It seems an extension to the moratorium would provide a more feasible timeline to allow everyone to have their say on this matter. I see no issue in this land generating revenue through a conservation easement but I do not support our Idaho public lands being pieced out to the highest bidders and made exclusive of the people who rely on the land for recreation and well being.

Thank you,
Amber Rowe
McCall Resident

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 8:16 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Comments

From: Laurie Rider at Laurie@marketspark.biz
Phone: 3072037733
Address: po box 4188
City: mccall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

I am writing to ask that you consider extending the moratorium on the transitional lands in the McCall area to allow time for the community and IDL to explore development of a conservation easement protocol. Such a protocol could allow for conservation easements to generate revenue for the Endowment and to allow for traditional uses, such as timber and grazing, keeping the land in the Endowment portfolio and allowing for continued revenue. The use of perpetual conservation easements can compensate the landowner for the development value and open economic possibilities in outdoor recreation and eco-tourism.

As a small business owner and 15-year resident of Idaho, I know that McCall's local economy depends on successful community and state management of outdoor recreation and eco-tourism on the lands surrounding McCall. This is not unlike many other rural towns in Idaho. While there is currently no IDL protocol for proposing projects with perpetual conservation easements to generate revenue for the Trust, there certainly could be. Developing such a protocol for McCall would set a workable precedent for other IDL endowment lands in similar situations (e.g., Stanley, Priest Lake). I have long watched with interest IDL's management of Endowment lands. I understand how hard the Department has worked to fulfill its constitutional mandate to generate revenue for its beneficiaries, while balancing the needs of the local communities and the natural resources of the land. It has never been an easy task and I appreciate the renewed focus and effort to develop a workable plan for the lands in the McCall area.

I believe that IDL, in conjunction with the McCall community and the Payette Land Trust, could work together to create a winning solution that could serve as a state-wide model for the future.

Respectfully,
Laurie Rider

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Comments

From: Jane and Steve Wurster at janestevewurster@gmail.com
Phone: 2086344433
Address: 861 Timber Ridge Ct
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638-5133

Comment:

We would first like to thank you for accepting comments about the McCall endowment land from the public. We understand this is not mandatory and greatly appreciate the opportunity to voice our thoughts. It appears to us that the time has come for the Idaho Land Board to re-evaluate the mandate given to Idaho's state lands. The current program of funding Idaho public schools, state hospitals and the other facilities with monies produced from state lands is not sustainable. Many other states fund schools and other institutions with tax dollars. As Idaho continues to grow and more demands are put on our state institutions a tax appears a viable option. State lands just can't produce enough revenue in the long run. The Payette Land Trust has proposed a conservation easement option to the State. It seems a conservation easement and a school tax would be long term solutions for the McCall area endowment lands and the state in general. The money from a conservation easement should be invested in stocks and bonds. The state would continue to hold title to the land thereby keeping this valuable asset. Most other states rely on school taxes more than unsustainable resource extraction. Idaho is now ripe for this option. As Idaho continues to grow our forest lands and open spaces become more of an asset to our state. These lands should not be over managed or sold off for private development. The state should hold onto the endowment lands, manage these lands in a sustainable manner and keep up with the times by updating the Idaho constitution to adjust to the increasing demands our state faces. The endowment lands are an important asset for the state of Idaho. If these lands are sold they are gone forever and the state is changed forever. Taxes and adjustments to the state constitution are necessary steps. Thank you for listening and considering our thoughts.

From: Dustin Miller
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: FW: Trident Holdings land swap proposal
Attachments: Comments to Land Board 12.11.20.docx

Categories: Comments

From: Pam Wissenbach <pamwissenbach@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 9:47 PM
To: Dustin Miller <dmiller@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Trident Holdings land swap proposal

Hello Dustin,

I tried to submit my comments via the website, but the format was a bit wonky, so I have attached my comments as a word document. I hope this doesn't cause confusion.

Thank you for getting my comments to Governor Little and the other Land Board members.

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Have a great day,

Pam Wissenbach

208.308.4755

December 11, 2020

Governor Little, and the members of the Idaho Land Board,

As a full time Valley County resident, I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed endowment land swap with Trident Holdings that consists of 28,000 acres in the McCall area for timber land in northern Idaho. There are so many issues that negatively impact McCall and the entire state of Idaho with this proposal.

I understand and support that you have been tasked with creating income from endowment lands for public education. However, trading this prime land that so many people come to enjoy from all over would be a huge mistake. I found it very interesting that page 3 of the Trident proposal outline had a quote from John Muir about wilderness; wilderness is the very thing Trident Holdings will destroy.

- Swapping for timber lands
 - Harvests will be between 20 to 80 years apart
 - Market for timber fluctuates
- Water quality is a huge concern
 - City of McCall's water is from Payette Lake
 - Erosion and pollutant runoff is an issue from development
 - The water quality downstream is a concern, all the way to the Snake River
- Wildlife habitat would be affected
 - Wildlife corridors would be interrupted
- McCall has an award winning comprehensive plan that was completed in 2018.
 - This plan has already mapped out growth in the area around McCall.
 - There are approximately 5500 acres that would be traded to Trident that are within the area of impact covered by the comprehensive plan
- Having single ownership of such a large, important tract of land is risky. What guarantees has Trident given about following their development plan?
 - Trident states that there would be public access through the land, but really never state that the public would have use of the land as they do now.
- There is a very small percentage of the Payette Lake shore that is undeveloped. Under Trident's plan, that small amount would be developed.
 - Again, this would affect wildlife movement and water quality of the lake.
- Trident's proposal would change the character of McCall
 - There are already multiple youth camps
 - McCall has a luxury hotel and spa
 - There would be residences where there are mountain bike trails in the Bear Basin area
 - There are so many iconic "McCall places" that would be traded in Trident's proposal
 - The out-of-doors is McCall's recreation center!
- Income could be generated other ways, think outside the box
 - Selling conservation licenses as is done in Montana.

- I know things will change, but Trident Holdings proposal is not good for Valley County or Idaho.
 - It is difficult to work with a company that plans to sue if it doesn't get what it wants.
- This proposal is dangerous as it could set a precedent for trading other endowment lands. Think about the future in long-term goals. With the amount of funds in the endowment at this time, there is no need to rush making changes without serious thought. Please **DON'T** do this trade!

Sincerely,

Pam Wissenbach

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Comments

From: Bill McCandless at idbillymac@icloud.com
Phone: 2086304243
Address: PO Box 2223
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

I appreciate the diligence and consideration of this very complex issue. Thank you very much in advance. I am in favor of conservation alternatives, such as: 1. A "Conservation Easement Option" to be developed. 2. Request extending the moratorium to allow for the time to develop protocols. 3. I agree that Conservation Easements are a way to generate revenue for the Endowment, as they are purchased at fair market value and that a properly developed model for McCall will benefit other communities across the State. Finally, I agree that Conservation Easements can be written to allow for traditional uses, such as timber and grazing. It would be wise keeping the land in the Endowment portfolio and allowing for continued revenue.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 10:56 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Comments

From: Sarah Curtin at scurtin@alumni.emory.edu
Phone: 2083153575
Address: 980 valley view lane
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

To the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board,

I am writing to ask that you consider extending the moratorium on the transitional lands in the McCall area to allow time to explore development of a conservation easement protocol. Such a protocol could allow for conservation easements to generate revenue for the Endowment and to allow for traditional uses, such as timber and grazing, keeping the land in the Endowment portfolio and allowing for continued revenue. The use of perpetual conservation easements can compensate the landowner for the development value and open economic possibilities in outdoor recreation and eco-tourism.

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I have long watched with interest IDL's management of Endowment lands. I understand how hard the Department has worked to fulfill its constitutional mandate to generate revenue for its beneficiaries, while balancing the needs of the local communities and the natural resources of the land. It has never been an easy task and I appreciate the renewed focus and effort to develop a workable plan for the lands in the McCall area.

I believe that IDL, in conjunction with the McCall community and the Payette Land Trust, could work together to create a winning solution that could serve as a state-wide model for the future.

Respectfully,
Sarah curtin

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 27, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

Categories: Comments

From: Elise Giddings at elise@alifelikewater.org
Phone: 2088913580
Address: 268 Moonridge Dr
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:
To the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board,

I am submitting this comment to you to request that you consider the development of a permanent Conservation Easement Protocol as a way to balance the many competing demands on Idaho State lands.

Idaho is changing and it needs policy-makers and policies that flex and adapt with the times and are not tied solely to what made sense decades ago. Our traditional and historical role as a resource provider has been widened to also be a provider of recreational opportunities. In the past year, more Idahoans than ever learned to appreciate the many and varied outdoor recreational opportunities our state has to offer, and the Idaho State lands should be a featured player in this benefit to its people. While others were trapped in cities across our nation with extremely limited places to go, we here in Idaho were still able to remain healthy in the great outdoors. What a great benefit to the many school children you are holding lands in trust for.

We need to think bigger and think different and adapt our policies to consider not just the monetary value of our trust lands but also the conservation values. With the Conservation Easement Option, the state can have both. Other states have used such measures and have shown it can be done. Easements can generate revenue for the Endowment and even continue to allow traditional uses such as timber or grazing for future revenue.

I strongly urge you to explore the development of such a protocol to see what it can do for both the state endowment and the people of Idaho, and the transitional lands around McCall are a great place to start. We have people here with the expertise, willingness and financial support via the Payette Land Trust to work on this issue and find a solution. With a proper amount of time, a well balanced and carefully crafted protocol could serve as a solution for these lands and as a model for other sticky situations which will be arising in the future.

Thank you for all the work you do to manage these lands and hold them in public hands.

Sincerely,
Elise Giddings

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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Categories: Comments

From: Ellen Ganz at mccallrealestate@gmail.com
Phone: 2086303917
Address: PO Box 388
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Dear Land Board,

Please do everything financially feasible to keep ownership of the state endowment land surrounding Payette Lake. The water quality of Idaho should be top priority. Please consider working with organizations such as the Payette Land Trust to protect this land in perpetuity, as future generations will depend on it.

Thank you,
Ellen Ganz

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Heather Scheel at heather@therivercompany.com
Phone: 2083153717
Address: PO BOX 270
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:
To Whom It May Concern:

It has recently come to my attention that Land Board lacks options and alternatives to the traditional sell or trade model for transitional land when you generate a funding gap due to development pressure. I'm writing to encourage you to consider other options, specifically a conservation easement option, that can be used to keep IDL land in the portfolio.

Conservation easements are not only a valuable way to generate revenue for the endowment, but they show forward thinking as they protect treasured landscapes for generations to come. Our family splits time between McCall, where our kids go to school, and Stanley, where we have a summer business. One only needs to drive through Stanley and the Sawtooth Basin to see the benefits of conservation easements. Because the easements can be written to allow for traditional uses, such as grazing, the beauty and integrity of the Sawtooth Basin remains intact. Our family is incredibly grateful for those people who had the forethought to place, or sell, their land into conservation easements.

Right now I'm asking you, the Land Board, to also think about future generations. The transitional lands around Payette Lake need to be protected for use by our children and grandchildren. Too much of the lake shore is privately held, and the special parcel currently held by the IDL, does NOT need to be sold to the highest bidder to be closed off and developed.

Now is the time to develop a conservation easement model. A properly developed model for McCall will benefit other communities across Idaho for years to come. In addition, I would ask that you extend the moratorium to allow for time to develop protocol for the conservation easement option.

Thanks for all you do for Idaho. You are appreciated!

Heather Scheel & David Denning

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Idaho Land Board
c/o Dustin Miller
Director Department of Lands
300 N. 6th St., Suite 103
Boise, ID 83702
Re. Payette Endowment Lands Strategy

December 31, 2020

Dear Mr. Miller,

My wife and I have a home at 978 Wagon Wheel Road in McCall. We have been coming to McCall for almost 30 years and like all visitors greatly enjoy the open space that surrounds McCall and Donnelly including the Endowment Lands. I have read the draft Payette Endowment Land Strategy draft which you have published. I appreciate the thoughtful approach you are taking to evaluating the timing and proper course of action on these diverse properties. As a homeowner, I was involved in the agreement between the Land Board and the Payette Lakes Cottage Site Owners Association several years ago. The outcome of that agreement was beneficial to all parties and the sale of cottage sites resulted in substantial additions to the IDL reserves. If we approach this current plan thoughtfully, I am confident we will arrive at strategies that will benefit the McCall community and fulfill the Land Board's obligation under the endowment rules.

The first step is to make a realistic assessment of the current revenue shortfall. Having been in the development business all my life, I am familiar with the economics of land development. As you become more familiar with the Tier 1 and Tier 2 properties it will become clear that the total estimated land value of \$53,000,000 is not supported by the market. Of that total, almost \$29,000,000 (54%) is represented by three properties I am familiar with, Parcel C (White Pine), Parcel F

(Shellworth Island), and Parcel M (Cougar Island). I have attached my comments on those at the end of this letter. Once a realistic value is determined, I believe you will find that the annual gap is substantially less than \$1.9 million which should relieve a good deal of the pressure felt by the Land Board.

There are a variety of approaches that can be tailored to each parcel that will satisfy the obligations of the Land Board, meet the objectives of the local community, and conserve the beauty of the McCall region. These approaches should include the sale of conservation easements, locally funded transfers to Idaho State Parks, land exchanges and sales. These will take time and will require that the local community provide the right kind of leadership to engage with you. My previous experience with the Land Board leads me to be optimistic that a solution can be found for each of these parcels.

The increase in values in the McCall Community has greatly benefitted the Endowment. Poor or hasty decision-making at this point would jeopardize both the community and the reputation of the Land Board. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on your plan and look forward to following the progress.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ronald C. Nahas', is written over the printed name.

Ronald C. Nahas

rnahas@rafnah.com

Enclosed Attachment

Comments on the Estimated Values
of Parcels M, F and C

Parcels M and F: Cougar Island is listed as a Tier 1 Parcel. On page 8 Tier 1 parcels are described as lands that *"have features necessary for facilitation of transitions to higher and better uses, such as on-site utilities, road frontage, platted, annexed within city limits, and within sewer and water capacities."* Other than a rough plat that has been filed, Cougar Island has none of these attributes. As the report points out it has no water or sewer. It has no power other than that which can be generated with solar panels and no access other than by boat when the lake is not frozen. Many months it will have no access at all. Building materials would have to be transported to the island by boat as would the workers. The only quality building site and safe landing spot is already subject to an existing lease. It would be extremely difficult to finance improvements on the island and yet it is valued in the report at \$4.75mm, a number similar to the value of lakefront on the shoreline accessed by existing roads year around and with utilities available.

The same comments apply to Shellworth Island. For many years I had a home at Tamarack Bay. The existing leasehold cabin on the island was rarely used. Since it appears from the plan that the one current homesite on each of these islands is still leased by the IDL my recommendation would be to first auction off those homesites to assess the market value before considering any disposition of the remaining land. The visual impact of houses in these locations along with the solar panels necessary to power them would be a shock to the community and do irreparable harm to the reputation of the Land Board. Once a realistic value has been placed on them, funds should

be raised to transfer them to the State Parks Department or local land trust..

Parcel C: White Pine has a current estimated value of \$21,750,000, almost \$400,000 per acre. Current lot sales in the Pilgrim Cove area average around \$100,000 per lot. It simply is not possible that raw land without private lake access would have a residual value prior to any development or fees of \$145,000 per lot. The carrying cost on a \$21,000,000 acquisition price even at today's low interest rates would be over \$1,000,000 per year. A thoughtful analysis of the cost of roads, water, sewer, power, fire protection, carrying cost, marketing cost, and developer profit will yield a residual value that is a small fraction of the estimated value placed on this property.

From: Dale Peterson <dalepeterson15@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 1, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Neil Crescenti
Subject: Idaho Land Board | Payette Area Endowment Lands

My name is Dale Peterson and I am from the McCall area. I am fifth generation from McCall, so as you can imagine I have a lot of family history here in Idaho. In fact, I was named after my great-grandfather Dale Fortin, who ran the logging operation that supported the mill in McCall that started the economy there. My grandfather was the commissioner that was responsible for paving the streets in McCall.

I was lucky to have grown up with him in my childhood. I spend the majority of my time with my great-grandparents, in their home on Lake Street, watching the birds and wildlife. I learned a lot about nature, and a lot about what was really important in life by listening to the stories of my great-grandparents and observing the nature around us.

I am concerned about the future of the Payette Area Endowment Lands, and I respectfully request that the Land Board task the Department of Lands with establishing a Local Government and Stakeholder Advisory Group to help with charting the future of these critical Endowment Lands in the vicinity of Payette Lake. I ask for the inclusion of McCall and Valley County elected officials and stakeholder groups including Payette Endowment Land Alliance, Idaho Wildlife Federation, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Idaho Conservation League, Big Payette Water Quality Council, Brundage Mountain, and local homeowners associations.

I am concerned that we will lose the community of McCall and the ecology of the wildlife that supports it. I am concerned that we will be selling this land to individuals that don't have any respect for nature, or understand just how sacred a place Idaho really is. This decision is one that will have a lasting impact, and I am concerned that my elected officials don't have the best interests of the local community, or of our land, in mind.

I recently graduated from Boise State University and I am working on moving back home to the McCall area. In the last five years I have seen the growth in Boise and in the rest of the state. I want to be the first to acknowledge that I believe that change is inevitable. I am happy to see McCall grow and evolve, but it is our responsibility to protect the earth around us and to be mindful of our impact.

Thank you,

Dale Peterson

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Comments
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From: Matthew Dickinson at mddickinson14@gmail.com
Phone: 2089397887
Address: 101 E Mallard drive
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83706

Comment:

A "Conservation Easement Option" is the best solution in my opinion but the moratorium should be extended to allow for the time to develop protocol. Conservation Easements are a great way to generate revenue for the Endowment, as they are purchased at fair market value. A properly developed model for McCall will benefit other communities across the State. Conservation Easements can be written to allow for traditional uses, such as timber and grazing. Keeping the land in the Endowment portfolio and allowing for continued revenue.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Lynn Wood at lynnwood896@gmail.com
Phone: 2084018075
Address: POB 393
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:
January 5, 2021

RE: Proposal for McCall Endowment Lands

I have some questions and comments regarding the State Land Board's plans for development at Deinhard 80 Mixed Use, and at White Pine Heights Phased Subdivisions.

1. Traffic Lights: given the additional population that would be on our roads, I request the State install traffic lights to help mitigate back-ups, specifically;
 - a. Deinhard and Hwy 55 running east-west. A left hand turn signal should be added to the existing traffic light.
 - b. 3rd Street and Railroad Avenue (which needs a traffic light today!)
 - c. Boydston and West Lake.
 - d. Davis and Lick Creek or Spring Mt. Blvd and Lick Creek.
2. Sidewalks/Pathways: I request the State build sidewalks in two locations;
 - a. On 3rd St/Hwy 55 , from Deinhard, running north into town, connecting up with the current sidewalk in town (at or around Colorado St.)
 - b. Build a sidewalk along Railroad Ave. until it intersects with 3rd St. (This would be a continuation of the pathway along Wooley.)
3. Sewer District: My understanding is that McCall's current sewer treatment plant is near or at capacity. I request the State build additional sewer treatment infrastructure to accommodate the additional homes.
4. Schools: Has the State investigated whether McCall-Donnelly High School, Payette Lakes Middle School, and Barbara Morgan Elementary School have the capacity to add a significant number of additional students? I request the State build additional school buildings necessary to accommodate an influx of students.
5. Low Income Housing: I request that the State set aside a percentage of lands being considered for development, for low income housing.
6. Fire/Police: Does McCall have the capacity within our existing fire and police departments, to serve the additional number of homes expected to be built? I request the State build additional police and/or fire stations if necessary.
7. Parking Garage: It can already be difficult finding parking available downtown. With all the addition of new homes, I request the State build a 2 or 3 story parking garage downtown.

8. Reliable Internet: Will the addition of all the new homes reduce the reliability of our current internet service? I request the state build additional internet infrastructure so that residents will not be impacted.

Thank-you for your consideration,
Lynn Wood
McCall

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 8:42 PM
To: Comments
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From: Don Fitzwarer at don.fitzwater@gmail.com
Phone: 4257709697
Address: 958 Conifer Lane
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:
To whom it may concern,

It's appreciated the Land Board is considering public comments about the PELS, Payette Endowment Land Strategy, thank you.

