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

TAKING CARE OF OUR IDAHO LANDS



2019 is coming to a close and we've been working on several exciting projects

that we'd like to share with you.

If you've been on the Greenbelt in Garden City, I'm sure you've noticed that **THE BRIDGE IS BACK!** Yes, after a very successful fundraising effort, the Bridge on Plantation Island was put back in place and opened to the public. We've added a new railing, replaced several damaged planks on the bridge and have repaved the bike path across the entire island. It looks amazing and we can't thank you enough for partnering with us to complete this project!

Last year, we told you about a new Advisory Council that our Board of Directors implemented to advise us on the long-term health of the **Barber Pool Conservation Area**. This talented group of experts has generously volunteered their time and has diligently worked with us to improve the future sustainability of the **BPCA**.

With their help, a vegetation mapping has been completed and will be a critical tool for us to use moving forward in developing restoration designs and plans. An irrigation plan is also being designed to assist in the regeneration of the threatened Black Cottonwood forest. A vibrant and healthy Cottonwood forest is **THE KEY** to wildlife benefits for the area.

We've also continued our fundraising efforts on the purchase for the Gregerson property, which is the largest riverfront property still privately held in Boise. We're making progress on this acquisition, but still have a long way to go to be able to include this property within the Barber Pool and preserve it from future growth and development.

In Ketchum, we have been working with the Reinheimer Trust and the Idaho Transportation Department on a new project that is looking into the possibility of widening Highway 75 as it enters the city. This widening could have a negative impact on the Reinheimer Ranch and historic buildings. We hope to work with both entities to improve the access to Ketchum, but protect the historic property – Reinheimer Ranch.

As you consider your charitable giving at year end, please consider the conservation of lands in Idaho. We need your financial support to build on the gains you have helped us achieve. **Life is richer in our state because of your support.**

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