

BOISE CITY RIDGE TO RIVERS FY22 SECOND QUARTER PARTNERSHIP MEETING
BOISE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023
8:30 A.M.

Partners Present: Lisa Duplessie and Doug Holloway (Boise Parks and Recreation); Dave Draheim (Bureau of Land Management); Davey Brown (Ada County); Brent Ralston (Idaho Department of Fish and Game); J.W. Cleveland (US Forest Service); David Gordon (Ridge to Rivers); Joey Eckles (Clerk).

Others Present: None

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES:

A. FY 2023 2nd Quarter Budget and Work Plan review

The US Forest Service would contribute \$4,000 per year for the next five years, and an additional \$19,000 in 2023. There were no additional questions or comments on the budget or work plan.

B. Trail Conditions Update

Trails had been good thanks to the warm weather. The interactive trail conditions map had really helped, but it was time consuming for the staff to provide a report as soon as possible.

C. 2023 Trail Races

All annual trail races return for 2023 except the *Resort to Rock* race. Associated agencies will contact race organizers to finalize details and required documents. The US Forest Service to follow up regarding a shuttle service that was requested by one of the races.

D. 2023 Staffing Update

Ridge to Rivers will be recruiting three (3) seasonal 9-month positions. Traditionally, these positions were for 8-month durations, but the staff had hoped the expanded PERSI benefits would lure in more candidates. The positions start at \$15 per hour.

E. Oregon Trail Reserve Interpretive Signage Effort

D. Gordon explained a multi-agency project that utilized funds from the Heritage Trust, BLM, and Arts and History for twenty-five (25) new trail signs. The signs were estimated to be installed by July 2023 or sometime in 2024 at the latest.

F. Spring Trail Maintenance Contract

Ridge to Rivers will contract an outside company (Red Trail Company) to assist with trail maintenance. The lead contractor for the company was very familiar with the

Ridge to Rivers trail system and has worked with the City in the past. The contract was for 185 hours of trail work in April/May. The contract estimate was roughly \$27,000.

G. Quarterly E-bike Discussion

Dave D. with BLM hosted surveys and workshops regarding E-bike use on Wilson Creek trails. Roughly seventy percent of mountain bikers approved the use on the trails. Local bike shops and trail management analysis also support E-bike use on the Wilson Creek trails.

H. R2R Partner Updates

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

B. Lowe had been trying to install a CXT outhouse at the archery range. The project had another delay (was projected to be completed in November) but appears to be finished by April of 2023. Once completed, the agency would work on improving the roadway.

Bureau of Land Management

BLM was looking into ways to partner with agencies for possible shooting range locations. They felt there could be a need for additional ranges in the surrounding areas.

Ada County Parks and Waterways

D. Brown relayed that Dig Day would begin the first week of April. Roughly ten people from Ada County and City of Eagle would be maintaining trails at the Ada-Eagle Sports Complex. They had one employee returning, and a couple of the previous seasonal employees were on the fence. They were also redoing their masterplan this year.

US Forest Service

J. Cleveland explained that updating agreements was their number one priority to give everyone a better overview of where they stand. They would look into the MOU regarding the trail closing process as well as finalize agreements with the trail race organizers.

Ridge to Rivers

D. Gordon was working with All Trails who wanted to partner with R2R last summer. The Ridge to Rivers interactive map was the best resource for the trail system. However, the All Trails platform was user based, so he uncovered suggested trails that were closed to users. He was trying to get All Trails to remove these suggested routes.

V. **IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Partnership, the meeting adjourned.