This "Big Hairy Piece of Land" has been open land forever, it has created priceless memories for generations embellishing the feeling of true freedom and being adjacent to McCall make is like no place on earth, some might even call it a vortex. I am fourth generation to the area, my great grandfather Elwin Fitzwater was one of the first to settle here, raising my grandfather William who then raised my father Don who became fire chief of McCall and served for 20 years before passing in 1986. There were stories of why our family bought land just off the shores Payette Lake near Davis Beach, not because they didn't want to be on the water, but rather away from the harsh winter winds. It was understood the lake shore was to be shared and used by everyone. That changed, strategies changed, and Land that was one leased was sold and became private. The land access is disappearing and will continue to do so of sold, traded or otherwise.

There are still some places like Davis Beach, and Ponderosa Park that have been preserved and why the land board should step back and evaluate long term 50-100 years or more for the land in questions.

Naturally this is difficult position for the land board to have to make a decision to "do something" with this land in order to meet the constitutional mandate. Obviously, there is financial interest from Trident and others to take this land off the boards hand which could make thing easier, or maybe not. Typically, a venture capital firm like Trident has similar mandates like the Land Board to maximize their return but much more aggressive, like double and triple the investment. If the land board decides to "trade" the land it would be foolish, they are basically offering pennies on the dollar. If the strategy is to sell the land, you'll be way better off financially selling with a muliti decade approach, at least then you won't be taken advantage of.

Selfishly I would love to see this land stay open forever and not change. Realistically that will never happen but there could be a better approach.

Please consider slowing the land sales of the McCall area endowment lands and offset the mandate by introducing a regional use fee.

Washington state has a Discovery Pass that costs users \$35 annually. To match what Trident or others have proposed the value of the Payette Lake Endowment Land "trade" it would only take 65,000 passes @ \$35 per year from hikers, snowmobilers, fisherman, bikers, hunters, etc. This would generate revenue for generations to meet the constitutional mandate. Estimations of sales could easily surpass 100,000 or more that visit the area to offset managing the program

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 6:32 PM
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Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Anne Herndon at aherndon9@aim.com
Phone: 208-377-8767
Address: 998 Spruce Way
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

I support development of a Conservation Easement for the Payette Endowment Lands.

The Land Board members and Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) staff should work together with the Payette Land Trust to create a model for conservation groups across the State to work with the Land Board on proposals to conserve valuable natural landscapes, provide revenue to the Endowment and keep land in the IDL portfolio.

The moratorium needs to be extended to allow time to develop protocol for a Conservation Easement Option. A properly developed model for McCall will benefit other communities across the State.

A Conservation Easement will generate revenue for the Endowment, because such easements are purchased at fair market value.

A Conservation Easement can be written to allow for traditional uses, such as timber and grazing. Such an easement will keep the land in the Endowment portfolio and allow for continued revenue.

From: Ryan Montoya
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 9:09 AM
To: Renee Jacobsen
Subject: FW: Public Trust considerations and PELS (and wildlife)

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From: Jonathan Oppenheimer <joppenheimer@idahoconservation.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 09, 2021 7:13 AM
To: Andrew Smyth <asmith@idl.idaho.gov>; Ryan Montoya <rmontoya@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Public Trust considerations and PELS (and wildlife)

Dear Andrew and Ryan-

I'm writing to respectfully request that you work together with IDL Leadership, along with the Land Board, to reconsider the relevance of Public Trust responsibilities associated with the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy.

From ICL's perspective, the Public Trust Doctrine and Public Trust responsibilities are, much like the fiduciary responsibility, constitutionally obligated and protected by the Idaho Land Board. Further, we feel Public Trust responsibilities are directly relevant to the consideration of land disposal and management surrounding Payette Lake. From our perspective, this includes lakeface drainages, the inflowing North Fork Payette River and its tributaries, Cougar and Shellworth Islands, as well as Payette Lake itself. Even if the bed of the lake itself is not being considered for disposal, lands that access it may be. And since, one of the elements of Public Trust protection is public access, and if IDL lands that currently abut the high water mark provide that access, we feel that there should be due consideration, deliberation and disclosure.

Please let me know if you are available to discuss this issue further, or who you'd suggest ICL talk to about these concerns?

Finally, Ryan, from our conversation, I can't remember whether you said anyone from IDFG might be involved in the Focus Group, or to be available as a resource. Since Public Trust responsibilities also relate to angling and due to the importance of these lands for fish and wildlife habitat, we encourage IDL to include IDFG, at least in an advisory capacity. As above, let me know if we can discuss further next week?

Thanks to you both and ICL looks forward to working with you and others at IDL in the coming year on these and other important issues,
Jonathan

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Jonathan Oppenheimer
External Relations Director
he/him ([what's this?](#))

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From: Nicole Amundsen <nicky@nicoleamundsen.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 12:11 PM
To: governor@gov.idaho.gov; bwoolf@sco.idaho.gov; ldenney@sos.idaho.gov; sybarra@sde.idaho.gov; lawrence.wasden@ag.idaho.gov; Dustin Miller; Ryan Montoya; Comments; Neil Crescenti; Scott Corkill; Scott Phillips
Subject: McCall Endowment Lands

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Thank you for your representation and protection of Idaho and Idaho lands.

Please see through this smokescreen and violation of Idaho Endowment Lands policy that **Trident Holdings** is trying to bypass by this ludicrous land swap that is really a land grab. The lands policy is not meant to be manipulated and engineered for the profit of one company, that is their primary intent. It is up to you to not allow this to pass. Trident Holdings is trying to nuzzle up to you and other Idaho leaders so they can lay claim to high-end, extremely profitable real estate and are trying to push for this swap of timber land as something that benefits Idaho. What benefits Idaho is the protection of its precious natural resource and recreation area, Payette Lake, and holding to the policy on not transferring a swath of lands to one company for its benefit. Trident seeks to capitalize on SUPER profitable real estate for their gain and not the gain of Idaho or its constituents. As an owner of a beautiful Payette Lake front property on Payette Drive, we are strong supporters of the McCall community, of Idaho and for the protection of this land and its importance in watershed protections for this pristine lake and nature wonder, and for the rightful use of this land, not as some land grab for one company's profit.

You are the guardians of Idaho, I urge you to act in Idaho's best interest and not the interests of hedge fund profiteers seeking to pry monetary benefit from Idaho and not deliver the "preservation" and "conservation" that they try to pretend they are offering. This is all buzzwords and no truth. Please stop this effort and uphold your high elected office by protecting Idaho lands and using these lands as they were intended.

Thank you,

Nicole Amundsen
2238 Payette Drive
McCall, ID 83638
919-593-4501

From: Lana Weber <Lana.Weber.93121374@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Lake and Idaho's public lands are worth protecting

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy.

This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me, and my children. We ski at Brundage, play in the lake, ride bikes at Bear Basin. Our home sits near Jug Mountain, a place near and dear to all of our hearts.

I want to encourage The Idaho Department of Lands to carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands.

Although I know that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue (with two children who grew up in the Idaho public school system, I understand the importance of funding) however, this should not mandate the disposal of these lands.

Please work with partners and the community to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future communications.

Regards,
Lana Weber
1017 E Jefferson St
Boise, ID 83712

From: Randy Fox <Randy.Fox.91156927@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 5:04 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions.

I urge IDL and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. The IDL and Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Finally, I am concerned that mandating land disposal around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres across the state.

McCall relies on Payette Lake as its primary water source, and the endowment lands provide the necessary ecosystem, biodiversity, and buffer zones to help protect the health of the watershed. Commercial and residential development maintains the potential to harm these resources and I encourage the Land Board to find alternatives to selling or otherwise disposing of state endowment and trust lands in the McCall area.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Randy Fox
3906 W Dorian St
Boise, ID 83705

From: Misty Benson <Misty.Benson.393950542@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 7:29 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy.

Please protect our wilds in the Payette and McCall area. Once we sell off and develop these lands, there is no going back. Idaho is a great place to be because of its land. Where there is an alternative it should be used.

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Regards,
Misty Benson
1413 N Liberty St
Boise, ID 83704

From: Bryan Passmore <Bryan.Passmore.402679336@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:46 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

John Steinbeck wrote, "I wonder why progress looks so much like destruction." I would guess that we are only able to see "progress" by destroying what is. The trees that are in the way of where my house should go, the lakes that need more boaters on them, and the rivers to carry my runoff. "Progress" should also include proper appreciation of undisturbed spaces, which are increasingly in need as we pave and develop our remaining open places.

I understand that there is no free lunch and that people need a place to live but I would encourage you to consider the cost of the meal. Idaho has great potential and one of those potentialities is to be another strip of concrete littered with subdivisions. I can't imagine the inertia to go in that direction since most everyone else is but I pray you take the time and courage to consider the long-term impact of this so-called progress.

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Regards,
Bryan Passmore
4503 W Irving St
Boise, ID 83706

From: Lorelle Rau <Lorelle.Rau.206137407@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 6:00 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is a special place due to its breathtaking scenery and numerous outdoor recreational opportunities.

I believe the Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off Idaho's Endowment Lands. A management strategy, along with coordinated conservation easements can protect these public assets, protect water quality in the lake, and can help meet the state's obligation to endowment beneficiaries over the long-term.

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Regards,
Lorelle Rau
3519 Rose Hill St
Boise, ID 83705

From: Daniel Sherrard <Daniel.Sherrard.345507312@p2a.co>
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Thanks for the chance to comment on the possible sale of public lands in the community of McCall and the Payette Lake region. I live in Bonner County, but as a citizen of Idaho and someone who very much appreciates the opportunity for enjoying the beauty of that region, its conservation is of great concern to me.

I would urge the IDL to very carefully consider alternatives to selling off Idaho's Endowment Lands. A management strategy, along with coordinated conservation easements can protect these public assets, protect water quality in the lake, and can help meet the state's obligation to endowment beneficiaries over the long-term.

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Regards,
Daniel Sherrard
223 Mahonia Rd
Sagle, ID 83860

From: Ruth Garcia <Ruth.Garcia.281619111@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 6:22 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Ruth Garcia
2619 S Greenwood Cir
Boise, ID 83706

From: Barclay Hauber <Barclay.Hauber.46554123@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 6:22 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Regards,
Barclay Hauber
160 Old Pollock Rd
Pollock, ID 83547

From: Ron Crumpby <Ron.Crumpby.339814741@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 7:10 PM
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Brad Little and only Brad Little currently has access to 1 billion dollars of tax payer monies and refuses to allow anyone access to that money. That would be the best alternative that selling the tax payers land

Regards,
Ron Crumpby
1 N 11th St
Payette, ID 83661

From: Richard Skinner <Richard.Skinner.324571639@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 8:46 PM
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Richard Skinner
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Boise, ID 83712

From: Kenya Fletcher <Kenya.Fletcher.312292713@p2a.co>
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Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Kenya Fletcher
9540 W Pebblestream Dr
Boise, ID 83709

From: Rachel Arndt <Rachel.Arndt.364409653@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 9:31 PM
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Regards,
Rachel Arndt
1005 Ridge Rd
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Jose DeSousa <Jose.DeSousa.98754070@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 12:36 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Regards,
Jose DeSousa
1301 N 11th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Dawn Keur <Dawn.Keur.268244950@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 1:10 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is important to me.

I believe the Idaho Department of Lands should NOT sell off Idaho's Endowment Lands. A management strategy, along with coordinated conservation easements can protect these public assets, protect water quality in the lake, and can help meet the state's obligation to endowment beneficiaries over the long-term.

Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Dawn Keur
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Ponderay, ID 83852

From: Grahm Johnson <Grahm.Johnson.307062002@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 6:24 AM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Grahm Johnson
1545 Cooley St
Missoula, MT 59802

From: Todd Davis <Todd.Davis.65661763@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 6:53 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal of these lands. I would argue that while there would be short term gain in selling them off, the long term gain, which far outweighs that short gain, resides in their undeveloped state. It is this inherent state which brings a diverse range of people to the McCall area to pursue outdoor recreational activities. People who spend money on a wide range of goods and services and contribute to the tax base in an ongoing perpetual way.

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Regards,
Todd Davis
3855 Collister Dr
Boise, ID 83703

From: Mike Willett <Mike.Willett.409195462@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 8:14 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Please Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands.

I lived in Texas for two years serving in the USAF. It amazed me that there was little or no public; fishing, hunting, hiking, biking... Such a big state and you had to pay to hunt or fish most anywhere.

Please consider moving the properties to public use for benefit of all Idahoans and visitors. I feel this will benefit us all.

Thanks - Mike Willett

Regards,
Mike Willett
3916 E Immigrant Pass Dr
Boise, ID 83716

From: Jon Allen <Jon.Allen.409232938@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:03 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

As a property owner, which abuts the Endowment lands surrounding Payette Lake and that runs east of my property, I strongly encourage you to consider my concerns for the proposed transfer of the Endowment lands presented by Trident Holdings.

To ensure continued access and use by the general public, I would prefer the lands remain as Idaho Endowment lands.

That would provide the greatest commitment to their long-term protection for all Idahoan's benefit.

Payette Lake is a gem, and deserves to be preserved without limitations imposed by private enterprise along the eastern shoreline.

The sale of those lands can never be undone.

Carefully consider the perpetuity of the pristine nature of our endowment properties.

Respectfully yours,

Jon Allen

Regards,
Jon Allen
14076 Morell Rd
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Paul Cunningham <Paul.Cunningham.99168188@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:19 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. If these lands are so valuable to the private sector why would the state sell them in violation of its constitutional mandate maximize revenue?

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions. Work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Paul Cunningham
874 W Sandstone Ln
Boise, ID 83702

From: Alan Harper <Alan.Harper.133883383@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Alan Harper
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Rathdrum, ID 83858

From: Danette Phelan <Danette.Phelan.102780697@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Comments
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We have camped on Payette Lake and watched for moose in the marshy sections. We plan on seeing them next time we are there. It is a beautiful place not only for us but for the wildlife. Please preserve it.

Regards,
Danette Phelan
6213 S Survival Pl
Boise, ID 83716

From: Monique Evancic <Monique.Evancic.124209453@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 2:16 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this issue that is important to me.

Regards,
Monique Evancic
3207 W Bellomy Ln
Boise, ID 83703

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Comments
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From: Judy SECRIST at judyorbobsecrist@msn.com
Phone: 2083436973
Address: 119 E Old Saybrook Dr
City: BOISE
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83706

Comment:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. There is no doubt that the need to re-evaluate the return on IDL endowment lands dedicated to the support of public schools is needed. However, I think that adequate time for the public to process the need, and the plan, and to have the opportunity to develop possible alternatives to the plan is needed. This will be the first of several sites that will be re-evaluated. It is important that adequate time is allowed so that a fair and publicly supported process can be developed. Therefore I ask that the amount of time to consider this plan and allow for public meetings and input be extended.

It is my wish that the use of conservation easements be part of the plan. Conservation easements are highly supported by the public and will bring in fair market revenue to the state. If properly planned and placed conservation easements can actually increase the value of surrounding land. Conservation easements can also produce income for the state while continuing to be used in traditional ways such as grazing and timber.

Please allow extended time to allow the formation of creative ideas as to the best way to increase the return on the endowment lands.

Respectfully,
Judy L. Secrist

From: William Woodward <William.Woodward.82009191@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 4:05 PM
To: Comments
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Please consider carefully the long term potential of conserving and keeping all public lands the community property of all citizens. The only exception I might suggest is to trade an existing parcel of public land for a more desirable piece of private land to become part of the public lands inventory. Reasons could include species conservation and protection, better public access, and ecosystem health. Do not reduce the net number of acres under public lands administration. Just make the best use. Trade one parcel for another when it makes long term sense.

Regards,
William Woodward
2243 W Chateau Dr
Meridian, ID 83646

From: Craig Watts <Craig.Watts.281628968@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:59 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Crowding up the McCall / Payette Lake area with more humans is a bad idea. We need to reserve some habitat for the non-humans.

Let's be creative and protect the future of us all, and not always try to squeeze every short-term dollar out of the precious beauty we still have.

Regards,
Craig Watts
6931 E Greybull Dr
Boise, ID 83716

From: Scott Friedman <Scott.Friedman.101121266@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 10:44 AM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Scott Friedman
100 Sun Valley Rd
Sun Valley, ID 83353

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 6:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Edith Welty at ediewelty@gmail.com
Phone: 208-315-4339
Address: 939 Flynn Lane
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Dear Idaho Department of Lands,

Thank you for permitting public comment on the important issue of strategic planning for the 5500 acres of endowment land adjacent to Payette Lake and McCall. This lake and the surrounding endowment lands are a precious heritage that must be preserved for all generations to come. There are several citizens' organizations have been striving to assure that disposition of these lands is optimized to preserve the sanctity of the lake and land, while fulfilling the constitutional mandate. These organizations include the Payette Endowment Lands Alliance, Idaho Conservation League, Payette Land Trust, and others that have much citizen input and support and that would like to offer help to you, the IDL, as you develop and implement strategic plans. There is a fine balance between preserving this land and lake for their high value as natural resources, while fulfilling the Idaho constitutional mandate to maximize financial returns from them for the beneficiaries. Please put a moratorium on making decisions on these lands until the public has time to digest the PELS and provide input. Please incorporate citizen organizations as advisory groups your decision-making.

Payette Lake is not only a primary attraction for visitors from all over the world, but is also a critical watershed and primary drinking water source for the community. Any use of land close to the lake shore must be planned carefully to prevent contamination of the lake, while still attracting the visitors who contribute to the economy of McCall and Idaho. The surrounding lands must be preserved for their natural beauty and critical wildlife habitat by carefully limiting land lease and sale and allowing ongoing public access as much as possible. Conservation easements and expanding Ponderosa Park are two potential strategies for assuring that the maximum natural value of these lands and lake are upheld, while enabling timber harvesting, grazing, and other land uses that fulfill the Idaho constitutional mandate. Thank you for your consideration and your ongoing work.

Sincerely,
Edith Welty

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Kathy Schon at Khschon@gmail.com
Phone: 2083153452
Address: 902 valley rim rd
City: Mccall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:
Please see below my concerns:

The PELS only considers its own financial goals in its siloed analysis of individual parcels within this area and does not consider the domino effect of development.
The PELS is not protective of the public trust of Payette Lake.
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The PELS fails to consider the financial and environmental costs to any proposed transactions or major management decisions regarding endowment lands.
The PELS is limited by the interpretation of the Idaho constitutional language in Article IX Section 8 which is not fully aligned with current reality and public needs.
Desirable land is becoming scarce with growing populations. High-end development threatens to limit access to these lands and Payette Lake to only the wealthy.

Thank you
Kathy Schon

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

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Rod Dines

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:41 AM
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From: Cynthia Heiney at cheiney1@gmail.com
Phone: 7179915762
Address: 13643 Morris Ranch Road
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:58 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Alice Anderson at Aliceanderson@cableone.net
Phone: 2088902991
Address: 155 Morgan Dr
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Payette lake and it's surrounding land are an irreplaceable treasure for all the people of Idaho. I am concerned about various aspects of the PELS.

These concerns include:

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Desirable land is becoming scarce with growing populations. High-end development threatens to limit access to these lands and Payette Lake to only the wealthy

Payette land belongs to all Idahoans. Please do not enable selling it off to the highest bidder.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Charles Ross at lew_ross@sbcglobal.net
Phone: 2086344074
Address: PO Box 510
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

As only an eight year resident of Idaho, I was and am still perplexed at the whole endowment land system. What once made eminent sense (settlers arriving in covered wagons looking for a way to pay for schools), now seems completely illogical. Why must the only purpose of state owned lands be to support schools? We really ought to have something equivalent to the National Forest Management Act at the federal level: create a system of categorizing state lands according to their best use, whatever that might be. And then make land use decisions based on those criteria? Since the current system of a "sole and singular" purpose is enshrined in our Constitution the road ahead is complicated. But that is not a reason to devise a more nuanced approach to the management of state lands?

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:11 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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State: Idaho

Comment:

It is hard for me to express how completely objected I am to this proposal. It seems you are willing to trade lands that can and are being utilized for recreational opportunities and their aesthetic undeveloped beauty, and trading them for short term gain via development. It's my opinion that your proposal will benefit the state in the short term, but that it's long term effects will be a detriment to the area as a whole.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:01 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Edith Welty at ediewelty@gmail.com
Phone: 208-315-4339
Address: 939 Flynn Lane
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to manage State endowment lands as good stewards and protectors of these important natural resources, while still fulfilling the public trust for the beneficiaries.

