

IDAHO PANHANDLE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MEETING

June 17, 2025

The Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee was convened for its meeting at 9:00 A.M. on June 17, 2025, at the Interagency Natural Resource Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Forest Supervisor Timothy Gilloon, Designated Federal Official, represented the Forest Service. Chuck Roady served as chairperson and Julie Kallemeyn served as co-chair.

In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 92-463, the meeting was open to the public from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Committee members present:

Al Casile
Richard Fuller
Julie Kallemeyn
Regan Plumb
Liz Wargo
J Edward Short
Erin Plue
Gary Fountain
Kristin Burges
Chuck Roady
Fritz Wiedenhoff
Jeff Zimmerman

Staff of the U.S. Forest Service attending were:

Ashley Nettles
Tim Gilloon
Jason Brey
Josh Jurgensen
Jed Friedman
Abby Carroll
Jim Gebhardt
Chris Bilbrey
Patrick Lair

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting were:

Sean Brady (Lake City Trail Alliance)
Jim Rolieto (Benewah County)
Emily Strizich (Pend Oreille Pedalers)

Gabe White (Friends of the Idaho Panhandle Avalanche Center)
 Jace Hogg (Idaho Office of Species Conservation)
 Jim See (Pottsville 7)
 Tom Yount (Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District)
 Chase Youngdahl (Bonner County)
 Jan Rice (Priest River Valley Back Country Horseman)
 Geoff Harvey (Hayden Lake Watershed Association)
 Todd Walker (Hayden Lake Watershed Association)
 Savannah Willison (Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness)

RAC OVERVIEW

Patrick Lair provided an overview of the Secure Rural Schools Act and the role of resource advisory committees in the dispensation of Title II funding. He shared that the estimated sum of funding available to the RAC for this year was around \$442,499, based on historic timber receipts by county, and since the RAC had not met in 2024 these would be FY23 funds. The group also discussed the criteria set forth in the Secure Rural Schools Act for project eligibility and that 50 percent of the funding should be used on projects that benefit roads or watersheds.

ETHICS DISCUSSION

Tim Gilloon led the RAC in a discussion of the ethical considerations surrounding FACA and membership on a federal advisory committee. New RAC members acknowledged participation in the ethics training.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

RAC members then heard presentations on all 17 project proposals. Each proponent was allotted 3 minutes for a presentation and then RAC members had up to 10 minutes to ask questions of the project proponents. The RAC members had previously received all project application materials and had one week to read and review the materials prior to hearing the presentations.

PROJECT AND FUNDING SELECTION

The RAC spent the rest of the meeting reviewing their individual rankings of project proposals and working to add a funding number to the highest priority proposals. This was accomplished using an Excel spreadsheet broadcast on the screen and online for virtual participants. RAC members worked their way through the priority list and decided on funding figures until the allotted entirety of funding (\$442,499) was exhausted. The recommendations are captured in the table below.

FY25 IDAHO PANHANDLE RAC RECOMMENDATIONS

Project Number	Project Name	County	Amount Requested	Amount Funded
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25_01	Noxious Weed Interpretive Signs with Boot Brushes	Bonner, Boundary	\$23,382	\$10,000
25_02	Hayden Creek Sediment Site Restoration	Kootenai	\$25,000	\$25,000
25_03	Phase One FSR437 Survey and Design	Kootenai	\$80,000	
25_04	Maintenance to IPNF Trails 120, 67, 55, and 488	Bonner	\$56,000	\$40,000
25_05	Shoshone Park West Picnic Shelter Restoration	Shoshone	\$80,000	\$40,000
25_06	IPAC Forecasting	Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, and Shoshone	\$35,000	\$20,000
25_07	Canfield Mountain Non-Motorized Trail Construction	Kootenai	\$50,000	\$25,000
25_08	Lake City Trail Alliance Youth Crew	Kootenai	\$40,000	\$20,000
25_09	Scotchman Peak Mountain Goat Trail Ambassador Program Summer 2026	Bonner	\$7,502	\$7,502
25_10	Priest Lake Log Out	Bonner, Boundary	\$9,600	\$9,600
25_11	IPNF YCC	Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Shoshone	\$144,000	\$84,000
25_12	Short Ski Road	Benewah	\$60,000	0
25_13	Forest Wide Road Maintenance	All Counties	\$400,000	\$161,397
25_14	Bayview Clean Up	Kootenai	\$25,000	0
25_15	Clee Creek Pond Access	Shoshone	\$20,000	0
25_16	FSR 412 Maintenance	Shoshone	\$40,000	0
25_17	Mile marker and navigation and location signs along FSR9 and FSR208	Shoshone	\$45,000	0
	TOTAL AVAILABLE	TOTAL REQUESTED		TOTAL SPENT
	\$442,499	\$1,110,484		\$442,499

PUBLIC COMMENT

A public comment period was announced at 3:30 P.M. but no members of the public spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

Chuck Roady
Chairperson
Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee

Chuck W. Roady 6/27/25