

Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Agenda
Challis Community Events Center; Challis & via TEAMS
June 5, 2024
9:00 am

Members Present

A:

Robert Loucks
Shane Rosenkrance
Chris Gaughan
Melinda Ellison

B:

Louise Bruce
Tim Carroll
Mike Foster

C:

Steve Smith
Brett Barsalou
Charlyne McNeely-Joy

Administrative:

Heather DeGeest – DFO
Amy Baumer – Coordinator

9:00 Welcome & CIRAC Member Introductions – Heather DeGeest – Designated Federal Official (DFO)
Josh Milligan gave the welcome on behalf of Heather DeGeese. Louise Bruce lead up introductions.

9:15 REA/Fee Proposals, 2024 Projects (13 total), Heather DeGeest, DFO
Agenda item passed and covered as Louise moved into the meeting.
Funding Available - \$344,291, Amy Baumer, CIRAC Coordinator
Amy gave funding level for this year, see above
Lunch – Louise Bruce
Louise brought lunch for all in order to keep the group together the meeting on time.

9:30 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) 101 & Request to hear Salmon-Challis National Forest Fee Proposal in 2025 – Ilia Fiene, Recreation Fees & Planning Program Manager (acting)
Ilia Fiene gave a REA 101 presentation to the CIRAC members. Joanna Wilson covered why REA 101 was presented and what the ask is going to be in the future. There will be two proposals in the future, one on the rivers and one on developed recreation sites.

– Project Proposals; 5 minutes to present; 5 minutes for questions.

10:00-10:10 – Erica Rhoades presented project 12-2 and answered questions from the CIRAC members. Bottom line is 31,600.

24-2	Challis YCC - Youth Conservation Corp	Erica Rhoades
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10:10-10:20 – Bart Gamett presented project 12-1 and answered questions from the CIRAC members. Bottom line is 25,000.

24-1	Lost River YCC Crew	Lanson Stavast
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10:20-10:30 – Melanie Vining messaged Coordinator Amy and won't be able to make the meeting due to an injury. Nick Schade spoke to proposal 21-5 and the partnership with ITA. He also answered questions for the CIRAC members. ITA is the biggest partner in the Intermountain Region.

24-5	Idaho Trails Association: Salmon-Challis National Forest Trail Clearing and Maintenance	Melanie Vining
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10:40-10:50 – Ryan Ghelfi presented project 24-9 and answered question form the CIRAC members. Bottom line is 36,000. 12,000 increments is what they are looking for.

24-9	Upper Middle Fork Salmon & Bighorn Crags Trail Maintenance	SBFCF
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10:50-11:00 – Adam Hein presented project 24-4 and answered questions from the CIRAC members. Bottom line is 16,000. 16,000 increments is what they are looking for.

24-4	Upper Middle Fork Trail Maintenance	Mt Cons Corps
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11:00-11:10 – Skeet Townley presented project 24-11 and answered questions from the CIRAC members. Bottom line is 48,000. 18,00 increments.

24-11	North Zone Trails, Salmon-Challis	ICC
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11:10-11:20 – Skeet Townley presented project 24-6 and answered questions from the CIRAC members. The proponent will go with YEP as the youth corps to use with this funding if approved. Bottom line is 23,000

24-6	North Zone Youth Corps	Skeet Townley
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11:20-11:30 – Bart Gamett presented project 24-8 and answered questions from the CIRAC members. In addition, Bart handed out a project summary of last years work and showed a video of last years work. Bart would like to add in one trail on the Challis-Yankee Fork RD. The requested amount doesn't change, just adding in a trail. Bottom line: 12,150.

24-8	Lost River Trail Improvement	Bart Gamett
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11:30-11:40 – Christine Stewart presented project 24-10 and answered questions from the CIRAC members. Christine handed out a map, the same map in the project proposal. Bottom line: 20,000

24-10	Upper Challis Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Improvement Project	Christine Stewart
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11:40-11:50 – Clint Morse presented project 24-3 and answered questions from the CIRAC members. Bottom line: 45,000

24-3	Lemhi County Fuels Reduction	Clint Morse
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11:50-12:00 – Lura Baker presented project 24-12 and answered questions from the CIRAC members. Bottom line: 45,000

24-12	Custer County Fuelwood Reduction Project	Lura Baker
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12:00-12:10 -Joel Yelich presented project 24-13 and answered question from the CIRAC members. Bottom line: 28,000

24-13	Virtual fence use for new grazing strategies	U of Idaho
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12:10-12:20 – Jessica French presented project 24-7 and answered questions from the CIRAC members. Bottom line: 16,500

24-7	K-Mountain Pipeline Reconstruction	Jessica French
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--BREAK; ORGANIZE, AND BEGIN LUNCH--(60 MINS)--

13:20 Fund Projects – all – breaks as needed

Steve Smith made motion made, Tim Carroll seconded, to look at Recreation Fee proposals in the future, A, B, C agreed, motion passed.

CIRAC members entered into discussions about each project and funding amounts based upon the project proposal amounts, the bottom line amounts identified in the project presentations. Bottom line is the lowest amount a proponent could be awarded and keep the project viable. Based on the discussions, the project numbers and award amount for each project was laid as below as a suggest to move forward. Additional discussion was had by the CIRAC members.

24-3 50,000
24-12 50,000
24-7 16,500
24-10 20,791
24-13 28,000
24-8 20,000
24-1 30,000
24-2 30,000

24-5 33,000
24-6 30,000 – this would be YEP doing the work.
24-9 36,000
24-4 unfunded
24-11 unfunded

After discussion on the projects and funding levels Steve Smith made a motion, Robert Loucks seconded the motion, for the above funding amounts, A, B, C, agreed, motion passed.

Meeting date for the fall was discussed to hear the fee proposals. Louise will canvas the group to get a more precise date, but the meeting is projected to be set before Thanksgiving. The group has asked that the next meeting be virtual for safety reasons so that there is no winter travel.

The meeting was then adjourned.

16:45 Close Meeting/Next Meeting

/s/ Louise Bruce

Louise Bruce, Central Idaho RAC Chair