I'm writing to you regarding the important issue of strategic planning for the 5500 acres of endowment land adjacent to Payette Lake and McCall, as well as for all the endowment lands in Valley County. The Payette lakes and the surrounding endowment lands are a precious heritage that must be preserved for all generations to come. There are several citizens' organizations striving to assure that disposition of these lands is optimized to preserve the ecosystem and natural beauty of the lake and land, while also fulfilling the Idaho constitutional mandate to maximize financial returns from them for the beneficiaries. These organizations include the Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council, the Payette Endowment Lands Alliance, Idaho Conservation League, Payette Land Trust, Idaho Wildlife Federation, and others that have much citizen input and support and that would like to participate as stakeholders and representatives of the citizens as an advisory group to the IDL, as IDL revises and implements their Payette Endowment Land Strategy (PELS). There is a fine balance between preserving this land and lake for their high value as natural resources, while still fulfilling the public trust to the beneficiaries.

Payette Lake is not only a primary attraction for visitors from all over the world, but is also a critical watershed and primary drinking water source for McCall. Any use of land close to the lake shore must be planned carefully to prevent contamination of the lake, while still attracting the visitors who contribute to the economy of McCall and Idaho. The surrounding lands must be preserved for their natural beauty and critical wildlife habitat by carefully limiting land sale and allowing ongoing low impact public access as much as possible. Given that McCall is growing and that the number of visitors has rapidly increased since onset of the COVID pandemic, it will be important to assure careful management of these lands to ensure that public access does not contaminate the lake, damage the surrounding land, or negatively impact wildlife.

Conservation easements and expanding Ponderosa Park are two potential strategies for assuring that the maximum natural value of these lands and lake are protected for their long-term value, as opposed to land sale for development or for wealthy individuals who will build large homes and make it more difficult for middle income families to buy land in this area. Quick sale has only a short-term value that will degrade the land and lakes and will limit land use to only the wealthy. Other strategies include continued judicious timber harvesting, grazing, and other land uses that fulfill the constitutional mandate, but minimize adverse impact.

I request IDL to please:

- 1) Extend the moratorium on making decisions on these lands until the public has time to digest the PELS and provide input,
- 2) Incorporate local stakeholder organizations as advisory groups in their decision-making,
- 3) Not sell parcels or large swaths of this land to wealthy developers or individuals who will likely block public access to the lakes and land and further exacerbate wealth inequality.
- 4) Incorporate strategies such as conservation leases and expansion of Ponderosa State Park to manage land use and protect water quality.

Thank you for your consideration!

From: Connie Flinders <Connie.Flinders.411755124@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. All public lands in the state of Idaho are important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

I believe a sell off to the private sector would increase the probability of more pollution to the land, water, and air. More development brings more problems. Please keep this land public for all the residents of the state.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Connie Flinders
440 River Rd
Bliss, ID 83314

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Caleb Strough at Caleb.Strough@gmail.com
Phone: 208-870-3109
Address: 348 Maki Ln
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Any transfer of land to Trident Holdings or private organization is against the purpose of state lands. State lands were created to be used for renewable resources such as logging or recreational activities. Once they are sold or traded off, they're gone forever.

Private companies don't have the best interest for our land, other than to fill their pockets with money. They're creating manipulative websites to deceive people in thinking they have our best interest in mind.

Please help preserve our wild and scenic Idaho for future generations to enjoy and cherish.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:16 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Caleb Strough at Caleb.strough@gmail.com
Phone: 2088703109
Address: 348 Maki In
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Any transfer of land to Trident holdings or private company is against the purpose of state lands.

State lands were created to generate money though renewable resources for years to come. Private companies are creating websites to manipulate the public into thinking they're doing this to "preserve McCall". Preserving McCall is keeping the land intact for future generations to use and cherish. Once it's transferred its gone forever.

Please help protect our lands for us and you, future generations depend on the good work of our citizens to protect and preserve wild spaces.

From: Dale Keys <Dale.Keys.86873189@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:31 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Dale Keys
2023 W Axtell Ct
Boise, ID 83703

From: Krista Oberlindacher <Krista.Oberlindacher.393202632@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:40 PM
To: Comments
Subject: "Protect McCall" is a misnomer

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

I have a second home in McCall, Idaho and I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I think this land swap is NOT in the best interest for Idahoans (or tourists), especially all the people who use and enjoy the public lands around Payette Lake. These are not just "environmentalists" but bikers, birders, hikers, skiers, campers, snowmobilers, fishermen, hunters, and SO MUCH MORE.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Sincerely,
Krista Oberlindacher

Regards,
Krista Oberlindacher
1312 N 11th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Angela Michaels <Angela.Michaels.332384548@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands sell off

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The Payette Lake area is important to me because. We own property near Brundage Mountain and we spend weekends and vacation time in that area regularly. We hike, fish, boat, ski, and bike in the beautiful outdoors. We purchased property there because of the access to public land.

Please carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands. Can you consider conservation easements, conservation leases, or other public-private approaches to retain the lands in public ownership?

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Angela Michaels
6005 S Brian Way
Boise, ID 83716

From: Susan Grieger <Susan.Grieger.145763455@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because everyone should have access to the land as well as we need to protect this land and the wildlife which will not be ensured if it is sold to Developers.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Susan Grieger
2395 E Gloucester Pl
Boise, ID 83706

From: Eric Oliver <Eric.Oliver.51585303@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because there's hardly a better place to show future generations what it means to be an Idahoan, and to pass on our outdoor legacy.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Eric Oliver
608 N Stanley St
Boise, ID 83706

From: Mark Nicola <Mark.Nicola.330986885@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:48 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

I am concerned about the sale of these lands. I was born and grew up in Idaho. I have always enjoyed McCall. Selling these lands to most likely people out of state will destroy the unique outdoor feeling of McCall and turn it into a resort town. Please do not sell this land keep our land pristine for everyone to enjoy

Regards,
Mark Nicola
1893 Club Hill Blvd
McCall, ID 83638

From: Michael Busby <Michael.Busby.359854529@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

This land is the Commons and cannot be sold.
The Commons already has owners. We the people own it and it is not for sale.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Michael Busby
PO Box 571
Council, ID 83612

From: Clay Carley <Clay.Carley.415398532@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The proposed land exchange with Trident in the Payette Forest has some merit. I think it is beholden to the IDL to meet with Trident, city of McCall, and a representative of the community to discuss everyone's needs and desires. I believe a public private partnership between the three entities could provide essential revenue for the IDL, preserved open space for the public and controlled development compatible with the city and the communities needs.

The conversation, thus far, has been in a public forum with strong emotional positions impeding discourse. An open minded conversation needs to take place between the parties mentioned above. If a path toward cooperation can be identified, then it can be shared with the general public for their input. But first, each vested party must determine if there is a legitimate path to pursue. This will likely not happen as long as there is too much noise from naysayers who are not interested in attempting to find an acceptable path forward for all parties.

Regards,
Clay Carley
2202 Payette Dr
McCall, ID 83638

From: Ilana shumsky <Ilana.shumsky.76962712@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because we have a responsibility to protect these lands for our children and their children. Once an area has been developed, there is no going back. Idaho lands are a treasure for our communities and should be protected so that they can continue to be enjoyed.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Ilana shumsky
4620 N Bantry Pl
Boise, ID 83702

From: Barclay Hauber <Barclay.Hauber.46554123@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because I am a McCall property owner.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Barclay Hauber
160 Old Pollock Rd
Pollock, ID 83547

From: Charles Allen <Charles.Allen.102683082@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because I am a frequent recreator in the region and more importantly believe in the conserving the natural habitat of the region for many generations including my 1 year old Daughter's Generation.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Charles Allen
881 N 31st St
Boise, ID 83702

From: steven Summers <steven.Summers.148335105@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Keep the public's land in the public's hands.

Regards,
steven Summers
1410 Larsen Ln
Driggs, ID 83422

From: Kevin Brown <Kevin.Brown.389462855@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:12 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because ...

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Public owned land is always more valuable than private. Have we not learned nothing. Money ruins everything, always.

Regards,
Kevin Brown
1049 Canyon Ridge Ln
Plummer, ID 83851

From: Linda Pertel <Linda.Pertel.312221883@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:12 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

PLEASE PROTECT THESE INVALUABLE LANDS!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Linda Pertel
Indian Springs Ln
Sun Valley, ID 83353

From: Kam Majer <Kam.Majer.102508059@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because ...

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Although funds for education are important, the long term conservation of this important area is equally important. Other ways of raising money while preventing development of this land is possible and should be a priority instead of the quick and easy way of disposing of this asset of the people of Idaho.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Kam Majer
1501 Westwood Dr
Sandpoint, ID 83864

From: Caleb Strough <Caleb.Strough.415421364@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:25 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because it's used for outdoor recreation and scenery.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands. Selling off these lands in a one time transaction and never to be used again is failing the purpose of it. The land should always be used to benefit the public forever. Idaho lands can produce income over its entire life if used properly.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Caleb Strough
348 Maki Ln
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Luan Pinson <Luan.Pinson.412338360@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because ...I grew up in Idaho and it is a beautiful state that should not be plundered further.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Luan Pinson
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Vancouver, WA 98664

From: Kirk hendricks <Kirk.hendricks.415424406@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because ...i enjoy coming to Mcall and spending time on the and enjoying the beauty the is around the lake. Don't sell our public land and then restrict our usage and views
our public land is also my land and i do not want it sold

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Kirk hendricks
284 Hyde Ave
Pocatello, ID 83201

From: LaVern Lenz <LaVern.Lenz.415424488@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. Please don't sell off public lands!

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term. However, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions, especially conservation easements.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on this issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
LaVern Lenz
1206 N Wilson St
Boise, ID 83706

From: ramon gibbs <ramon.gibbs.415425711@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:34 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.
As a native resident from Hayden ID, protecting the beauty of our State is extremely important not just for me but for future generations.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
ramon gibbs
2192 E Thomas Hill Dr
Coeur D'alene, ID 83815

From: Scott Friedman <Scott.Friedman.101121266@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:35 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake. These lands are used by a large number of Idahoans and its recreation based economy. The loss of this land for public use could damage our recreation based economy, and affect water quality and lake access.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Scott Friedman
100 Sun Valley Rd
Sun Valley, ID 83353

From: Kyle Riddle <Kyle.Riddle.394349387@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Kyle Riddle
3247 N 27th St
Boise, ID 83703

From: Gina Poole <Gina.Poole.411438414@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:17 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

As a long-time Idahoan and wildlife photographer, I am writing to express my concern about the proposed sale of lands around McCall and Payette Lake.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Gina Poole
PO Box 3215
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: David Klemer <David.Klemer.101730099@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:22 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because ...

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Quit Selling off Public Lands!!!

Regards,
David Klemer
103 Corrock Dr
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From: Joe Lodge <Joe.Lodge.132659527@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please find alternative solutions, don't sell more Idaho Lands! I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue.

Regards,
Joe Lodge
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From: Caitlin Brist <Caitlin.Brist.394249874@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:24 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Idaho is a treasure and the access we who live here have to the great outdoors is what makes it such a great place to live. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because I value these outdoor spaces and don't want to see them developed.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
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From: Ruth Garcia <Ruth.Garcia.281619111@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because it is where I go for its atmosphere of lovely woods that I can have access to.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Ruth Garcia
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From: Doris Autenrieth <Doris.Autenrieth.415520553@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:31 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

I am a native Idahoan and I am extremely concerned with Idaho remaining a state where we have land that we as the public are free to be on. Do not start selling land to the highest bidders who will then close the land to the public. Keep it available for all of us!!

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Doris Autenrieth
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From: Valerie Stewart <Valerie.Stewart.415521877@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term. It important to me that the public lands should be kept just as they are. Everyone should enjoy them. This is not right to parcel these land off to developers that just want to make money.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Valerie Stewart
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From: Ranell Nystrom <Ranell.Nystrom.357323098@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:52 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands. They should be protected and preserved.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Ranell Nystrom
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From: Ebony Yarger <Ebony.Yarger.268687355@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:52 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because ...

Please consider that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Ebony Yarger
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Twin Falls, ID 83301

From: Daniel Roper <Daniel.Roper.54467554@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:01 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

STOP SELLING OUR PUBLIC LANDS!!!!

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Daniel Roper
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From: Davis Straub <Davis.Straub.415538699@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:01 PM
To: Comments
Subject: 400 acres at Payette Lake

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

I've been going to McCall since I was one year old in 1948.

The last thing we need in this area is more McMansion development for California visitors.

The long term is a lot longer than you may think. Keeping our public lands public and accessible to all (and for sure do not sell them to Texas billionaire brothers) is a long term goal.

Idaho is built on wealth, the wealth that nature provides us for free. To sell it off for short term gains is a horrible investment proposition, when you want it there for future generations.

Regards,
Davis Straub
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Boise, ID 83714

From: Richard Fuller <Richard.Fuller.136431129@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:03 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because ...
My family has called Idaho home for around 100 years. Members of my family owned property in and around New Meadows almost continuously during that time. I lived in New Meadows from 1973-84. I remember cross country skiing at 'Ponderosa State Park, the Little Ski Hill & off the backside of Brundage. During those days you could drive the main street of McCall & see the lake but now you can't because Condos, etc have grown up along the lake side of main street. Well over 100k acres of former Boise Cascade ground has been bought by a pair of billionaire brothers who have closed it off to the public. This is ground that we all took for granted that we could walk & recreate on forever. And now IDL wants to sell 400 acres of Endowment Lands near the lake which will end up being developed & bought by people with money & the rest of Idaho will lose more land to recreate on & lose more scenic access to the lake. I'm sorry but I strongly oppose selling public land & transferring it to private ownership.

Regards,
Richard Fuller
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Saint Maries, ID 83861

From: Nellie Bowman <Nellie.Bowman.99101253@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:52 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to Valley County residents and thousands of yearly visitors. Increasing McCall's population and housing density will put one lovely small mountain town in jeopardy. Why make McCall into what everyone is trying to escape? I am against this sale/land exchange.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
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From: Cody Curtis <Cody.Curtis.222776428@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 5:35 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because for the majority of my life, I and my family have spent time there almost every year buying fishing license, and spending money on our stays. We cherish it and want it to remain for our future generations.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands. It makes little sense that selling off the land now would maximize any long term revenue. It seems the opposite to be true. It would be like slaughtering a milk cow in it's prime to sell for meat.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Cody Curtis
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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 5:45 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: John Lewinski Lewinski at chukarhunter1@yahoo.com
Phone: 2086303028
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City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

The large-scale land transfer of land near McCall puts too much land in the hands of Trident Holdings and is inconsistent with the the goals denoted in the PELS. The strategy does not consider the entire effect of the whole project and only looks at individual parcels. It certainly is not protective of the public trust of Payette Lake. The high end development ideas of Trident holdings threaten public access to what little lake shore is left to the public where thousands of Idaho citizens recreate every summer day in favor of a very few out of state developers who would only be there very few days of the year. It is a horrible proposal.

From: Heather Newman <Heather.Newman.396088169@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 5:48 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Please SAVE OUR PUBLIC LANDS!

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important. Now more than ever we have seen how much we need our public lands, how fleeting they can be in today's environment, and how privileged we are in Idaho...but we have to fight for that privilege!

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Heather Newman
106 S Jackson St
Boise, ID 83705

From: Rajal Cohen <Rajal.Cohen.17923152@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 6:02 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because of its natural beauty.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Rajal Cohen
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Moscow, ID 83843

From: Laura Theis <Laura.Theis.148650402@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 6:10 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Please retain public lands surrounding Payette Lake and McCall

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me for the variety of value it serves to so many. Additionally I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

The benefits keeping these endowment lands for the public are numerous:

- the waterfronts alongside streams, creeks, rivers, and oceans available for public access
- habitat for the wildflowers, songbirds, and the other flora and fauna on which we depend in countless ways.
- expanses of undeveloped land allow rain to percolate into the ground and replenish the groundwater on which many of us depend for clean drinking water
- that same vegetated land also cleanses stormwater runoff before it enters a tributary or river.
- trees and other vegetation provide some absorption of air pollution, as well as providing shade for immediate comfort of humans and animals and also contributes to the earth's ability to cope with climate change.
- the experience of being outdoors in a variety of settings, and being exposed to sunlight and fresh air, might not be essential for human happiness, but it's certainly conducive to mental and physical health for many people.
- they bring character, charm, and definition to neighborhoods, whether urban, suburban, exurban, or rural.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Laura Theis
830 River Trail
Hailey, ID 83333

From: Ann Nies <Ann.Nies.107973085@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 6:55 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me. I have lived here off and on since 1976 and have watched the changes that have come - some bad, mostly good. But this selloff is an encroachment on our beautiful surroundings, and one of the reasons I live here now.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Ann Nies
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Mccall, ID 83638

From: Jan Stein <Jan.Stein.344272558@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:02 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Idaho is incredibly important to me, as it was to my grand parents & parents. I love living in McCall & spend much of my time in the outdoors. Visitors often comment on how quiet & pristine our little town is. That's why they come back again & again. Let's keep it that way, the tourist dollar keeps us alive. More development means more traffic, more noise, less habitat for animals & people, pollution & stress.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Jan Stein
708 Reedy Ln
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Sarah Michael <Sarah.Michael.148275788@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:22 PM
To: Comments
Subject: State Lands Outside of McCall

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

I hope that the State Lands Board will consider the fact that the 400 acres of endowment lands near McCall will only become more valuable in the future and to sell them for development at this time will not realize this value. There are more options to maximize this value. Conservation easements, leases and other open space partnerships should be explored. The state has a good budget balance, even with the Covid 19 economy, so the sale of this property only generates speculation in Endowment lands and does not take the local quality of life into account. The approach of the Land Board in offering up State Lands to leases or sale for short-term gains is short-sighted. The cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley at the Fish Hatchery comes to mind. It violates the visual qualities of the SNRA when over \$60 million in federal dollars has been spent to preserve the views of the area. This proposal outside of McCall is another short term approach. Please let me know of your decision. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Regards,
Sarah Michael
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Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Zac LaPierre <Zac.LaPierre.415746175@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:31 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

The Wilk's brothers have already provided a perfect example in the area of why IDL should not privatize Payette Lake. Please do not make this area another Wilks brothers like area.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Zac LaPierre
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Cataldo, ID 83810

From: Brad stein <Brad.stein.150265515@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:33 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

I've lived in mccall for 17 years and have been coming to mccall my whole life. I've been a smokejumper or building contractor here for all of those years. I certainly understand the need for our community to have enough business to thrive, however the growth that the sale, or trade of the development land will make mccall into another Aspen, Colorado or miniature Lake Tahoe. In short, it will ruin what mccall is and enriched private developers who claim to care about preserving mccall area but are really only concerned about their own profit.

We have experienced a huge influx of tourists and second- homers this year. Possibly a result of covid, but it's an example of what would/will come if the endowment lands are opened up to development.

I think it's a mistake to do so.

Surely smarter people than

me can come up with a solution that maintains the quaintness of what mccall still is and resist the pressure of developers.

Regards,
Brad stein
708 Reedy Ln
Mccall, ID 83638

From: John McEachern <John.McEachern.114990709@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:12 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

These lands will be far more valuable in the future. With the revenue excess this year, selling them is a silly idea

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
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From: Kenzie Smith <Kenzie.Smith.328965016@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:41 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because my grandparents live in Cascade, ID. I live in Meridian and I am a born and raised Idahoan. Idaho has already changed so much in the last 20 years, you cannot allow even more of our public lands to be stolen. We Idahoans love the great outdoors, and we must protect our public lands, fight climate change and preserve our beautiful Gem state for my 2.5 year old son and his generation.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Kenzie Smith
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Meridian, ID 83646

From: Pamela Hawes <Pamela.Hawes.410630033@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:56 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because we must preserve the wildlands as much as we can. We need the cycle of life to flourish and when we keep building on it we are killing our home too. Too many species have already disappeared because of our impacts.....

