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Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands is Idaho's oldest land trust. We protect lands for the people of Idaho.



Holiday Greetings

Dear Friends of the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands,

We have had an eventful year and have so much news to share with you!

The fundraising to **Bring Back the Bridge on Plantation Island** was a huge success. With very generous community support, we reached our fundraising goal within 30

days, making it possible to move forward with the permitting process. We hope to complete construction this winter in the narrow window of time when the river is at low flow and open the bridge and Greenbelt section as soon as possible.

We are very excited to add two new members to our Board of Directors. Eric Traynor, with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Christopher Cook, an attorney with Hawley Troxell. We are looking forward to them being involved with the future of IFPL.

The IFPL Board of Directors has also implemented the **Barber Pool Advisory Council**, which consists of a very talented group of experts to provide active, community based stewardship for the long term health and benefit of the Barber Pool Conservation Area.

Our most recent project is to raise \$3 million to purchase the Gregerson property, a 34-acre parcel of rare, undeveloped farm land and riparian habitat in the Barber Pool Conservation Area, and to provide for the long-term restoration, maintenance and protection of the Barber Pool. This critically important parcel is by far the largest riverfront property still privately held in Boise, and the last privately held parcel in the Barber Pool. It sits in the heart of one of the **fastest growing urban areas in the country and is under immense threat from commercial growth and development**. With this last acquisition, IFPL will be able to preserve the entire Barber Pool Conservation Area from future growth and development. IFPL will also use these funds to **develop a comprehensive land and river management plan to ensure ongoing care of this wildlife sanctuary**.

Your continued generosity is what makes it possible for us to contribute to the long-term conservation of lands in Idaho. We need your financial support to build on the gains you have helped us achieve.

Please consider a gift to help us preserve these critical parcels for future generations. You can make a difference!

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