



## IDAHO FOUNDATION *for* PARKS AND LANDS

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



### **What a difference a week makes !**

At the end of January, the outlook for snow pack in the hills was bleak. The Boise basin was less than 70% of normal. Then February hit with the largest snow fall in 50 years for the month of February. When the contract to repair the Plantation Island was awarded on February 18 to Winspear Construction, the flow of the Boise River was not expected to rise until April 6.

With a single week under construction, The Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands and the contractor, Winspear Construction, were notified that flood releases would begin on the Boise River on Wednesday, March 6. Winspear Construction went to work in earnest over the weekend and raised the construction level of the repairs above the new projected flood level.

The Foundation will provide an exact date as to the day when the Plantation bridge is flown back into place so the community can come watch it, officials said. That date has not been set yet as the banks of the river are soaked from last February rains. The banks will have to dry out some to allow the crane to setup to lift the bridge.

On March 1, Roland Beres of KIVI Channel 6 interviewed Steve Sweet of Quadrant Consulting regarding plans to continue the work on the Island with the increase of water flow in the Boise River. <https://www.kivitv.com/news/the-art-of-creating-a-new-riverbank>

Project completion is expected to occur on April 6 at the latest.



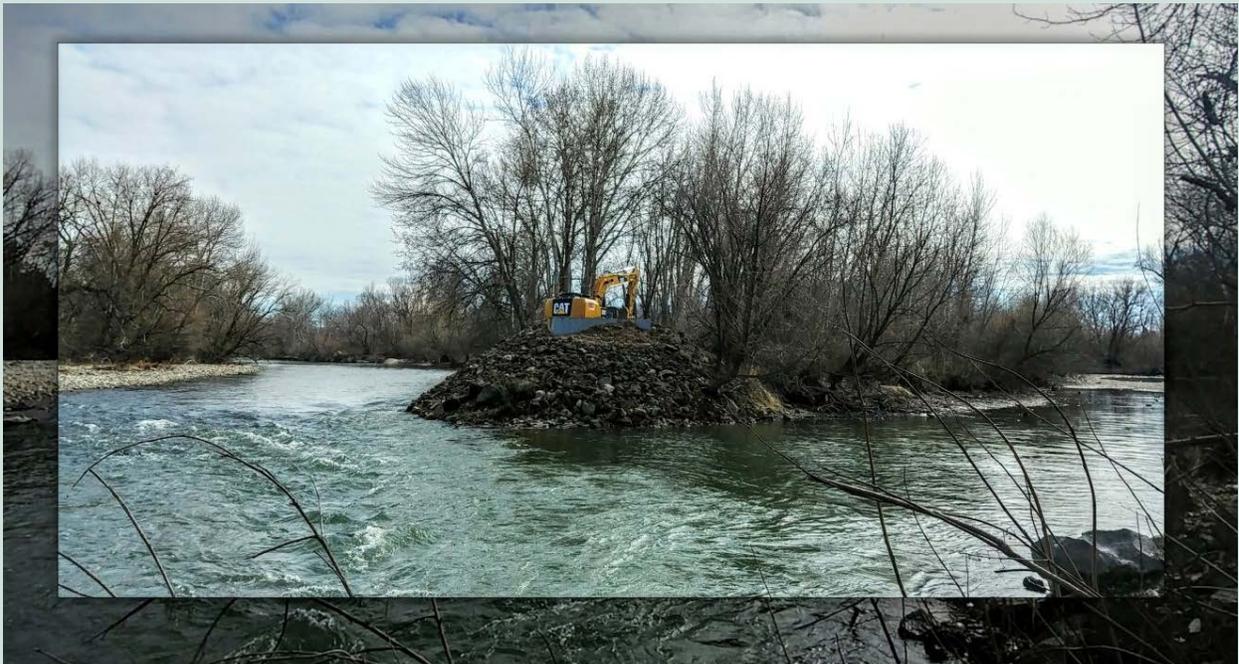
Over 450 cubic yards of fill was then placed on the west side of the Island to replace what had been washed out by the 2017 flood.



4 to 6 foot boulders were pushed into the bottom of the bank of the repair.



Willows were planted onto the new bank to help establish a natural barrier to future erosion and 200 cubic yards of 1 to 2 foot rock (rip-rap) was layered out on top of the fill to armor the bank against water erosion.



View of the Island with the new embankment and the abutment surrounded by 1 to 2 feet rip rap.

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**About the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands:** The Foundation is the oldest land trust in the state of Idaho. Since its beginning in 1972, the Foundation has worked to protect beautiful and critically important properties throughout Idaho. It has handled more than \$12 million in real estate assets and its administrative budget has never exceeded 1 percent of our asset base.

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