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Pamela Hawes
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Issaquah, WA 98027

From: James Loy <James.Loy.54146073@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:56 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.
It belongs to all of us, not the developers! They're not making any more of it and once it's gone, it's gone!

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
James Loy
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From: Justin Grover <Justin.Grover.406935995@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:35 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands - Save Public Land

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

We'll need public lands more than ever in the future.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Justin Grover
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Taylorsville, UT 84123

From: Robert Hoyt <Robert.Hoyt.86979281@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:08 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to us

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

My wife and I are concerned about the threat of privatization and development of public state owned endowment lands surrounding McCall and Payette Lake. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments.

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to us because we enjoy the beauty of the area and the relative intimacy of the community. The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although we understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide our comments on this important issue. Please keep us on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Robert Hoyt
2021 N Stoneview Pl
Boise, ID 83702

From: david heep <david.heep.71411808@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because ...

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.
keep public lands open and public.

Regards,
david heep
296 4th St
Ponderay, ID 83852

From: SUSAN BISTLINE <SUSAN.BISTLINE.56726383@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 12:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because it's such a beautiful area, and to have it over run with resorts and homes appears to me to be a very poor idea...Would destroy the area.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
SUSAN BISTLINE
957 W Garfield Bay Rd
Sagle, ID 83860

From: Tammy Armstrong
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 7:21 AM
To: Renee Jacobsen; Kellie LaBonte
Cc: Sid Anderson
Subject: FW: Comments RE Payette Endowment Land Strategy
Attachments: IDL Comments RE Draft Payette Endowment Land Strategy_1.28.2021.pdf

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Wanted to be sure that you got this comment to upload.

Thanks
Tammy

From: Scott Corkill <scorkill@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Dustin Miller <dmiller@idl.idaho.gov>; Bill Haagenson <whaagenson@idl.idaho.gov>; Ryan Montoya <rmontoya@idl.idaho.gov>; Jim Elbin <jelbin@idl.idaho.gov>; Tammy Armstrong <tarmstrong@idl.idaho.gov>; Sid Anderson <asanderson@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: FW: Comments RE Payette Endowment Land Strategy

FYI- Comment letter from Payette Lake Recreational Water and Sewer District Board of Directors.

Scott Corkill
Area Manager
Payette Lakes Supervisory Area
Idaho Department of Lands
555 Deinhard Lane
McCall, ID 83638
Phone: 208-634-7125

From: Dale Caza <dcaza@plrwsd.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Scott Corkill <scorkill@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Comments RE Payette Endowment Land Strategy

Hi Scott,
Attached are comments regarding the Payette Endowment Land Strategy from the District Board of Directors.
Will you please forward these comments and let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Dale Caza
Manager, Payette Lakes Recreational Water and Sewer District
(208) 634-4111



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January 28, 2021

VIA E-MAIL

Scott Corkill
Area Manager
Payette Lakes Supervisory Area
scorkill@idl.idaho.gov

RE: Public Comment to Payette Endowment Lands Strategy draft dated November 17, 2020

Dear Idaho Department of Lands and State Board of Land Commissioners:

This letter is being provided as public comment to the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy draft dated November 17, 2020 (the "Plan"). I write as Chair of the Payette Lakes Recreational Water and Sewer District (the "District") and the comments contained herein are those of the District. The District operates and manages all wastewater services in the City of McCall (the "City") and the area surrounding Payette Lake (collectively, the "System") to protect the health and welfare of local citizens. To this end, the District has adopted certain policies and procedures by which System density will be determined and System connections will be allowed (the "District Density Policy"). The District has also established policies and procedures by which real property may be included in the District (and thereby be eligible to receive sewer services) (the "District Inclusion Policy").

The District Density Policy and the District Inclusion Policy are informed by a System modeling project (the "Sewer Model") undertaken by the District in conjunction with the District's master planning process in order to provide the District with an analysis of the capacity and condition of the System and to determine where within the System capacity issues exist. Unfortunately, the results of the Sewer Model indicate that significant capacity issues exist within the System; particularly within those areas of the System that the District acquired from the City on or about August 31, 2017 (the "Annexed System"). The Annexed System covers much of the area within the limits of the City. As a result of these capacity issues, System density does not, in many instances, allow for development at the same level as City zoning. In reviewing the Plan, it appears that the Department has assumed future development potential of endowment lands within the planning area in accordance with current City zoning designations. Please understand that System connections in these areas may be more limited than assumed and that the development of such lands could be constrained as a result. The Department should confirm the applicable sewer density for any endowment land parcels it is considering for development and reflect the same within the Plan. Current System density maps are available from the District.

The District is actively working to improve the condition of the System to the benefit of all stakeholders. However, this process will take time and will come at a significant cost. In the interim, sewer connections will be limited by the available capacity of the System, as reflected in the District Density Policy.

I would encourage the Department to take this into account in drafting the Plan. In this regard, Section VI (Implementation Strategies) of the Plan should be revised to require consultation with the District regarding the current and future densities of any endowment land parcels that will be connecting to the System. The capacity limitations of the System should also be communicated by the Department to potential buyers of endowment land parcels.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the District, thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellen Holm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ellen" being more legible than the last name "Holm".

Ellen Holm, Chair of the District Board

From: Lioba Multer <Lioba.Multer.109221771@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:14 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Developments are ugly, nature is beautiful.

Regards,
Lioba Multer
4561 Arago St
Florence, OR 97439

From: Michael Larkin <Michael.Larkin.324513967@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 7:07 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Please keep our public lands for the public. Open space and public lands are what make living in Idaho so great. Don't sell it off for short terms gains.

Regards,
Michael Larkin
7505 W Portneuf Rd
Pocatello, ID 83204

From: Hannah Beane <Hannah.Beane.68170224@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 8:08 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because I enjoy recreating on Payette Lake.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Hannah Beane
151 4th St W
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Matt Rissell <Matt.Rissell.416138502@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 8:39 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because this is NOT a place ruin with development. It's beautiful, it's sacred, and it's more valuable to the state leaving it as forest. If they want to develop forested ground, tell them to build in Boise.

I am CONFIDENT that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Matt Rissell
2748 S Pasa Tiempo Way
Eagle, ID 83616

From: Robin Rissell <Robin.Rissell.416157204@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 9:23 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

Mccall is an incredibly meaningful area for our family and has been for years.

Even though the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue of state lands over the long-term, I feel other opportunities may exist apart from the current proposition of selling off the land.

We are asking that Gov Little and the Land Board allow more time to find and consider alternative solutions in addition to the current proposal.

These lands if sold, will dramatically impact the local communities and alter their future irrevocably.

Currently public lands are a special part of Idaho- protecting the local way of life, water quality, and keeping access to and use of the lakes among locals and visitors.

There are already concerns from the locals regarding the busyness of the lakes and selling off hundreds more acres of property and increasing the population by hundreds if not thousands of people on the lakes during peak seasons- will only further exacerbate the problem and the residents who live there.

I believe the Land Board should very intentionally vet out other proposed uses and opportunities to maximize income from the lands before making a decision.

Thank you from those of us who desire intentional growth and the protection of Idaho resources, and were proud citizens of the state long before it was proclaimed "a best place to live".

Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities. Thank you so much!

Thanks!
Robin Rissell

Regards,
Robin Rissell
377 Whitetail Dr
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Jeanette Germain <Jeanette.Germain.332271318@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Don't Sell Public Lands In McCall Area

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Idaho's greatest assets are its public lands. It's a bad idea to sell them off, especially around a resort area like McCall. History has shown that these lands will become even more valuable to local and statewide citizens in the future.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,
Jeanette Germain
2122 S Myers Pl
Boise, ID 83706

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 12:35 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Simon Ingham at inghamsimon@gmail.com
Phone: 5037392313
Address: PO Box 454
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

I don't believe disposal of all commercial and residential real estate as expressed in the goals of the Land Board is in the long term interests of the endowment or the people of Idaho.

According to the Valley County Assessor land prices in the county are increasing at 11% in 2019 and 13.3% in 2020. This rate of return far exceeds anything else in the portfolio.

I encourage the land board to review conservation easements as a method to produce annual income whilst maintaining ownership of lands rapidly increasing in value.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Maggie Crawford at bluebyrds@frontiernet.net
Phone: 208-860-2945
Address: 1059 Lick Creek Rd
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Almost every day, I'm so fortunate to roam through the peaceful woods where the White Pine, Pilgrim Cove, and Lick Creek subdivisions are proposed. I, along with countless others, walk, bike, snowshoe or ski, surrounded by the beauty of majestic centuries old trees. Not only two footed creatures, such as I, enjoy these tranquil woods, but so do many wild animals as well. Over the years, I've seen bears, foxes, martins, deer, woodpeckers, rabbits in my ventures, as well as the tracks of the occasional mountain lion. All of this in such close proximity to McCall!

It deeply saddens me to think that this special land will be destroyed, in order to build subdivisions. This land, once development, can never, ever be returned to its natural state.

Another concern I have is with all the additional traffic on Lick Creek Road, which would be generated by these proposed 250 houses.

Our state population is growing leaps and bounds. I often enjoy Ponderosa State Park, but this year especially, it is often difficult if not impossible to find a parking spot. The park is filled with other Valley County, in-state and out of state license plates. The thing we all have in common is that we're looking to recreate and find the peace that only the great outdoors can give us. Perhaps, one day...if we wait long enough, these woods which neighbor Ponderosa Park, if protected NOW, could be added to the park system to be saved and protected forever!

Please be the protectors who have the forethought to save this precious land from development for future generations to explore and cherish!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Gail Sights at terbium74fluorine@yahoo.com
Phone: 5419135249
Address: 1880 S.W.Challis Dr.
City: Mountain Home
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83647

Comment:

Grant money, there is tons of money for the environment. and use it for the collage or grade school. then each time you have to reapply you will have money for the schools. Like an Indian friend of my said some day this land will be all cement. Look around you what do you see. When you leave to go home look around , How much of it is cement. She right . So why not try and see if you can get Grant money so this will not happen. All people think of is money . not what happens if we know longer have it. Hope you look into Grant money . You all talk about saving the environment then ,building is not saving the environment.
Thank you for your time. Gail Sights 541 913 5249

From: MICHAEL ZAGAR <MICHAEL.ZAGAR.73986520@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 8:24 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because it represents Idaho at its finest. Clean, clear water and adjacent land accessible to the public for all types of recreation is what all Idahoans desire and is why many of us live here. Once access to public land is lost it is gone forever.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
MICHAEL ZAGAR
659 E Arena Loop
Hayden, ID 83835

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 7:35 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: John Segar Segar at segar.john@gmail.com
Phone: 2089083928
Address: 3109 s crossfield way
City: boise
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83706

Comment:

I own 2 businesses in McCall that are dependent on outdoor recreation and the small town character of the town. I understand the IDL mission, but am concerned with how past IDL lands have been sold. It seems to me that IDL needs to give the community of McCall several years warning on any specific parcels they are planning on selling. This would allow the community to develop the plans and funding needed to buy it from IDL and protect it for the community rather than selling to another developer.

Thank you for your consideration

From: Bruce Oliver <Bruce.Oliver.108009651@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me and my family

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because we have spent summers and winters there and know it to be very special place.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. Once it's gone, it's gone forever.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Bruce Oliver
12083 Kinsley Pl
Reston, VA 20190

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 4:38 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Kent Doss at rkldoss@gmail.com
Phone: 208-315-0966
Address: PO Box 1188
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

I am commenting on the Payette Land Strategy that your are seeking feedback for your February 16 meeting. I Believe the documents slants toward development of our pristine lands around McCall and Payette Lake. The document does not focus on the maintenance of our natural area but sets up loopholes for /how contractor could develop, purchase, or swap. This is particularly glaring for Parcel H and L.I would encourage the Land Board to focus on a strategy to offset revenue requirements through grants, private donations of corporations and individuals. Greed is something that our Grandkids , kids will not understand 70 years from now, They will understand the solitude of the forests, lake , and mountains .

From: Cody Boyce <Cody.Boyce.268902436@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 4:50 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Please don't sell or develop state land

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

I ask that you please refrain from selling or developing state lands in and around McCall.

I have particular concern for your proposed development of ANY of the parcels of land abutting Payette lk. This should be a non-starter. This would be selling off the very reason that people come to McCall. Don't give away our treasure!!!

As for property near Ponderosa state park (parcels c and d). These are the type of properties that make McCall a tourist destination and in my opinion should ideally be kept wild. Certainly not used to develop what appears to be high density housing (150 homes on parcel c and presumably similar density on parcel d)!?! If such high density housing is necessitated for low income or other sources, consider less "key" areas around the state park and more close to town, not relatively remote from town in the middle of your recreation land.

Thanks for reading,

Regards,
Cody Boyce
1010 Shady Ln Loop
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Sandy Christensen <Sandy.Christensen.88576178@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 8:40 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

I would like to comment on the proposal for the sale of state endowment lands surrounding Payette Lake. I live in McCall and have seen access to public lands shrink from the sale of land to private companies. Lands that were once open to hiking, biking, and recreation are now off limits.

While I realize the state's responsibility to use endowment lands for good (I am a retired teacher), there is more value to these lands than just revenue. The allure of visiting land surrounding McCall adds to the value of our tourist industry. In addition, this land provides for the wellbeing of the folks from Valley Co.

Please keep is land available to the public. Its value goes far beyond revenue gathered by a sale to private companies or individuals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Regards,
Sandy Christensen
13768 Clear View Rd
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Paula Hartgraves <Paula.Hartgraves.411528784@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 2:41 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Thank you.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Paula Hartgraves
8233 E Camino Herradura
Tucson, AZ 85750

From: Elizabeth Kuck <Elizabeth.Kuck.147017352@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 3:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Before allowing endowment lands surrounding Payette Lake and McCall to become privatized, I urge you to listen to the public and look at other options such as conservation easements, conservation leases, or other public-private approaches to retain the lands in public ownership.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Elizabeth Kuck
10399 Rolling Hills Dr
Star, ID 83669

From: Candy Lenigan <Candy.Lenigan.56623116@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 3:48 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because I grew up in McCall.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Candy Lenigan
444 N State St
Hagerman, ID 83332

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: David Gallipoli at gallipolifish@gmail.com
Phone: 12033141377
Address: 200 Scott St
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

I attended the IDL presentation at the McCall council meeting Jan 28th, 2021. I was disappointed that the IDL does not consider the impact on the environment or the Greater McCall ecosystem when reviewing proposals to maximize profits for endowment lands. Will we permit IDL to only think about maximizing profit from the land? And recent statements by IDL members are concerning, "I wonder whether we should even be concerned about what the City of McCall thinks" by Secretary of State Lawrence Denney. And Governor Little admitting, "local goals rarely align with the state's constitutional mandate to maximize long term profits from State land." But does the constitutional mandate say the State is allowed to destroy an ecosystem, destroy wildlife corridors, wildlife habit, and impact McCall's community? The number one goal should be to protect and preserve what remains, keeping an already fragmented ecosystem intact for future generations. I applaud the council members who raised concerns about the environment but was disappointed the IDL representative ignored the questions.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Gary Smith at glsmith1414@gmail.com
State: Idaho

Comment:

I oppose the Trident land swap proposal for the McCall area. It is just not what the people of McCall or the cabin owners want!!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:30 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Kenji Wright at kenjiwright@yahoo.com
Phone: 2086089788
Address: 2303 S Ormond St
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83705

Comment:

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you, and for taking the time to read them.

I would like to see the endowment lands to remain in state possession in the McCall region. I recognize that there are small parcels disjointed from large swaths of forest land, but I believe these state lands are an incredible resource that can be maintained for future generations and ideally managed sustainably for timber harvest or recreation. I see it as a renewable resource, which can continue to be a long term asset for the state rather than a one off sale. I realize the incredible real estate potential currently, but there is an incredible amount of growth in the area, and I don't think it is a sustainable growth. Businesses can't stay open because there are not enough workers (not related to Covid). Workers cannot afford housing. Building more subdivisions doesn't automatically mean affordable housing. All these developments are being bought as second homes or short term rentals, further inflating the problem.

The endowment lands, including the area around shady lane and pilgrim cove are areas that continue to push housing into the Wildland Interface, causing a great cost and risk to protect from the ever growing threat of wildfires. The growth in McCall needs to continue, safely in the pastures of long valley. I do not want to see pastures turn to subdivisions, but at least they are safe from the inevitable wildfires.

I feel like established campgrounds on the west side and near Little Lake could create small amounts of sustainable revenue to add to the revenue currently created with grazing leases. All summer long hundreds of people camp near Little Lake all summer long for free. It's near impossible to find developed campsites around McCall. I think two more well developed campgrounds would be full the entire summer season, creating revenue and preserving the renewable assets for the state. Revenue could be supplemented with timber harvests in all of these areas. I think there is a better way to maintain these state lands, providing Idahoans access to these lands and not selling land to become the second homes of people not vested in our community.

Thank you again for reading these comments. Thank you for your time and service to our great state.

Please keep the communities and Idaho culture in mind as you make your decisions.

Sincerely,
Kenji Wright

From: Robert Taylor <Robert.Taylor.391498367@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 4:28 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

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Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Robert Taylor
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From: Susan Whiting <Susan.Whiting.324508017@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:15 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I urge you to take the long view of what choices would optimize the value of these lands for ALL Idahoans. Looking decades down the road, it seems to me that preserving the environmental well-being and access to the Payette McCall endowment would maximize the net total value of this land for the citizens of our State.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Susan Whiting
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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 1:21 PM
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From: McCall Gallipoli at gallipolifish@gmail.com
Phone: 12033141377
Address: 200 Scott St
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:
Something to think about besides maximize profit.
<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-55893696>

From: Randy Fox <rfox@idahoconservation.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 4:46 PM
To: Ryan Montoya
Subject: Comment Extension and submitted comments request

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Good afternoon Mr. Montoya,

I am Randy Fox, a Conservation Associate with the Idaho Conservation League, and I will be staffing our field office in Valley County, which we anticipate opening by the end of March, 2021. I am working with Jonathan Oppenheimer on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy, and will be working on this and other public lands and conservation issues in Valley and Adams Counties. I am writing today to make two requests.

The Payette Endowment Lands Focus Group Meeting on January 28, 2021, demonstrated that the management and future direction for IDL lands in the McCall area is an important issue with numerous facets and perspectives that require serious study and conversation. We only began to learn the details that form the basis for IDL's draft strategy, and a significant amount remains for further discussions and learning opportunities. Therefore, ICL is asking that IDL extend the comment period to allow interested parties and stakeholders to continue participating in Focus Group meetings and gather as much information as possible before they submit final comments and recommendations to IDL and the Land Board. We believe this extension will provide a path for more robust communication and innovative solutions.

I am also requesting electronic copies of the written comments and/or emails that have already been submitted to IDL regarding the Draft Payette Endowment Lands Strategy.

Thank you very much for your consideration, and I look forward to our next opportunity to learn more from the next Focus Group meeting.

Respectfully,

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From: James Zokan <James.Zokan.420306258@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The lands around Payette Lake are important to all people that enjoy this area either if it is their backyard or if they may have visited or revisit it on vacation. The ability to recreate on lands close to amenities that are offered in the cities of Valley county are important. It brings more commerce to these cities by visitors knowing that they have this amenity as part of the recreational options when planning a trip. This amenity is something that all economic groups can enjoy and call their own. Even if their needs to be a fee structure for parking at trail heads to offset the argument of the IDL budget shortfalls to manage these lands, I believe the users would be willing to pay these fees vs the option to trade this land off. There are other ways that IDL McCall District could also offset any budget short falls, like having land use permits for all of the district or state that actually reflects real cost of using or even extracting resources from lands under IDL jurisdiction.

