

2026 IDAHO PANHANDLE RAC RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKING SHEET

Project Number	Project Name	Sponsor	County	Amount Requested	Amount Funded	Notes
26_01	Scotchman Peak Mountain Goat Trail Ambassador Program	Savannah Willison, Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness	Bonner	\$7,461.50	\$7,461.50	Funding for trail ambassadors to inform hikers about best practices for avoiding negative mountain goat encounters.
26_02	TU North Idaho Road Stream Crossing Assessments	Cathy Gidley, Trout Unlimited	Bonner, Boundary	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	This project would fill gaps in information on IPNF as well as adjacent state, county, and private lands. The crew will assess 500-750 road-stream crossings over the season.
26_03	Forest Tours for Educators and Thought Leaders	Jennifer Okerlund, Idaho Forest Products Commission	Kootenai, Bonner, Boundary, Benewah, Shoshone, Latah	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	Intensive 2–5-day forest tours reaching for educators selected for subject, grade level, and geographic representation, and thought leaders drawn from legislators, media, business, conservation, and agency backgrounds.
26_04	Idaho Project Learning Tree	Haven Davis-Martinez	Kootenai, Bonner, Boundary, Benewah, Shoshone, Latah	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	In Idaho, PLT is a program of the Idaho Forest Products Commission (IFPC), reaching educators through free print and digital materials, hands-on teaching tools, a resource-rich website, ongoing relationships with teachers, and PLT workshops.
26_05	Idaho Panhandle Trail Maintenance, Construction, and Stewardship	Emily Strizich, Northern Rockies Trail Project	Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, Shoshone	\$500,000.00	\$402,727.50	Establish and grow trail maintaining and building crews across the IPNF.
26_06	Scenic Bay Spawning Bed Restoration	Christine Sandahl, Lake Pend Oreille Idaho Club	Kootenai	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	LPOIC will remove unnatural and potentially toxic debris in Scenic Bay.
26_07	Shoshone County Noxious Weed ID and Control Booklet	William Hargrave, Shoshone County Noxious Weeds	Shoshone	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Print a full color ID booklet on how to treat state and county noxious weeds.

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26_08	Hayden Creek Parking Area Improvement	Geoff Harvey, Hayden Lake Watershed Association	Kootenai	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	Provide a contained off road parking area at FSR 206-437 Jct.
26_09	Idaho Trails Association Trail Clearing and Maintenance	Melanie Vining, ITA Executive Director	Shoshone, Kootenai, Benewah, Boundary, Bonner	\$24,800.00	\$24,800.00	ITA will plan and coordinate up to 20 volunteer trail maintenance projects.
26_10	Balanced Rock Trailhead	Regan Plumb, Kaniksu Land Trust	Bonner	\$15,200.00	\$15,200.00	Project seeks to develop a small trailhead for Balanced Rock Nature Area.
26_11	Motorized Avalanche Education and Outreach Program	Jill McFarlane, Friends of the Idaho Panhandle Avalanche Center	Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, and Shoshone	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00	Expand motorized avalanche education in the Idaho Panhandle.
26_12	Dunn Peak Communications Infrastructure and Public Safety Repeater Project	Colleen Rosson Shoshone County	Shoshone	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	Install a solar-powered public safety radio repeater system at the existing Forest Service communications site
26_13	IPNF Road Maintenance	Jim Gebhardt Idaho Panhandle National Forests	Shoshone, Kootenai, Benewah, Boundary, Bonner	\$400,000.00	\$480,000.00	Forest-wide road maintenance to address public access
	TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$1,027,189.98	TOTAL REQUESTED	\$1,182,961.50		