Governor you have said you need to recuse yourself from decision regarding this proposal of a land swap. You and your families interest in this land for recreation and business use through IDL grazing permits has you in an interesting spot. It is also an opportunity to show how you care about the land as a steward by realizing the true business costs and that across the state this is an issue that needs to be addressed. Permitted grazing, logging special use and recreators all need to be willing to pay for their use at real market value. When push comes to shove all users will be willing to pay revaluated costs rather than face the contrary and a lot of those users other options would be to pay for private land use fees/contracts. The other option is state or local taxes, which tends to be a dirty word in this state. So a true realistic fee structures to all IDL land users is an appropriate decision. This would not just help with the IDL McCall district funding shortfalls but may also help with one of the main missions of IDL which is to raise revenues to support ID Education.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
James Zokan
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From: Chey She <Chey.She.395199194@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 7:45 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

The people of Idaho deserve to use this land, not private corporations. Let the people use this land, don't let others use it to profit off of us idahoans.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
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From: Priya Ganesan <Priya.Ganesan.420314952@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:46 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because I want to conserve our beautiful American land for future generations and for the environment.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Kenne and Valerie Swink at valswink@gmail.com
Phone: 7602125300
Address: 323 Rio Vista Blvd.
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

We are concerned that a land swap like the one proposed by a developer would irreparably change our Endowment lands. We are very much in favor of creating a Conservative Easement Option. Please extend the moratorium to allow time for this to be developed. These easements will generate revenue from the Endowment – a much better way to preserve the fragile beauty of McCall far into the future.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Ken and Valerie Swink

From: [Ryan Montoya](#)
To: [Renee Jacobsen](#)
Subject: PELS Comment
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:49:57 PM
Attachments: [PC Partners LLC Comments on PELS.msg](#)

To: Idaho Department of Lands and Idaho Land Board

Re: 2/2/2021 Comments of PC Partners LLC on Draft Payette Endowment Land Strategy (PELS)
per Land Board Meeting 12/15/2020

Executive Summary:

The draft PELS basically documents some of the Land Board's continued deficiencies related to state endowment lands in the McCall area. Rather than a plan, the PELS is just another political step in the actions that began and continue with the transfer of endowment cottage sites to the Land Board members' friends, only one effect of which has been to dispose of increasingly valuable lake access. The transfers were followed last year by the Land Board's rescinding the wedding site lease on Parcel G intentionally destroying that business and damaging the endowment. Most recently, the Land Board and IDL have damaged PC Partners LLC's business and now appear to be trying to hand it off to others. Each of these actions, which drove development of the PELS, represents typical Land Board political actions that negatively impact endowment returns in the short and long term. The PELS does nothing to correct this.

Detailed Comments:

The PELS is not a management plan for endowment lands. It is simply a schedule, a list of possible future ideas to deal with various parcels over a span of 20 years. In the short term, the PELS focuses on low hanging fruit involving just three parcels while delaying and otherwise ignoring opportunities related to endowment returns. Tellingly, there is no detail or analysis of how or what to actually do to provide endowment returns on any of the parcels. There is no explanation of any ability or ideas to meet targeted or, in fact, any returns over the short or long term. The PELS actually highlights that, according to IDL's calculations, returns on these endowment lands for many years have been zero or at most .4 or .5 percent for a few acres. It is a schedule for inaction.

The PELS also reflects a fundamental misunderstanding of the Land Board's obligations. As explained at the December 2020 Land Board meeting, the PELS focuses on trying to maximize short term revenue not long term returns. Maximizing short term revenue is not the Land Board's obligation. By focusing on short term revenue, the PELS-despite assertions to the contrary- becomes simply another step in the Land Board's disposal of endowment lands. One would have expected that the Land Board's Subcommittee on Re-investment would have informed the entire Land Board of its proceedings and findings regarding endowment land value. Endowment lands, especially cottage sites, are increasing in value. The PELS ignores the Reinvestment Subcommittee's findings.

In reviewing the PELS, the Land Board's history of politically based management cannot be overlooked, beginning with trading off and then selling cottage sites using auction procedures designed to convey cottage sites to lessees in a manner guaranteed to benefit lessees at the expense of the endowments.

Last year, having signed a lease for a wedding venue business on Parcel G, the Land Board inexplicably refused to honor the lease and, in a politically-based reaction to lobbying by the Tamarack Bay HOA and others, cancelled the lease. Aside from the issue of whether one supported the concept or not, the breach destroyed the business, damaged the endowments' returns, and cost \$355,000.00 to compensate the lessee. This was done even though both IDL and its counsel determined the lease followed Land Board approved leasing processes, and the lease rate was equivalent to rates for similar assets such as lands at the Tamarack Resort. (The IDL letter of December 19, 2018 to Deborah Nelson is incorporated by reference.) The lessee had done nothing wrong. The governor and secretary of state had signed the lease. The legal threats by the Tamarack Bay HOA and its cohorts were frivolous. Yet the Land Board let politics determine their decision. The maneuver severely damaged the Land Board's reputation. The PELS fails to take into consideration this history and precedent. Who is going to contract with or trust the Land Board if a contract or lease is subject to arbitrary cancellation at any point based on the whims of the Land Board? IDL has represented the PELS as a plan and not a suggestion as to preferred endowment decisions. Read the language. If a contract is not honored why would statements about what is/is not intended have any weight? Compounding its failure with the wedding site lease, the Land Board has refused to examine other invalid McCall endowment land leases that were issued under the same procedures as the wedding site lease. In yet another example, the IDL altered the valuations on a Cougar Island lot to increase the value of the improvement for the benefit of the lessee. It is as simple as the difference between right and wrong. Until the Land Board follows its rules and honors its contracts, commitments, and obligations, endowment land management will be based on politics to the detriment of the beneficiaries and citizens of McCall. It ends up being reflected in things like the PELS.

Other business plans like the PC Partners' plan for a low intensity glamping operation coupled with a conservation easement component on Parcel G and Shellworth Island have met with a similar refusal to consider the benefits to the endowment. In response to a solicitation and agreement for processing by the IDL, PC Partners went so far as to submit a second application to lease other unused endowment lands. It too has gone nowhere, and it appears the Land Board is preparing to breach that agreement as well. The Land Board, the IDL and its legal counsel have sought to undermine the PC Partners business and its applications based on political motivations. IDL testimony at the December meeting that the IDL and the Land Board evaluate applications for returns to the endowment is incorrect. Only if an application passes the political test does it maybe get evaluated. The PC Partners' applications and business plan have never even been considered by the Land Board. The record is clear that both the Land Board and IDL have intentionally worked to damage efforts to enhance endowment returns from lands- even those lands which historically have produced no revenue. The PELS does not change this.

The PELS is a confusing mixture of arbitrary ideas and unsupported speculation. The parcel descriptions are especially perplexing in that they determine characteristics normally contained in appraisals. Even though the IDL is likely not equipped to undertake appraisals, the PELS contains no basis or data to support its statements. The IDL's details declaring HBU, maximally productive uses, potential buyers, and legally permissible uses are pure speculation. The PELS is also based on current and future zoning by the City of McCall. Endowment lands are not subject to municipal zoning. Zoning limitations of another jurisdiction that limit the value and use of endowment lands cannot be considered in

endowment land management decision-making and represent a potential breach of Land Board obligations. With regard to estimated value and targeted revenue for the parcels, there is no explanation or basis for the figures which are contradictory and inconsistent among the parcels. The PELS should contain some kind of citation to supporting documents.

The IDL focus group is further evidence of politics at play. It is the “Let’s see what is politically acceptable” method of management. IDL’s presentation at the focus group meeting on January 29, 2021, was interesting, not by what was said, but rather by what was not said. The general IDL explanations and responses to comments were “We are open for business, here is how we do things, and we evaluate applications and proposed uses on a case by case basis to ensure benefits to the endowments. But [focus group members] don’t lose sight of the big picture in that individual transactions in McCall are just part of overall management of the thousands of acres and financial investments associated with endowment management.” When asked by the focus group how the IDL would process or analyze an application applying statutes that may not be in the best interests of the endowments or even unconstitutional, the response was that IDL and the Land Board would nevertheless apply the statutes. When asked whether the Land Board had an obligation to deal with an unconstitutional statute in making decisions, the legal response was “can’t answer that.” It is hard to come up with recommendations when you don’t know what the rules are or how they would be applied—or if they are just created on an ad hoc basis in response to behind the scenes lobbying. As the focus group considers its recommendations, it should recognize that Land Board fiduciary obligations apply to all decisions, not just overall endowment management. One area the focus group should concentrate on is recommendations to ensure that public access to endowment lands is maintained. If there is no access, no one will care about the land, their special berry patch, their snow mobile trail, or their favorite hunting spot. School kids and the endowment lands will suffer in the long term. The PELS makes no accommodation for long term access to endowment lands.

The constant use of the term “transition” throughout the PELS is particularly misleading because it suggests that changing endowment asset classification is somehow necessary. What it really appears to indicate is the disposal of endowment lands. The underlying thrust of the PELS is that the endowment timberlands asset class should be reclassified as residential- a prelude to selling it to private parties as was done with cottage sites. Since leasing timberlands is already permissible, there is no reason to “transition” the timberlands asset class to residential—unless it is to be sold. IDL and the Land Board have both acknowledged it is illegal to sell timberlands. How the IDL and the Land Board even propose to sell timberlands through the subterfuge of renaming or reclassifying the asset is not explained. Perhaps counsel and Land Board staff have some novel theory in mind. (Trying to sell timberlands is a particularly significant issue as the Land Board staff and counsel will have difficulty crafting an explanation that allows shifting blame to the IDL staff as occurred with the wedding site fiasco. It is still pretty crowded under the bus.) Calling the PELS a “plan” is a subterfuge. The PELS is simply politics masquerading as planning.

It is worthwhile noting that the PELS fails to consider that several of the parcels in tiers 1-4 are the subject of and involved in tort claims and the pending applications filed by PC Partners LLC, e.g. Cougar Island, Parcel G, and Shellworth Island. (The PC Partners tort claims dated May 11, 2020 and June 25,

2020 are incorporated by reference.) PC Partners' business plan generated new endowment revenue from its glamping operation coupled with a conservation easement component that further increased returns for the endowment. It was a plan designed to financially benefit the endowments in the intermediate and long term while minimizing impacts to sensitive endowment lands and maintaining public access. It preserved Land Board options for the future. Other commenters such as Kenji Wright have noted the desirability of such proposals. (See Ms. Wright's comment dated 2/1/2021 10:30 pm.) Now the PELS and other Land Board actions suggest an undisclosed effort to hand the PC Partner plans off to others. Land Board affiliated entities and accomplices such as the Tamarack Bay HOA, Corbett Bottles Real Estate, Hall-Widdoss and Company PC, Trident Holdings LLC, and PELA should be fully informed of this situation with regard to the PELS and potential interference with the PC Partner tort claims. (Note: There may be other parcels involved but the map accompanying the PELS does not allow identification of exact boundaries.)

Conclusion:

The PELS is not a plan for managing endowment lands for long term returns to the endowment. It is nothing more than a schedule-- the next step in a political plan to dispose of endowment lands in the McCall area, including most remaining public access to the lake. It fails to avoid continuing damage to long term endowment returns and the interests of endowment beneficiaries and the local citizenry. The only thing the PELS does is try to protect Land Board politics. It fails at this as well.

The Land Board has three options:

1. Do nothing.
2. Adopt and implement reasonable return generating/conservation focused options such as the PC Partners plan.
3. Adopt radical schemes that both offend and cater to the political constituency (kind of depends on who you are).

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:32 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Joe Luff at josephluff@gmail.com
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State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

I oppose the wholesale trade of the McCall area endowment lands and support conservation leases and easements to protect these lands while increasing endowment revenue.

From: Susan Rost <Susan.Rost.98818439@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for reading my letter. I have been a full time resident in McCall since 1998. I still remember the state lands now involved in your proposed sale along Deinhard Lane when they were basically wetlands where water accumulated as the winter snows melted. It was always a welcome since of spring with summer not far behind to see migratory birds came to this area, enjoying another year in the mountains. When the walkway was built between the middle school plus elementary school and town I often smiled, watching children ride their bikes home or mothers push their baby strollers to go shopping, grateful that they could enjoy a bit of nature as they headed on their way. They were in the city but also still in tune with nature's own parkland. This section of land is no longer wetlands. It has been filled in with dirt for years, most recently tons of dirt from the airport reconstruction. The wetlands are gone. The birds have lost out, and so have we.

As a long time McCall resident I have also spent happy summer days boating to Shellworth island. The small portion of state land makes a perfect picnic spot, with the bonus of huckleberry plants sometimes loaded with berries, perfect for picking.

Thank you for not leasing this area out to that private party, but keeping it available to all Idahoans. And I have often hiked the state lands by the Boulder Lake road, a lovely place to exercise and find contentment.

I know that it is much easier for you to "count the money" as you sell these areas off, feeling like you are upholding your constitutional duty. Can you not see its same intrinsic value from a conservational perspective? Will you please put a dollar sign on mental health, happiness, contentment, roots, connections, beauty, nature? This value is also there in state lands, undeveloped, here along side us, within our lives. Nature is priceless, certainly as important to each of us as dollars are. Reach for a higher standard rather than just making money. See the beauty and value in undeveloped state land. You, Idaho's people, our children, our state needs this more than we need development and dollars in a bank. Keep these priceless areas undeveloped, open, and visitors will bring you the dollars you need to fund our schools and grow our economy.

Regards,
Susan Rost
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From: James Lance <James.Lance.420735487@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 11:06 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

As a lifelong Idahoan and one who is concerned with the preservation of Idaho's resources I would like to comment on the proposed Payette Endowment Lands Strategy wherein a proposed sell-off may be happening of endowment lands that include Payette Lake and McCall lands.

I would urge you to resist the temptation to sell these lands for monetary gain. It is my opinion that we need to protect the environment that these lands provide to the natural beauty as well as the public's right to access these lands as intended.

I stand opposed to any sell-off of these lands regardless of the income they may provide. Long term value to the public is immeasurable.

Regards,
James Lance
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Boise, ID 83712

From: Walter Gammill <Walter.Gammill.75437969@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 11:09 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands. The area around Lake Payette is unique - preservation of public access, keeping those lands out of private hands, should take priority over generation of funds. There may be other ways to monetize that land - let's find them!

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Walter Gammill
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From: Alan Zohner <Alan.Zohner.420549619@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 1:04 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Payette Endowment Lands Strategy.

I am concerned that state lands will be sold. If they must be disposed of, which I disapprove, please purchase at least equivalent value and size acreage which would benefit wildlife and more Idaho citizens than just the rich few.

Regards,
Alan Zohner
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Rigby, ID 83442

From: Betsy Goodman <Betsy.Goodman.100801695@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 5:19 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The lands around Payette Lake have been very important to me for hiking and boating opportunities, which I have enjoyed for 40 years.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue.

Regards,
Betsy Goodman
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Moscow, ID 83843

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 5:26 PM
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Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Julie Ketchum at julie.ketchum@gmail.com
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Address: 14830 SW Hawk Ridge Rd
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97224

Comment:

I have owned a home in McCall since 2010 and plan to retire in McCall in the next 5 years. I am deeply concerned about the IDL's approach to endowment lands surrounding Payette Lake.

The IDL Plan must be comprehensive, analyzing the McCall area endowment lands as a contiguous whole and evaluate the costs over the long-term. A piecemeal approach is a recipe for disaster. Elected officials are obligated to protect and maintain the resources of Payette Lake and its watershed.

The Plan should include a long-term standing stakeholder advisory group to find creative solutions and to advise IDL on comprehensive decision making.

I OPPOSE the wholesale trade of the McCall area endowment lands for development or logging or other uses that limit public access and enjoyment (hiking, skiing, snowmobiling, etc.). I support conservation leases and easements to protect these lands for the common good.

From: David Mildrexler <David.Mildrexler.361207515@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 5:27 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because my friends live there, my family recreates there, and because if we can't protect an area that is this special, then everyone loses.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
David Mildrexler
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From: Roger Pritiken <Roger.Pritiken.278144824@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 10:06 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake, and its island properties.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Roger Pritiken
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From: Eunice Klein <Eunice.Klein.420900140@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 7:47 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. We moved to Idaho because of its natural beauty and vast areas of untouched wilderness.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands. The number 1 revenue earner in Idaho is agribusiness. The number 2 revenue earner is tourism and ecotourism, and it is on track to overtake agribusiness. Reducing state lands and wilderness areas is shortsighted.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Eunice Klein
523 Kula Dr
Sagle, ID 83860

From: Rebecca Reed <Rebecca.Reed.109439671@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 8:23 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

I do not support land sales at Payette Lake. We need to find alternatives to doing this.

Regards,
Rebecca Reed
11486 W Silverview St
Boise, ID 83713

From: Susan Chaloupka <Susan.Chaloupka.230553732@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 9:05 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. I have spent many years going To Payette Lake, and so this area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands. These are all our lands, for the use and enjoy of all Idahoans. Selling off these lands for a quick profit is NOT the solution. Lands contribute to the areas water quality and air quality, and the quality of life in this recreation area. Once they are in hands of a few, we all lose this asset.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Susan Chaloupka
1117 N 19th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Jill Mohn <Jill.Mohn.394188052@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 10:20 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because ...

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Please let's not sell our beautiful state's property which can be for all of us to enjoy and experience.

Regards,
Jill Mohn
5859 N Cobbler Ln
Boise, ID 83703

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Dennis Patterson at hdpatterson@msn.com
Phone: 208-631-5756
Address: 5529 W School rd
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83714

Comment:

Idaho is seeing significant population growth and will continue to do so. This growth will increase the demands for access to public land and recreation opportunities. We witnessed this demand last year at our state parks. We should retain our state lands for this demand. Recognizing that requirements of the state constitution we should either look to amend the constitution or pursue other alternatives such as selling conservation easements and retaining the right to continue traditional uses such as timber harvest and grazing. We should also look at transferring more state land to Ponderosa State park even if we have to do it at fair market value from private donations. Continuing to sell state endowment lands to the highest bidder is not in the best interest of our public schools long term.

From: Larry Baxter <Larry.Baxter.415246909@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

selling off state lands around Payette Lake should not be
An option in 2021. Keeping the property in public control is the best option for all Idahoans.

Thanks for your consideration,

Larry Baxter
Inkom, Idaho

Regards,
Larry Baxter
769 Upper Rock Creek Rd
Philipsburg, MT 59858

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Augusta Laidlaw at augusta.laidlaw@gmail.com
Phone: 208 630 3252
Address: Box 1771
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Idaho Department of Lands
Payette Endowment Lands Strategy
Comments on the Strategy:

1. Payette Lake is an Idaho gem. It's waters need to be protected, or we will lose this gem. We need a baseline for water quality in the lake and in the region, so that we do not overexploit this resource. At present, the DEQ says that a few factors have risen above targeted levels in the last year, and we should watch them in the next years. In addition , the University of Idaho is performing a 2 year study of lake water, and soil erosion due to wake board boats, and Valley County Commissioners have hired the consulting firm, Logan Simpson, to perform a 2 year study of all lakes and rivers in the North Fork of the Payette watershed. Please do not take any actions until we have completed all studies for our baseline, to determine how much more activity our lake can handle.
2. You have a responsibility not only to the lake and recipients of endowment funds, but to this town and ALL citizens of Idaho. As you have the most land around the lake, you have the most potential to enhance or destroy the environment here. Therefore, I believe you must think in masterplans , not is small segments of immediate, maximum monetary benefits. Tier 1,2,3 micromanaging does not cut it. We need a comprehensive,long term plan that addresses the needs and visions of the entire area, as well as the endowment funds distant recipients.
3. Thank you for creating an advisory board. I hope you retain it throughout the entire process for this area.
4. Please consider conservation leases and easements in planning.I would also recommend a recreational sector as well as timber and grazing. Recreation can bring in far more funds than grazing. Ideally, I would like the endowment lands around the lake to be retained by the state with further parks for camping, hiking, and biking. Idaho lands should be for all Idahoans.
5. Please do not sell Idaho lands and invest in the stock market, assuming you will get a guaranteed 6 % return. Recent activities have shown even solid fund managers can be wrong. Selling critical land which has crucial impact to our lake and our town, for a Wall Street promise is our nightmare.

Thank you, Gusti Laidlaw

From: Rick Price <Rick.Price.125383792@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 12:52 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

I am writing to express concern about the possibility of selling the state lands that border Payette Lake. This lake is an Idaho treasure, and a big part of what makes it special is that so much of it and the lands around it remain unspoiled. I urge you to take extra time with any decisions in regards to this and explore all avenues to preserve the public values of these lands.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Rick Price
198 Old Sawmill Rd
Sagle, ID 83860

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Bridget Feider at bridget.feider@gmail.com
Phone: (208) 315-2480
Address: P.O. Box 365
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:
To the Idaho Department of Lands,

First, please disregard any previous comment I submitted; I think I may have accidentally hit the submit button before I meant to.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns regarding the Payette Endowment Land Strategy. As a full time McCall resident for 16+ years and a fourth generation Idahoan, my roots here and elsewhere in Idaho run deep.

I recognize the financial obligation under which the Idaho Endowment lands operate. I also understand the allure of a profitable sale or land swap, especially when they surround a beloved tourist attraction and ecological wellspring such as Payette Lake. To me, this is why the state should keep them. You would do right by the citizens and businesses of the surrounding communities AND by the endowment's pocketbook by maintaining what public access remains. I see many profitable and sustainable ways to achieve this possibility. At the very least, please consider developing a conservation easement option, and extend the moratorium until this and other financially sound options can be fully explored.

Lastly, I feel that denying or restricting the public's access to what have historically been public lands denies an identity long forged by the people who first settled here, and the people who came here before them. It is not just a matter of recreational access, resource extraction, ecology, or even subsistence. It is a matter of cultural lifeblood. Mine and many others'. Privatization and subsequent exclusive real estate development impinges on our freedom as Westerners to be who we are. As public land shrinks, so do we, and all others—not just humans but other species—who continue to be marginalized by short-sighted, profit-over-people-&-planet strategies.

Grateful for your time and consideration,
Bridget Feider

From: Jessica Brennan <Jessica.Brennan.309263674@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 4:33 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because it offers a natural respite from the city where I live. Now more than ever, we're seeing the benefits nature and its resources provide to our mental and physical health.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Jessica Brennan
1212 N 7th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 4:34 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Adrienne Boland at adrienne.rae.boland@gmail.com
Phone: 2088743297
Address: 211 birch lane
City: Donnelly
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83615

Comment:

These lands should remain open for public use for recreation and conservation. Idaho is built on the foundation of public lands for all to use, no matter how much money you have. Locals and visitors love living there because of the opportunity to explore along the lake and have it not solely lined with mansions. Please keep these lands public and do not sell or trade them for those that may not value the rich culture and wildlife and all that it brings to this amazing place.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 4:38 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Lea Albright at Lmalbright23@gmail.com
Phone: 2083106209
Address: PO Box 2741
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

I oppose the McCall area IDL land exchange proposed by Alec Williams and his company Trident. Not only will this bring increased demand to the lake, watershed, wildlife habitat and landscape, it will also impact our mountain community.

People use these lands to recreate, fish, hunt, hike, bike, motorize and gather food and wood. This will negatively impact the traditional use of this land by privatizing and shutting much use off to the people. It will also put increased demand on the ecosystem with large scale/unmoderated development.

I have heard IDL has used "the constitution" as an excuse not to take the time and do what is right for the environment and surrounding communities. This land is only increasing in value, not value that should be sold or traded but value to our planet and value to current and future generations.

We must work together to keep this land undeveloped, to keep it for everyone to use and to survive for future generations. If it requires the IDL to revise the constitution I see that as a win. If it requires Our city council members, towns people, activist groups and the land board to work towards a solution this is a win.

Let us be a positive change that surrounding counties and states can take example from. Let us to the right thing and protect this land.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 5:06 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Kirk Harden at Toehead48@icloud.com
Phone: 208-596-2206
Address: 1400 Harden Rd
City: Moscow
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83843

Comment:

Public lands which is vital for coexistence with nature and the waters we have in Idaho. My family came from Sweden and helped build and feed Moscow, Idaho. I could retire and sell the farm but it's not about just me, it's about all of use working together and truly realizing that our children and future grand children are able to to enjoy what we have here in McCall. My family has been a part of McCall and it's surroundings for over 100 years. Concrete and greed is not the solution and the Harden Family would love to continue to enjoy what the McCall Payette area has to offer! I would just ask your children what they want out of life because you will hopefully die before them! Nature is in control, not us!!!
Kirk Harden

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 5:21 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Fellow TaxPayer at
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:
I strongly oppose this proposal!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 6:54 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Heather Moore at heatherp29@hotmail.com
Phone: 5414207843
Address: 12936 SPRING VALLEY RD
City: DONNELLY
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83615

Comment:

I oppose the proposal of the McCall Endowment lands. I encourage you to look at leases and conservation over development. Thank you for your consideration.

From: Rachel Arndt <Rachel.Arndt.364409653@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 10:29 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because we have made our home here. It is a beautiful and special place and deserves to be protected so future generations of Idahoans can connect with the nature so unique to this place.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Rachel Arndt
1005 Ridge Rd
McCall, ID 83638

From: Jack spiegelman <Jack.spiegelman.420969541@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 10:36 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Development at Laredo bridge

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because we have lived in peace next to rotary park for 45 years

I am concerned the development next to the rive and across the lake has no representation in McCall. We need help as many will not stand up to the city council or are protecting themselves to get unplanned development. Growth is going to happen but needs to be managed. We need help finding an attorney to help us.

The city and dvelpners under COVID are preventing normal opposition. Zoom is not acceptable for controversial projects.

Regards,
Jack spiegelman
325 E Lake St
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 10:37 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Ragan Erickson at raganerickson@gmail.com
Address: 14170 Jefferson Rd
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Our family is highly against the plan to privatize this land. McCall and Payette Lake has been a part of our family since the early 1900's. It has always been our desire to have our children's children continue the traditions and this plan will greatly affect that. Please, leave the land alone for everyone to enjoy.

From: Laura Rogers <Laura.Rogers.421011038@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 2:40 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake. As a born and bred Idahoan, I take a lot of pride in our public lands.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue.

Regards,
Laura Rogers
4001 W Cassia St
Boise, ID 83705

From: Zachary Traylor <Zachary.Traylor.421011713@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 2:53 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Please don't be short-sighted

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Please don't be shortsighted. Public lands are the thing that make Idaho great. That will be true today, in 100 years, and beyond. Let Idaho be a leader in protection of public lands and perpetuate our western way of life.

Regards,
Zachary Traylor
4001 W Cassia St
Boise, ID 83705

From: Brenton Kidder <Brenton.Kidder.386993255@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 3:20 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comments Concerning Sale of Endowment Lands around McCall

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

To the Land Board of Idaho:

I am writing about the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy draft and the potential sale of lands around Payette Lake and McCall. I have lived in Idaho for the past 60 years (first in Fruitland and then Boise) and have fallen in love with recreating in that area. I have also seen what has happened in other states when their leaders have sought to raise the most money for the state by selling endowment lands in areas like Idaho's McCall. Almost overnight those regions have had an influx of out-of-state money come in (I know, that's just why you would sell those lands...to get that money now), the lands have had PRIVATE PROPERTY signs posted and areas that were 'crown jewels' became the playground and 2nd (or 3rd or 4th) homes for those we now call the 1%ers. I love the McCall area, fly-fish, hike and recreate there. What you are proposing will ruin it for those of us who work and live in Idaho. (I am a retired educator.)

I respect the land and work locally to enhance and preserve it. I volunteer with the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley, their partners REI, and celebrate the way they have increased recreational opportunities while still giving ranchers and business owners the chance to continue to get value for their lands. The recent conservation easements done with ranchers north of the Avimor Development will open up an additional set of bike and walking paths for people to enjoy the lands. These avenues help everyone...ranchers, deer, the public and help alleviate the pressures we are continuing to have in Idaho as others move here. This is just one option, and there are many others. Selling the land will be a one-shot approach to getting value from endowment lands. You are tasked with maximizing revenue over the long term. I am asking you to continue the moratorium on the sale of endowment lands while you explore the many options available (like conservation easements and the like). As an educator I appreciate the money that is raised from Idaho's endowment lands; to sell those lands now for a one-shot gain is short-sighted and wrong. Finally, with lands like Cougar Island and Shellworth Island included in the discussion, I want to draw the Board's attention to the current problems Payette Lake has maintaining its pristine water quality. The more development we have, the more leaching of chemicals and fertilizers into the water, resulting in more algae blooms and degradation of water quality. Please factor issues like this in when you make the calculus of long-term revenue versus gain, since the state will be responsible for mitigation of these water issues if/when they occur. We all know that the reason these lands would sell is because they will be developed.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands. Please extend the moratorium on land sales and exchanges so all of these issues (potential problems and solutions) can be addressed before the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy is altered.

All too often I have been hearing Idaho leaders say "IDAHO IS WHAT AMERICA WAS!" Let me end my comments by emphasizing that statement. The current situation IS what makes the Payette Lake and McCall area such a wonderful place. The proposed changes to the Lands Strategy is guaranteed to make it different. Please, at least until you explore ALL the options and know for sure the consequences, keep things as they are.

Thank you for allowing me to present these comments; I hope you will include them in your deliberations.

Regards,
Brenton Kidder

2003 W Dora St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 5:17 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Renee Silvus at reneeomrama@gmail.com
Phone: 2086304913
Address: PO Box 2115
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638-2115

Comment:

As a resident of Valley County, I would like to request that the Land Board develop and adopt a Conservation Easement Option for the lands under discussion. This may entail extending the current moratorium on decisions.

I have been asking other citizens to consider financial support for the Easements as a fair market solution. This is also critical as precedent and example of a best policy practice. Allowing for traditional uses will keep the land in the Endowment portfolio.

My concerns are based on limited local infrastructure and mountain terrain that prohibits adequate delivery of emergency services and utilities. Also, waterfront communities using only septic historically contaminate their drainages and beaches. This does not account for contamination from construction, landscaping, and other results of occupancy.

The Land Board has an opportunity and responsibility to find creative and inspiring solutions that will have a very long lifespan.

Thank you.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 5:43 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Matthew Ganz at idahobatholith@gmail.com
Phone: 208315159
Address: P.O. Box 388
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Land Board Commissioners –

I am submitting comments in regards to Payette Endowment Lands. I respectfully urge the commissioners to allow for a conservation easement option in any future land use plans that include proposals for swaps or sales on endowment lands in the Payette Lakes area, and the entire State of Idaho. Allowing for such a possibility does not preclude I.D.L.'s potential to maximize financial value in your efforts to meet understood Idaho constitutional requirements, by generating revenue through the purchase of said easement(s). Conservation easements could bring fair market value revenue for parcels in consideration.

Good stewardship is an agreed upon best practice use on I.D.L. pieces of ground. Conservation easements allow for good stewardship of forested lands to continue in perpetuity. Logging, fire mitigation practices and ranching are activities that could remain in place. Depending on specific circumstances recreation opportunities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, dirt biking, atv'ing, camping could not only be protected, but enhanced. Protection of critical water resources could be implemented. This benefits every Idahoan who cherishes access to public lands, and clean water. In turn these activities give back to local communities and the State in the form of recreation revenue that helps fuel a stable and healthy economy, and citizenry. I do not think it is a stretch to say that getting outside and enjoying the outdoors, and caring for those lands is an Idaho birth right and one to be proud of, protect and enhance. This is a tremendous opportunity for you, our elected leaders and Land Board commissioners. Please make sure the process allows for a conservation easement proposal and consider extending the moratorium to allow for protocols to be developed. I appreciate your consideration.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 6:30 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: wyatt albright at inmotionpbs@gmail.com
Phone: 2083106866
Address: 3731 West Mountain Rd
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Selling public use lands to private investors is never a good idea no matter what they say . I oppose the sale or transfer on any public's land especially those lands that are so close to our home.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 7:55 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Jocelyn Pulver at jocelynpulver@u.boisestate.edu
Phone: 2088696903
Address: 1640 Forest Trails Drive
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:
Dear PEL coordinators,

A few short comments:

The Plan needs to be comprehensive, analyzing McCall area endowment lands as a continuous whole, as well as evaluate the costs over the LONG-TERM, not just short-term benefits.

The Plan must protect the public trust, the obligation of elected officials to protect and maintain the resources of Payette Lake and its watershed.

The Plan should include a long-term stakeholder advisory group to find creative solutions and advise IDL on comprehensive decision making.

FINALLY.....KEEP STATE LANDS IN STATE HANDS!!! I OPPOSE the wholesome trade of McCall area endowment lands and support conservation leases and easements to protect these lands while increasing endowment revenue.

I am COMMITTED to CONSERVE and PROTECT McCall Area Endowment Lands.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Pulver
McCall resident and environmentalist

From: Daniel Balluff <Daniel.Balluff.421028869@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 8:22 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for taking comments on this. If you sell this land-off, the damage of doing so will never be reversed. This is so special to so many people and that has an intrinsic value worth way more than selling it will have. Please figure out a way to keep it public. Perhaps charge fees for use, ask for donations, anything. Idaho is growing and open space where people live and vacation is going to be in high demand. There must be a solution to avoid selling this treasure. I know you understand this and hope you can resist special interests trying to make a deal to grab this from the people. Thank you.

Regards,
Daniel Balluff
1719 N 17th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 10:01 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Madison Hanousek at hanomadi@isu.edu
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Hello, as a McCall local I want to oppose the land being sold off to Trident. This land is crucial for wildlife migration as well as access to recreation. I am worried about long term septic also getting into our waterways. Handing land over doesnt make McCall pristine- how we all love it.

From: Danette Phelan <Danette.Phelan.102780697@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 10:01 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because ...

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

This is amazing property that needs to be passed on from generation to generation. That is what makes Idaho so unique and special. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.

Regards,
Danette Phelan
6213 S Survival Pl
Boise, ID 83716

From: Beatrice Thompson <Beatrice.Thompson.421032990@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 10:22 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because, I grew up in that area and have family history with McCall as my Uncle was the Sheriff there, and as a child we went to McCall for 4th of July and family had places next to the lake

Today, I go there to recharge and get back to nature. Every year, there is less access to the places I could freely range as a child. If you truly believe in protecting Idaho, then do not sell off our public lands or trade them to people who have the most money. Raise rates for parks and I will pay more, whatever it takes. The land board is not looking out for the public. Don't sell us and our children short.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Beatrice Thompson
6386 S Mistyglenn Ave
Boise, ID 83709

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 12:24 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Nathan Todd at
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

The endowment land in and around McCall needs to be kept from being transferred to a private entity. Currently local residents and visitors have great access to wonderful outdoor recreational activities within the endowment land. Further development would create limited access to lands that make living in here so special. Please protect this land from being parceled up to new homes and private property. Leave this land as an outdoor playground for everyone that enjoys what makes Idaho so wonderful.

Thank you,

Nathan Todd

From: Susan Stauffer <Susan.Stauffer.421037094@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 3:44 AM
To: Comments
Subject: McCall Public Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

I live in McCall and am concerned that the pace of planning changes for the management of public lands near McCall is preventing creative plans that could do a better job.

Please consider extending the initial planning time beyond the pandemic to allow groups to strategize other options such as raising private money to purchase lands for public access.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Regards,
Susan Stauffer
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Mccall, ID 83638

From: Clifford Bove <Clifford.Bove.50504790@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 9:43 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Hello, Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. This area of Idaho is incredibly important to me.

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities.

Regards,
Clifford Bove
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Williamsville, VA 24487

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 12:27 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Heidi Marineau at heidi_marineau@outlook.com
Phone: 5307213129
Address: 2561 Alma Ave 1
City: South Lake Tahoe
State: California
Zip Code: 96150-3011

Comment:

As a native Idahoan, I oppose the McCall IDL land exchange. The lands surrounding Payette Lake are vital to the the surrounding communities. Please stop the IDL land exchange and keep Idaho Idaho.

Thank you.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Molly Marineau at Mjmarineau@gmail.com
Phone: 1-778-968-2146
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City: Vancouver
State: Washington

Comment:

I oppose the McCall area IDL land exchange proposed by Alec Williams and his company Trident. Not only will this bring increased demand to the lake, watershed, wildlife habitat and landscape, it will also impact our mountain community.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:36 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Lewis-barber Nelson at nelsonlewisbarber@gmail.com
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Hello, let me introduce my company. It is Big Rock Land Investments and we are looking to amicably reside alongside the residents of Valley County, the City of McCall and other historical elements that we may encounter. Our goal is to find State land that we can “appropriately” acquire and develop. We are very experienced in developing master plans which will be forever evolving, non-binding, and personally pleasing so that the residents of Valley county, the city of McCall and the other elements involved may have their interests considered to the utmost of being achieved for now and the future. Of course we do have supportive guidance of a mandate from the Idaho Constitution. This mandate requires us to follow the straight and narrow path of analyzing State property on the basis of a current dollar sign attached to this land. This is more or less a guiding light for our set in stone progress. Considerations for changes in this guiding light need not be considered. This mandate will allow us to weave around 100 years of precedents for the use of this land. These precedents shall be considered insignificant and we will not attach a dollar and cents sign to these as it may leave areas open to argumentative conclusions.

The first item on our agenda is to create a relationship with the State Lands Department. Of course we will abide by strict confidential protocol as is appropriate when there is questions involving legality and ethics. We realize that in a modern cognizant society there can be no non-identifiable links between our Company and the State Land Board. Questionable procedures are phenomenons and ghosts of the past. Our upfront approach should make for a comfortable relationship with the State Land Board and others.. We are a Company of integrity, and of course, will keep the interests of the residents in our mind as a number one priority. Our profits will be considered meager and of secondary importance. If we can maintain a lack of competition for this land we will certainly be able to keep these profits at rock bottom.

Let’s get the ball rolling after 100 years of stagnant land use around here. We need to do something to promote profits. We are aware that the residents and local businesses have minimal interest in these State Lands and relevancy is the State mandate. We heard that the Texas Brothers are dumping lots of land on the market, also land that had maintained precedents for about 100 years. We feel that the time is right to fuel the fire of immediate profits and at the least promote Immediate changes. We want to lift the yoke of burdens on persons interested in this land. Compelling interest and resulting anxiety over this stagnant land needs to be alleviated. The Texas brothers have shown us the way on how to deal land. Flooding the market with more land while the prices are high is a good investment. This is one idea on how to get the State the biggest bang for their buck (don’t forget the mandate).. Our Company is here to promote your interests in achieving these goals.

The time is right, we need not consider the interests of future for we have the opportunity to make those decisions the future of now. The power that is given to us by State Mandate need not be questioned as to ethics or the ethical use of this mandate. After all this mandate is a “mandate”. We have a mandated fiscal responsibility to light the dollar fire and

keep warm now. We don't have to worry when the fire goes cold because we did our mandated maximum Big Bang for the buck and got it over with.

Thank you for your interest and you can support us by going to WWW.welcome@Thebigrocklandinvestmentcompany

From: Gayle Stauffer <gstauffer17@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 9:35 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment on Payette Endowment Lands proposal - submitted for Feb. 12 deadline, please acknowledge

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DATE: February 8, 2021

TO: Idaho Department of Lands Board of Directors

FROM: Randall & Gayle Stauffer, Residents of Boise & McCall

RE: **Support for the Payette Land Trust Conservation Easement Protocol proposal**

Dear Governor Little and Directors:

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on IDL's Payette Endowment Strategy. We understand the challenge of managing endowment lands to fulfill Idaho's constitutional mandates, as well as the benefits the endowment has provided to all Idahoans. Thank you for your vision in this regard.

We have owned a condo at Tamarack Bay on Eastside Drive in McCall since 2000; with shared ownership, we were able to afford this even though we're middle class folks. Like everyone who spends time on Payette Lake, we've come to think of it as sacred. We've seen use of the Eastside Drive corridor explode over the past five years, and think it's wonderful that so many people have access to this Idaho gem. The state beach next to us is often packed with locals and especially those who like to swim their dogs. From Camp Ida-Haven to North Beach, users include huckleberry pickers, trail runners, hikers, bikers, scuba divers getting certified, cross- and back-country skiers, snow-shoers, and wintertime UTVers hauling their kids in the snow. Shellworth Island is increasingly swarmed with paddleboarders, kayakers and bird-watchers enjoying the island. We had a scavenger hunt for our son and his friends on Shellworth for his 11th birthday; he is now 28 and says it's his most cherished birthday memory of all time.

We can't put a dollar value on experiences such as these, in a place that would easily win the "People's Choice" award for outdoor Idaho. The decisions to be made this spring regarding the Payette Endowment Lands will last for eternity, with potentially irreversible consequences. With \$3 billion in our endowment fund, we must acknowledge there is the ability and yes, the DUTY, to preserve important places for future Idahoans – for our children's children.

We recognize that preservation is not the mandate of the Land Board when it comes to endowment lands. Fortunately, the Payette Land Trust is crafting a solution through its effort to develop a conservation easement protocol for the state of Idaho. With development pressure bearing down upon the entire state, such a protocol is sorely needed. We and many other Idahoans are supporting this effort financially. We have extreme confidence in the PLT and its director, Craig Utter, to work with IDL to create a conservation easement protocol that is right for Idaho. Parcel G of the Payette Endowment Strategy could be the first conservation easement, and a template for future easements as needs are identified over time.

We respectfully urge the Land Board to delay any decisions on the Payette Endowment Lands and to direct IDL staff to work with PLT on thoughtful development of such a protocol. Let's protect our Idaho treasures before it's too late.

Thank you.

From: Joey Pietri <Joey.Pietri.330129327@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:33 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

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Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because ...much of my time is spent hiking with my children grandchildren nieces , nephews and their children . Years of access to these lands have provided many warm nights from the firewood cut on these lands, enjoyment of huckleberries picked , fish caught , access to Rivers and lakes that allowed places for swimming Diving , rocks to climb , for and sunning , paddling And floating access to Cycling and just plain sitting In solitude . At times a ceremonial sweat and small weddings we have been blessed with these public lands that are usual and accustomed to at least three tribes that hunted fished , gathered camped grazed and protected for centuries prior to Euro-American habitation or travel . This has been Tribal land for millennia kept for the generations . Sale of this land is a betrayal of public trust to privatize these lands is more of a dereliction than a duty and you are urged to keep this Sacred ground for the generations as did those tribes and animals that walked here before us and Should continue for centuries and generations to come not just for the privileged that can afford the luxury of owning what should be shared and really only belongs to the creator for us to steward for all.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Joey Pietri
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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 8:33 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

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From: Thomas Welty at thomaswelty@gmail.com
Phone: 2089890340
Address: 939 Flynn Lane
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:
Comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy (PELS) 2-9-2021

I am writing to comment on the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) draft report entitled the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy (PELS), which provides a plan for the management of 5500 acres of endowment lands in the vicinity of the City of McCall. As a retired family physician with extensive experience in public health, I have some serious concerns about the plan as written. While I understand the constitutional mandate to manage the endowment lands to maximize income for the beneficiaries, IDL also has a Trust Responsibility to protect the critical watershed that drains into Payette Lake, so that the sole source of drinking water for McCall is not contaminated and to preserve the pristine beauty of the lake for future generations. Note the legal requirement stated in Public Law 67-4301 which was passed in 1925 states:

“BIG PAYETTE LAKE — APPROPRIATION OF WATERS IN TRUST FOR PEOPLE. The governor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate in trust for the people of the state of Idaho all the unappropriated water of Big Payette Lake, or so much thereof as may be necessary to preserve said lake in its present condition. The preservation of said water in said lake for scenic beauty, health and recreation purposes necessary and desirable for all the inhabitants of the state is hereby declared to be a beneficial use of such water.”

PELS summarizes potential transitions of 13 parcels of endowment lands surrounding Big Payette Lake (Parcels A-M), but it does not mention the Trust Responsibility that IDL and the Land Board have in all decisions related to the endowment lands. The narrative in the plan states that sewer services are available for most of the parcels and also states that the most probable buyer/tenant would be large-scale developers or private individuals.

Ponderosa State Park Option:

There is no mention of possibly adding Cougar (parcel M) and Shellworth (Parcel F) Islands, the Grove (Parcel G) which includes 3100 feet of shoreline, and the meanders north of Payette Lake (Parcel I) to Ponderosa State Park. These islands need to be preserved and protected in perpetuity, rather than being developed. They would also be a perfect addition to Ponderosa State Park and managed at the lowest level to reduce costs with day use only.

Parcels G and I are frequently-used points of access to the lake and river by many local folks and visitors for boating/paddle boarding, swimming, and hiking. Selling these parcels off to individuals who would put up “No Trespassing” signs to block popular public access points to the lake and river would eliminate public access to these highly-used recreational opportunities that bring visitors from all over the US to McCall. These 4 parcels should definitely not be sold to developers or private individuals and if possible, should be transferred to management by Ponderosa

State Park. Transferring these lands to Ponderosa State Park management would likely require approval from the State Legislature and public or private funding to pay for purchase or long-term lease agreements.

Conservation Easement Option:

Establishing conservation easements is another alternative that should be considered for a number of the parcels, especially Parcel H on the east of the lake, which has the potential for recreational biking, hiking, and Nordic ski trails, including trails to access hunting areas near the Crestline Trail, which would not be feasible if it is sold to a private developer. Conservation easements could also be considered for Parcel G, with a plan to recoup the cost by fees for boating, swimming, picnicking, and possibly camping.

I encourage the IDL to do the following:

1. Assess the capacity of the Payette Lakes Recreational Water & Sewer System to handle the additional sewage that will be created by the residences that are included in the draft plan, if the lands are sold to developers or private individuals. The sewer capacity needs to be determined in detail for each of the 13 parcels before any are sold. All housing and businesses built on these parcels must be connected to the sewer system to prevent contamination of Payette Lake and to prevent other surface contamination of the lake. How would residences on Cougar and Shellworth Islands have access to adequate sewer services to protect the health of Payette Lake and fulfill the 1925 law?
2. Promote the addition of Parcels M, F, G, and I to Ponderosa State Park which will then guarantee public access to them in perpetuity. User fees collected by the Park could pay for improved maintenance and facilities, including outhouses that had holding tanks that could be pumped out periodically rather than draining into the North Fork watershed.
3. Explore the feasibility of implementing conservation easements where possible to preserve public access to those lands.
4. Extend the moratorium on sale, trade, or lease of these lands until 2022 to provide enough time to develop a more comprehensive plan that puts the protection of Payette Lake and the watershed front and center as a foundation for IDL decisions regarding these lands. This moratorium will then enable stakeholders who are committed to preserving public access to these lands to raise funds to transfer them to Ponderosa Park, to establish conservation easements, or to lease them until there are sufficient resources to buy them or transfer them to the Park so that the public has access to them in perpetuity.
5. Ask the governor to develop a stakeholder advisory group that can provide input on potential changes to the lands in the PELs as a follow up to the focus group that IDL has already organized.

I have a deep personal interest in ensuring that public lands management decisions protect our quality of life, our land, water, fish, and wildlife, and the communities that depend on these resources. Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations and for the work IDL is doing to solicit public input on the plans for these 13 parcels of McCall area endowment lands,

Thomas Welty, MD, MPH
939 Flynn Lane; McCall, ID 83638

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 4:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Amy Calkins at calkinsa4@gmail.com
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Address: 140 Brook Drive
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

The proposed land swap deal would have a tremendous impact on the community and environment. Gradual growth over decades allows for adjustment to change. What is being proposed would rape us of what makes this area special. The infrastructure can't support the volume of traffic it would create. The watershed can't support the number of people that would come here to live or play. The service industry already struggles to take care of the tourist seasons. The list just keeps going. I can't think of one way in which the land swap would benefit this community. Not one. Please do the right thing for Idaho and decline the land swap.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 4:55 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
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Dear Land Board of the Idaho Department of Lands,

Please develop a Conservation Easement Option for the management of State Endowment Lands. Conservation easements can be purchased at fair market value, thereby satisfying the Land Board's fiscal duty to its beneficiaries. Properly done, a Conservation Easement Option can turn contention land issues into a win-win for the Land Board's beneficiaries and local communities.

Plus, Conservation Easements can be adapted to allow for traditional uses such as timber or grazing. They can keep the land in the Endowment portfolio for continued revenue in addition to the gain from the initial establishment of the easement. Moreover, Conservation Easements increase surrounding property values, thereby adding further tax revenue and financial returns on State Lands.

The area around McCall is especially suited for the development and trial of such an option. As the balance between population density and open space shifts throughout the state, open spaces become more precious to local communities and visitors to those places. The early establishment of such an option in McCall will provide an extra tool at the disposal of the Land Board when faced with management decisions in future areas around the state. A well-developed model in the McCall area will benefit not only interest groups regarding these particular lands, but also the State of Idaho as a whole.

Please consider pausing any transfer of lands and extending the moratorium until this happy option for the state can be developed. The long-term benefits of developing a Conservation Easement protocol by far outweigh the short-term cost that would occur were a moratorium on transfer established while such a protocol is developed.

I am a teacher at CWI and I went to public high school in McCall, Idaho. I love education and I love the land. The interests of the two need not be pitted against each other. I beg you consider a Conservation Easement option so that our love of the land and the promise of education can work together for the common good of Idaho and her people.

Thank you for your time.

Esto Perpetua,

Sean S. Gould, PhD

From: John Schott <John.Schott.124752928@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 8:58 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Public lands are important to me

Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. The state trust lands around McCall and Payette Lake are one of the main reasons we chose to move here from Alaska 17 years ago. Easy access to beautiful outdoor areas is an irreplaceable treasure and I ask that you look for ways to keep these lands public rather than selling them to private interests. I would be willing to personally contribute a considerable amount of money towards a conservation easement or conservation trust, or to transfer the lands to expand Ponderosa State Park, a real gem that will continue to thrill Idahoans and visitors for centuries to come.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue.

Regards,
John Schott
14191 Hancock Rd
McCall, ID 83638

From: Willie Adicoff <Willie.Adicoff.148304172@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The area around Payette Lake needs to remain in public hands with a focus on recreation opportunities using public access and wildlife conservation. This will allow the state to continually collect funds due to these lands being accessible as tourism drives the economy around McCall and access to much of our public land could be blocked if it is sold. IDL should consider how much money these lands make indirectly from taxes on people visiting, hunters and fisherman, and clean drinking water and air. Oftentimes, the cost of losing forests and natural habitat outweigh the benefit of selling.

Rather than a short term gain, IDL should think about the long term benefits of holding on to state land and allowing it to be shared among all citizens.

Regards,
Willie Adicoff
13993 Easy St
McCall, ID 83638

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 3:34 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Zachary Jones at mr.zachjones@gmail.com
Phone: 2089216633
Address: 5770 W. Winfield Ct
City: BOISE
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83703

Comment:

I oppose The proposed McCall land transfer, I'd like the IDL to evaluate long term costs and impacts not just near term proposals, I call for the IDL to protect resources and watersheds, and I'd like the IDL to include a public advisory group for creative and meaningful solutions. McCall Payette Land Endowment is not for sale! I own a cabin on the lake and I want the endowment land to be designated as a Sate Park.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 5:02 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: James Zokan at jrkmllc@gmail.com
Phone: 2083456197
Address: 1312 11th St
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83702

Comment:

The lands around Payette Lake are important to all people that enjoy this area either if it is their backyard or if they may have visited or revisit it on vacation. The ability to recreate on lands close to amenities that are offered in the cities of Valley county are important. It brings more commerce to these cities by visitors knowing that they have this amenity as part of the recreational options when planning a trip. This amenity is something that all economic groups can enjoy and call their own. Even if there needs to be a fee structure for parking at trailheads to offset the argument of the IDL budget shortfalls to manage these lands, I believe the users would be willing to pay these fees vs the option to trade this land off. There are other ways that IDL McCall District could also offset any budget short falls, like having land use permits for all of the district or state that actually reflects real cost of using or even extracting resources from lands under IDL jurisdiction.

The Governor, has said he needs to recuse himself from a decision regarding this proposal of a land swap. His family's interest in this land for recreation and business use through IDL grazing permits has him in an interesting spot. It is also an opportunity to show how he IDL care about the land as a stewards by realizing the true business costs and that across the state this is an issue that needs to be addressed. Permitted grazing, logging special use and recreators all need to be willing to pay for their use at real market value. When push comes to shove all users will be willing to pay reevaluated costs rather than face the contrary and a lot of those users other options would be to pay for private land use fees/contracts. The other option is to raise state or local taxes, which tends to be a dirty word in this state. So, a true realistic fee structure to all IDL land users is an appropriate decision. This would not just help with the IDL McCall district funding shortfalls, but may also help with one of the main missions of IDL which is to raise revenues to support ID Education throughout the state.

The Idaho Department of Lands should carefully consider alternatives to selling off these lands. Although I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands.

Please extend the current moratorium on land sales or exchanges to allow additional time to find solutions, and work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 8:04 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Gina Bonaminio at wildernesswilma@hotmail.com
Phone: 2086346675
Address: POB 1247
City: Donnelly
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83615

Comment:

After reading the PELS and watching the first focus group meeting, I wonder what other option might be out there that is new or different given changes in the ways lands can be used and they value they have in public use. I wonder if it is possible to look at these lands as fee lands or conservation easements. One could charge fees to use or access those lands, or those lands could be identified as conservation easements available for purchase at fair market value. It seems that more time could be spent on looking outside the box for solutions that could benefit the state, the local residents, and future visitors to the McCall area- specific to the parcels within the impact area. I appreciate the value of the state endowment lands, what they provide to all of us as residents and as a 30 year resident of McCall and a 50 year resident of Idaho I think there is opportunity to investigate other ways those lands could generate income. Please consider extending both the public comment period and the plan phase to develop options that allow for traditional uses and new uses that generate funds.
Thank you.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: John Rygh at jtrygh@gmail.com
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

I am writing to offer comment on the draft Payette Endowment Land Strategy. Over the past 30 years that I've lived in McCall, I've been more-or-less accepting of the management status quo of IDL lands around the area. The recent interest in substantial changes to the disposition of these lands has thus caught my attention. In general, I don't have too much problem with the proposed parcel designations for Tiers I and II, with the exception of Shellworth Island. That is such a popular boating destination in the summer. I paddle out there frequently from the small beach on parcel G (please retain public beach access here regardless of what else is done with parcel G). If management of the island were turned over to Ponderosa Park and they were to operate a cabin or two out there for overnight camping, I would bet they could charge a substantial amount and have it booked non-stop. I would think the allure of cabin rental on an island in the lake would be a big time winner. There's your revenue stream. Kick Parcel F into Tier III and start talking to the Park about this.

As far as the Tier IV parcels go, these lands are appropriately not planned for transition. I would recommend keeping in mind that the location of these parcels between the lake and the surrounding Forest Service lands should be thought of in an overall watershed management context that recognizes the significant value of protecting Payette Lake water quality. The stuff that comes out of my tap. To that end I think there are quite a few folks around here who would be willing to fund conservation easements on all or part of these lands. I understand that this financial vehicle may not be expressly mentioned in the Land Board's direction, but if not, it certainly should be considered. I did a quick number crunch of the revenue shortfall compared to the target annual revenue of the Tier IV lands, and it appears that the interest earnings on a roughly one million dollar fund would make up the difference. I'll bet you could get local people to pony up for such a deal.

The close recreational access these lands provide is a major amenity for McCall residents and visitors. These places are fifteen minutes from my doorstep. Access to lands like this in other communities with a strong recreation economy often requires an hour or more of travel time. If IDL needs a piece of that economic action that makes use of endowment lands, they need to develop equitable vehicles for doing so.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Mary Lou Rush at mlourush@gmail.com
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City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

I have some concern with the PELS. They include:

The PELS only considers its own financial goals in its siloed analysis of individual parcels within this area and does not consider the domino effect of development.

The PELS is not protective of the public trust of Payette Lake.

There is no method for citizens to provide input and support for potential changes to these lands within the PELS.

Any large-scale land transfer would lead to more development than the lands can handle, put too much control in the hands of one private party, and is inconsistent with the framework and process denoted in the PELS.

The PELS provides a limited set of solutions to meet financial revenue goals of transition endowment lands..

The PELS fails to consider the financial and environmental costs to any proposed transactions or major management decisions regarding endowment lands.

The PELS is limited by the interpretation of the Idaho constitutional language in Article IX Section 8 which is not fully aligned with current reality and public needs.

Desirable land is becoming scarce with growing populations. High-end development threatens to limit access to these lands and Payette Lake to only the wealthy.

Thank you.

From: Katie Omercevic <katieomercevic@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment on Payette Endowment Lands proposal - submitted for Feb. 12 deadline, please acknowledge

DATE: February 11, 2021

TO: Idaho Department of Lands Board of Directors

FROM: Katie & Benis Omercevic, Residents of Boise & McCall

RE: Support for the Payette Land Trust Conservation Easement Protocol proposal

Dear Governor Little and Directors:

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on IDL's Payette Endowment Strategy. We understand the challenge of managing endowment lands to fulfill Idaho's constitutional mandates, as well as the benefits the endowment has provided to all Idahoans. Thank you for your vision in this regard.

My parents have owned a condo at Tamarack Bay on Eastside Drive in McCall since 2000; with shared ownership, they were able to afford this even though I'd consider our family to be middle class folks. Like everyone who spends time on Payette Lake, we've come to think of it as sacred. We've seen use of the Eastside Drive corridor explode over the past five years, and think it's wonderful that so many people have access to this Idaho gem. The state beach next to us is often packed with locals and especially those who like to swim their dogs. From Camp Ida-Haven to North Beach, users include huckleberry pickers, trail runners, hikers, bikers, scuba divers getting certified, cross- and back-country skiers, snow-shoers, and wintertime UTVers hauling their kids in the snow. Weekend trips up to McCall with my family throughout my childhood are some of my most cherished memories. My husband and I refer to Payette Lake as our "happy place" and got married there in 2017.

We can't put a dollar value on experiences such as these, in a place that would easily win the "People's Choice" award for outdoor Idaho. The decisions to be made this spring regarding the Payette Endowment Lands will last for eternity, with potentially irreversible consequences. With \$3 billion in our endowment fund, we must acknowledge there is the ability and yes, the DUTY, to preserve important places for future Idahoans – for our children's children. (I am pregnant with our first child and want these lands to be available for her to have these same experiences as I did growing up!)

We recognize that preservation is not the mandate of the Land Board when it comes to endowment lands. Fortunately, the Payette Land Trust is crafting a solution through its effort to develop a conservation easement protocol for the state of Idaho. With development pressure bearing down upon the entire state, such a protocol is sorely needed. We and many other Idahoans are supporting this effort financially. We have extreme confidence in the PLT and its director, Craig Utter, to work with IDL to create a conservation easement protocol that is right for Idaho. Parcel G of the Payette Endowment Strategy could be the first conservation easement, and a template for future easements as needs are identified over time.

We respectfully urge the Land Board to delay any decisions on the Payette Endowment Lands and to direct IDL staff to work with PLT on thoughtful development of such a protocol. Let's protect our Idaho treasures before it's too late!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our thoughts & concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

Katie & Benis Omercevic

From: Christine Lovitt <lovitt_mccall@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Land Board
Subject: Comments for landboard meeting on Tuesday Feb. 16
Attachments: Idaho state endowment land mgmt letter.docx

Please see enclosed attachment.

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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 land not 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.

Longtime residents of McCall,

Larry and Christine Lovitt

From: Beret Norman <Beret.Norman.422456160@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 3:43 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Retain Public Lands

Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

The community of McCall and the Payette Lake region is incredibly important to me because it is accessible to so many providing access to outdoor experiences in nature that are so vital to good health.

I am concerned that selling or exchanging state land around Payette Lake may set a dangerous precedent that could result in the sale of thousands of acres of endowment land all across the state.

I urge the Idaho Department of Lands and the Land Board to work with partners to evaluate alternatives to land sales. IDL and the Land Board should also carefully consider their obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine to ensure that public benefits are maintained and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and please keep me on the list for future opportunities.

Regards,
Beret Norman
4792 Wylie Ln
Boise, ID 83703

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 4:17 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Darby Webb at Darby_webb@yahoo.com
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City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83702

Comment:

I have reviewed the PELS plan and I ask that the Land Board consider these issues prior to approval: 1. The plan needs to be more comprehensive in nature and should consider long term values for preservation, use, and development. 2. Payette Lake is a public trust and it must be protected. It is the sole source of McCall drinking water and unchecked development could cause irreparable damage to the lake itself as well as it's downstream watershed. 3. I believe the Governor should appoint a long term Stakeholder Advisory group to adequately determine the future of the land. 4. I am strongly against a wholesale land trade which puts a large portion of land into the hands of a profit seeking entity. 5. Conservation solutions must be sought to preserve recreation, but still bring in revenue. 6. A more thorough financial analysis of the true value of these lands must be undertaken. Nick Harris presented a brief financial analysis at the November land board meeting and these numbers must be scrutinized versus relying on a proposal with skewed numbers given by Trident at the Nov meeting. I truly hope the Land Board makes a decision not just based on the bottom line dollar and considers all consequences of a rash and quick decision.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 7:23 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Jessie Raymond at jesswren@yahoo.com
Phone: 208-315-4778
Address: PO Box 2054
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Regarding the possible sale of the Payette Endowment Lands, I would like to ask for a "Conservation Easement Option" to be developed. I also ask to extend the moratorium to allow for the time to develop protocol. Conservation Easements are a way to generate revenue for the Endowment, as they are purchased at fair market value.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 8:41 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Robyn Armstrong at gypsyrobyn@gmail.com
Phone: 2086344180
Address: 349 Carmen Drive
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Here are my comments on the draft Payette Endowment Land Strategy. I've lived in the City of McCall for 26 years and have enjoyed these Idaho Department of Lands around the area. The recent interest in substantial changes to the disposition of these lands has naturally caught my attention. In general, I don't have too much problem with the proposed parcel designations for Tiers I and II, with the exception of Shellworth Island. That is such a popular boating destination in the summer. My friends and I paddle out there frequently from the small beach on parcel G (please retain public beach access here regardless of what else is done with parcel G). If management of the island were turned over to Ponderosa Park, they could operate a popular rental cabin or two out there for overnight camping. I would think the allure of cabin rental on an island in Payette Lake would be a big time winner and revenue stream for the State. Move Parcel F into Tier III and start talking to the State Parks about this.

As far as the Tier IV parcels go, these lands are appropriately not planned for transition. I would recommend keeping in mind that the location of these parcels between the lake and the surrounding Forest Service lands should be thought of in an overall watershed management context that recognizes the significant value of protecting Payette Lake water quality. We drink from the lake as a municipal water source. There would be a few folks around here who would be willing to fund conservation easements on all or part of these lands. I understand that this financial vehicle may not be expressly mentioned in the Land Board's direction, but if not, it certainly should be considered. It appears that the interest earnings on a roughly one million dollar fund from the annual revenue of the Tier IV lands would make up the difference. The local people may be able to contribute to this idea.

The close recreational access these lands provide is a major amenity for McCall residents and Boise vacation visitors. Access to lands like this in other communities with a strong recreation economy often requires an hour or more of travel time. If IDL needs a piece of that economic action that makes use of endowment lands, they need to develop equitable vehicles for doing so.

Robyn Armstrong
McCall, ID
gypsyrobyn@gmail.com

From: Erin Bergmann <erinbergmann1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Support for the Payette Land Trust Conservation Easement Protocol proposal

Dear Governor Little and Directors,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on IDL's Payette Endowment Strategy. I am writing in favor of the PLT proposal.

McCall is a hidden gem in this country and such a special place to so many people. It is so special BECAUSE it's nature is significantly untouched and still NATURE. The decisions to be made this spring regarding the Payette Endowment Lands will last for forever and will most likely be irreversible. Now is the time that we can make a decision to preserve this land until the community can come together and decide how to move forward in a way that will best maintain McCall and Payette National Forest as it is today. I respectfully plead you to do what you can to help us preserve important places for future Idahoans – for our children's children, starting this land being discussed and delaying any decision on the Payette Endowment Lands. If we can direct IDL staff to work with the PLT on thoughtful development, we can set a beautiful precedent for the future.

Thank you so much for your consideration of my letter and for helping us protect Idaho treasures while we still can.

Sincerely,

Erin Bergmann
Tamarack Bay Visitor

From: Reed Stauffer <stauffer.reed@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:21 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Support for the Payette Land Trust Conservation Easement Protocol Proposal

Governor Little and Directors,

I wanted to take this opportunity to write you and the Board regarding IDL's Payette Endowment Strategy letting you know I am in support of Payette Land Trusts' proposal.

I grew up going to McCall and exploring the undiscovered nature all around Payette Lake and the surrounding areas. It has provided some of the most formative experiences of my life. As a young adult, I am someone that finds the most joy in life spending time outside which was developed at a young age in McCall. I mountain bike, ski and run. Just last week I was backcountry skiing in the forest near the lake. I can't help but think what may become of this land if it is sold off for commercial development. One of the worlds best kept secrets, McCall, will never be the same.

We only get one opportunity to do what is right for this land and our generation will be responsible for the face of Payette lake for the rest of eternity. It is my greatest hope that all Idahoans are able to experience this land as I have, untamed and untouched.

I understand that under constitutional law this land must be utilized for highest and best use. There is no dollar value you can put on experiences but there aren't very many places in the world like McCall, we need to do everything we can to preserve the beauty of this land the surrounding environment.

I respectfully urge the Land Board to delay any decisions on the Payette Endowment Lands and to direct IDL staff to work with PLT on thoughtful development of such a protocol.

Thank you for your consideration.
Reed

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Leslie Pierce at fireweed23@yahoo.com
Phone: 907-799-9855
Address: 405 N. Samson Trail, PO Box 3042
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

To the Idaho Department of Lands Board of Commissioners:

I oppose the exchange of the Payette Endowment Lands around Payette Lake and the surrounding area of McCall and not selling them or exchanging them with private sectors.

I have been a homeowner in McCall since 1999 and pay property taxes to Valley County. I purchased my home after many years of visiting and enjoying McCall and the surrounding lakes, rivers, and mountains. I would like to continue enjoying the lands around Payette Lake, as well as my children, grandchildren and other family members.

The State's draft plan acknowledges this area around McCall being "a recreational destination." The State's plan goes on to say that it promotes "land uses that support the community and preserve the surrounding natural amenities, particularly viewsheds, open space, and recreational opportunities." Keeping these lands in the public domain will help to keep this recreational treasure.

I oppose the trade that the Trident Holdings company has proposed for Payette Endowment Lands. This trade will mean the lands around Payette Lake will no longer be public and will no longer be ours to enjoy. I urge the Board of Commissioners to oppose the trade as well.

I believe this trade will negatively affect most residents of McCall, residents of Idaho who enjoy the recreational opportunities near McCall, and many out-of-state visitors, who currently enjoy these lands. By removing access and putting the land in private hands, the ability to use the lake for fishing, boating, swimming and the land for hiking and biking will be greatly reduced. These areas are also used for gathering wood, huckleberries, and more. Thinking about Payette Endowment Lands no longer being available breaks my heart. This would be a huge loss for the community of McCall and its visitors and would only benefit a select few.

Development occurring on these lands will affect the ecosystem, including the land, the water and animals. Wildlife corridors will be negatively impacted, habitat reduced, and our natural lake will be turned into a private neighborhood. It is true that the south part of the lake borders the town of McCall and many residences. The Payette Endowment Lands are the part of the lake that allow residents and visitors to "get away." That will not be possible should it be developed. Payette Lake, being the sole source of water for McCall, will be impacted. The northern part of the lake, including the meanders, provides a buffer and keeps the lake healthy. Developing those areas will degrade the water quality. This is important for the health of the ecosystem, plants and animals, but also, our own health.

I understand that the Board of Commissioners is trying to do what is right for the State of Idaho, but please listen to residents of McCall who will be directly impacted. I encourage you to include a Stakeholder Advisory Group in your

Payette Endowment Strategy Plan. This will enhance transparency and access for local residents to voice their concerns and provide details about real local impacts expected by this or future exchanges. Local residents can also assist in finding solutions for the IDL to seek other methods of needed revenue while keeping these lands in the public trust. A one-time revenue for the “sale” of this land does not compare to the future lifetimes of revenue obtained from the visitation to these lands by many. Transferring these lands to one large private entity provides future revenue for the few, leaving many visitors to forego recreational activities in this area for more accessible and public areas. The land swap of timberland valued at \$45 million for the Payette Endowment Lands valued at over \$1 billion does not seem fair to the people of Idaho.

A true economic analysis is needed, which would bring to light the magnitude of the many negative impacts to the community of McCall that may not have been addressed, including the city infrastructure, utilities, schools and more. Within that economic analysis, the environmental concerns (water quality and wildlife corridors) should be addressed as well as the loss of this public land and its value to McCall and the many annual visitors. Many residents of McCall make their living through tourism and the visitors that come here and enjoy these lands. If a transfer to private entities occurs, less access for the public could mean less tourism dollars as visitors choose more accessible areas for the public to visit. A long-term comparison of options is needed versus the short-term gain of the transfer promoted by the potential investors.

I urge you to keep these lands in the public domain because of their importance to residents of Idaho and the many visitors that come here every year. The Idaho lands do not need to be traded off in this rushed deal. The people of Idaho deserve to know the true impacts and the true loss to them of this transfer. A single group of investors should not be allowed to shape this area that belongs to the entire State of Idaho. Please keep these lands available to all, and not just a few of the wealthy. Once these lands are changed, they will never be the same and they will never be able to be totally reclaimed.

Sincerely,
Leslie Pierce

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:44 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Theresa Burkes at theresaburkes@gmail.com
Phone: 208-870-5556
Address: PO Box 4256
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Please develop a Conservation Easement Option and extend the moratorium in order to develop the protocol. This will help keep the land in the endowment portfolio and, at the same time, allow for timber harvests and grazing and revenue.

From: Ben Herndon <Ben.Herndon.423169159@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

Hi folks,

Thanks for your leadership and commitment to keeping public lands in public hands. As more people (many not even residents) want their own private Idaho our priceless lakes continue to succumb to large-scale development. This not only limits access for the public and recreation opportunities but also the myriad of species of wildlife that also call Idaho home.

What are the long term effects of selling off more state lands? The short term benefits can only be outweighed by our waterways being more crowded, polluted, and inhospitable to wildlife. Plus, who wants more yuppies around?

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however, this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands. Our greatest resource is our public lands.

Please allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue.

Regards,
Ben Herndon
2603 White Ave
Moscow, ID 83843

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 3:59 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Alan Shealy at a_shealy@hotmail.com
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Address: 2153 E Solitude Ct
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83712

Comment:
Dear Director Miller,

IDL has a responsibility to protect the Payette Lake Watershed for current and future generations. Notwithstanding the Idaho Land Board's statutory obligation to maximize returns for our schools, those returns will be threatened if large tracts of land, such as the 28,000 acres currently considered for a swap with Trident Holdings, are developed without careful consideration of threats to riparian areas of Payette Lake, tributaries, wildlife habitat, and recreational assets. My wife and I are particularly concerned with plans to sell development rights on Cougar Island and Shellworth Islands. These are precious habitats that should be exempted from sales and preserved via conservation easements or other methods which will ensure public access and enjoyment in the future. Please do not be seduced by Trident's purported intent to "Preserve McCall", which is based on unproven, half-baked assumptions about the value of timberlands in the proposed swap and assertions that timber sales on public land in the McCall area are insufficient to satisfy the Land Board's obligations to the citizens of Idaho. It is imperative that we all work together so that these lands can be preserved for future generations while choosing selective, sensible opportunities for development near existing residences and businesses. Thank you for your consideration.

From: LYNNE COOPER <LYNNE.COOPER.423206265@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 5:59 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Payette Endowment Lands

Dear Governor Brad Little and Members of the Land Board,

I'm glad for the opportunity to provide comments on the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy. However, when this kind of information becomes available it seems there is always very little time to comment. It always feels like something is trying to be snuck by "the people". Like so many legislative bills and proposals... which often carry sneaky attachments.

This area of Idaho is incredibly important to so many! And not just people in Idaho. This beautiful lake and country brings people from all over to visit. And with them comes recreation and tourism money. I don't quite figure how the State can sell off "PUBLIC LAND"! It belongs to the public.... All people!

I understand that the Idaho Constitution requires maximizing revenue over the long-term, however this should not mandate the disposal or sale of these lands. If you want to "sell" Public land, then do so away from the lake front! And islands!? They are so fragile! Seems so very inappropriate to "sell" them to private people or developers! Once destroyed, it's gone for essentially, ever.

PLEASE allow additional time to find alternative solutions. I encourage the Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands to protect these lands which contribute to the area's recreation-based economy, protect water quality, and provide access to Payette Lake.

Please keep me on the list for future comment opportunities in this important issue.

Regards,
LYNNE COOPER
1319 E Front Ave
Coeur D'alene, ID 83814

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 6:38 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: William Loomer at williamloomer@gmail.com
Phone: 2088504952
Address: 1004 N 18th St
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83702

Comment:
Hello IDL,

Thank you for taking input from Idahoans on the management plan for IDL around McCall. I love McCall for the pristine lake Payette, the close in forest and open land. It has not become the sprawl of Tahoe and Bend areas which have not been preserved. The IDL land near the lake enables a clean lake, a healthy forest that should be kept for future generations. I would hope that federal or local conservation enablement could be sought and prove financially prudent. It will take time, so I would hope that IDL holds onto the land in the current plan for 10 years, not the 1-5 that was listed in the plan for Tier 1.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Dr. William D. Loomer

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 11:29 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Kasey Rose at Kaseyjoyrose@gmail.com
Phone: 2083155929
Address: 3427 Fish Lake Road
City: New Meadows
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83654

Comment:

There is absolutely NOTHING more important than preserving wild space. Please keep open space open, wild space wild, undeveloped space undeveloped.

We can develop the already developed land, and continue to get smarter about our footprints. But we have enough already; leave what's bare to feed the air, water, and environment we need so desperately for our health: our personal, physical, mental health and also the health of our communities.

Please do the right thing for all beings.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 8:53 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Erika Schlegel at Schlegelerikas@gmail.com
Phone: 8588805006
Address: P.O. Box 1044
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Please keep the land around the lake public. It is one of the biggest reasons we live in McCall, so we are able to enjoy the variety of hidden beaches. I think this should be kept for the public to enjoy, as it is such a special gem!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 5:41 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Juanita Bair at juanitajeffrey@gmail.com
Phone: 2082720932
City: Emmett
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83617

Comment:

Payette Endowment Lands

I was born and raised in McCall and the lands around Payette Lake continue to be an important recreation area for my family and I. Please consider a Conservation Easement option for these lands so it isn't developed for private use and interests only. In our fast developing state, this is an important time that we create opportunities for more access to our beautiful lands, not less. Doing this in a sustainable and collaborative way that benefits the greater population of future Idahoans should be a priority. Conservation Easements are a way to generate revenue for the Endowment, as they are purchased at fair market value. Conservation Easements can be written to allow for traditional uses, such as timber and grazing. Keeping the land in the Endowment portfolio and allowing for continued revenue. Please consider extending the moratorium to allow for the time to develop protocol.

Thank you

Juanita Bair

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 1:17 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Holly Larabee at augustwaits@gmail.com
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Address: 1206 E Woodvine Ct
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83706

Comment:
To Whom it May Concern:

As a native Idahoan, I have seen our state undergo considerable change in my lifetime. My husband I both grew up in Boise, and our family owns a home in McCall. Payette Lake and its surrounding land have been the location of some of our fondest memories, including the start of our relationship, our engagement, many winters skiing, and many summers at the lake. After moving out of state for a few years to pursue our careers, we chose to return to Idaho because of what this state offers: easy access to nature. Whether we're walking through Ponderosa State Park, skiing at Brundage, or riding our bikes around Payette Lake, we've appreciated that McCall offers this unspoiled beauty.

The proposal offered by Trident Holdings is a critical fork in the road for the State of Idaho. This proposed trade puts one of Idaho's rare gems (McCall and its surrounding land) at risk of future privatized developments that will only serve the greedy desires of wealthy developers – not the land, animals, or heritage. Their attempts to sway Idaho citizens by making us fear future “piecemeal” solutions is just a scare tactic. The State holds the power to revisit its own intentions with the land, and the notion of sticking to solutions that only provide profit to the state ignores the very nature of conservation in Idaho that has made this state such an incredible place to live. We must protect places like Payette Lake for future generations, preserve its delicate natural surroundings, and say no to big developers whose profit-driven schemes will go against the vast majority of Idaho voices who have spoken up against this proposal.

I am firmly opposed to the proposal by Trident Holdings, and urge the State of Idaho to turn them down. In response, I would suggest the State explores alternatives for this land that will ensure its conservation for generations to come so that this scenario cannot be repeated in the future.

Sincerely,
Holly Larabee

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 12:44 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Bruce Smith at bms2650@gmail.com
Phone: 2088050133
Address: 2809 s shadywood way
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83716

Comment:

Regarding conservation easement options for endowment lands there are a few questions the PELS and the Land Board should address for the public's benefit:

1. Is a conservation easement a valid option?
2. Does IDL/LB legal staff have any concerns with a conservation easement that the public should take into account?
3. If a conservation easement is to be used on a parcel with an invalid lease does the conservation easement have to accommodate or take into account the invalid lease?
4. Does the PELS have any binding effect?
5. Can the public rely upon the PELS in any way?
6. If the public funds a conservation easement, can the Land Board invalidate or rescind it as it did with the wedding site lease? Would the easement holder's interests be subject to change by future Land Board actions?
6. Will a conservation easement require an appraisal?
7. Will a conservation easement be subject to the public auction requirement?
8. Are there any statutory restrictions on implementing a conservation easement strategy?
9. What input have the beneficiaries had in developing the PELS?
10. At the February 11 focus group meeting, IDL indicated the Tamarack Resort endowment lands had been reclassified from timberlands to recreation. What is the process for reclassifying endowment lands? Can endowment lands be reclassified for conservation?
11. Would a conservation easement have to be based on the Idaho Uniform Conservation Easement Act, I.C. 55-2101 et seq?
12. At the May 2019 Land Board meeting there was direction for IDL to prepare a timberlands evaluation by September. Has this evaluation been completed for timberlands in the McCall area?
13. Would proceeds from a conservation easement be restricted in their use?
14. Would a conservation easement be subject to the 320 acre limitation in the constitution?

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments. Bruce Smith

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 12:58 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Debra Facchin at debrafacchin@gmail.com
Phone: 2086303660
Address: 1125 ELO RD
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

Please consider my concerns:

1. For a "Conservation Easement Option" to be developed.
 2. To extend the moratorium to allow for the time to develop protocol.
 3. Consider Conservation Easements as a way to generate revenue for the Endowment, as they are purchased at fair market value.
 4. Please properly develop a model for McCall that will benefit other communities across the State.
 5. Consider that Conservation Easements can be written to allow for traditional uses, such as timber and grazing.
- Keeping the land in the Endowment portfolio and allowing for continued revenue.

Thank you!

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: kirk stedman at kirk@inlandglass.com
Phone: 2084131649
Address: 0225 7th st
City: lewiston
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83501

Comment:
don't you dare give away 1 square inch around mc call. the wilks bros MO is enough.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 7:44 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Larry Hauder at lhauder2@gmail.com
Phone: 208-830-4330
Address: 1504 Louisa Ave
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip Code: 83638

Comment:

The IDL lands that surround portions of Payette Lake and currently provide valuable recreational use are being threatened by the recent Trident Holdings proposal to IDL. I understand the IDL mandate to have its land produce maximum income, private development is not the only way for IDL to meet its mandate. Please allow more time for public comment and exploration of alternatives. For instance, currently, some of IDL is leased for recreational mountain biking. Recreational leasing could be pursued. There might also be conservation easements that could meet IDL mandates. The Trident Holdings proposal came quickly and is moving forward at a speed that prevents the best thinking possible for meeting the needs of all stakeholders.

There is only one Payette Lake. There is one access to lands that allow guests who visit McCall to enjoy this state-owned natural resource. Please make every effort to explore all options for keeping public lands public useable by all of the varied economic levels.

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:56 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Jared Schuster at schuster.ja@gmail.com
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Comment:

I was born, raised, and have lived and worked in Idaho for 35 years. I have always been proud of the amount of public land that Idaho has. It is what brings people from all over the nation to our state. I understand the laws and the reason that the endowment land was put in place, but things have changed over the years since the laws were made. The public land user has changed. There are more people today that look to our public lands to recreate than ever before. The land around payette being open to public use is what brings so many people in the summer. If we sell off this land we will have more people that don't live and work here build their second, third, fourth homes here. This will continue to raise the cost of living in the area pushing more and more of us that have lived and worked here for our entire lives out. We have seen this happen over and over again around our great state. This is a state that has always been there for the less fortunate, and one of only a few left out there that still is. By selling off what belongs to the people of this state without our consent you are truly losing our trust and support. I know these aren't solid enough reasons to say no to the offer, but I would ask that you give the community more time to come up with other viable options to compete with this offer.