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Alternative Newspaper in Island Park

By: Jenifer Lower

This is where introductions begin, right? This is not my occupation by choice, but by need. I would like a place that is open to editorials from all of Island Park. This will be a monthly publication that helps both those that live here full time, those that live here part time, and those that vacation here find events, resources, and ideas all in one place!

Most all of us in the Caldera have come from other places. Some long ago and some more recent. Some of us intend on staying here long term, while some just come to play once or annually. It is what makes Island Park unique.

What makes that difficult for all of us, are the needs for the Caldera based on that community profile. I hope to help drive a platform that allows open communication and solution driven results to both promote tourism and help our community grow in a healthy, responsible manner. Feel free to reach out to me if you have an idea for an article, want to write one yourself, or just want to be heard, I am willing to help put your ideas and comments into words or let you write one. I'll even print additional pages if needed.

We all have a stake here, whether emotionally, financially, or both and we should all have a desire and a right for input as our community moves forward. I look forward to a long and lasting relationship with any and all of you!



Anglers Lodge & Riverfront Restaurant Welcomes New Restaurateurs

By Jenifer Lower

The passion these two have for food and this restaurant is both intoxicating and infectious! When I asked to sit down with them I was unsure of what to expect of these gregarious newcomers, but I was delighted.

Mike Smith most recently came from the Hamptons, where he ran the Maidstone, but previously has worked in Michelin Starred kitchens. He and Chris Allen, his partner, met in New York, living a very busy, hectic, concrete life. They needed a slow down. Chris was a born and raised Montanan, Mike had lived in Colorado, and the west called to them.

Then they found Angler's Lodge and Mike and Chris dove in head first.

Chris manages the kitchen as a Sous Chef himself. He took it apart, deep cleaned everything and rearranged the small spaces to be able to serve his streamlined menu, all



from scratch with fresh ingredients. He is currently looking to hire kitchen staff to help. Personality is the key ingredient here, training is his specialty!

Mike took on the front of the house and has busied himself cleaning, hiring wait staff, and making certain the serving ware is ordered and ready and all other things necessary to make a 5 star dining experience.

Wine menus have been carefully selected, craft cocktails have been taste tested, and a selection of locally brewed beers will be added all to compliment a more cultural menu. They are wanting to offer something different, a little healthier than other options available in Island Park.

Mike and Chris are driven to provide a fine dining experience for us, they are some of the most compassionate employers I have had the opportunity to visit with. Their goal, with every hire, is to be sure when they move on, they take with them a new skill set and are not burned out when they go. An admirable goal!

While they would love to be open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, staff does not permit that at the moment. Dinner will be served from 5 pm to 10 pm 7 nights a week, and weekend brunch from 10 am to 2 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Like most restaurants in our area, they will close during the slowest periods in the spring and fall, giving all employees, including themselves, a much needed break!

During these breaks, and the spare time they hope to squeeze out, they would like to learn to love some of the things we do! Mike has never been to Yellowstone Park. Learning to fly fish is on the agenda. And just spending more time outdoors. Welcome! I think you are an amazing addition to our beautiful community.



Crossword

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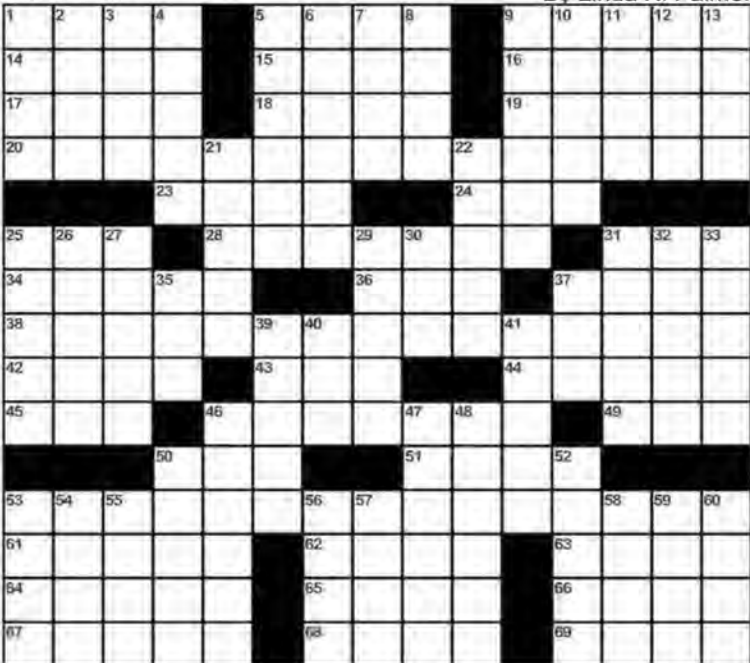
- 1) Luxurious health retreats
- 5) Rubber tube
- 9) City near Great Salt Lake
- 14) Walesa of Poland
- 15) Great Lake
- 16) 66, for one
- 17) Geometry calculation
- 18) 100 dinars
- 19) Athletic shoe attachment
- 20) Stuffed things
- 23) Head out to sea
- 24) Line up the crosshairs
- 25) Abscam investigator
- 28) Well-chilled
- 31) Banned bug-killer
- 34) Permitted by law
- 36) "___ for the money ..."
- 37) Callas number
- 38) Stuffed things
- 42) Insect feeler
- 43) "Are we there ___?"
- 44) Brown shade
- 45) Crafty, like a fox
- 46) Become extinct
- 49) How-___ (instructional books)
- 50) Cafeteria dispenser
- 51) "If all ___ fails ..."
- 53) Stuffed things
- 61) Lacking human warmth
- 62) Early bird's breakfast
- 63) Pesky insect
- 64) European ermine
- 65) Garden with a snake
- 66) Volcanic discharge
- 67) Wrongful acts, in law
- 68) Hindu outfit
- 69) Picture pitcher

DOWN

- 1) Noisy closing
- 2) Andean land
- 3) "Bullets," to a poker player
- 4) Persian pooh-bahs
- 5) Medal-worthy
- 6) Baltimore pro
- 7) "The King and I" kingdom
- 8) Sea wrigglers
- 9) Prom dress ornament, often
- 10) Robot of Jewish folklore
- 11) Hamilton vs. Burr, for one
- 12) And others, for short
- 13) Shows a profit of
- 21) Indian yogurt dish
- 22) City of witch hunts
- 25) Pilots let them down
- 26) Twofold
- 27) Without compassion
- 29) Terra-___ (fired clay)
- 30) Lennon's wife
- 31) French right
- 32) San ___, Calif.
- 33) Uses a stun gun on
- 35) Sitter's handful
- 37) Donned the feedbag
- 39) Flunking a polygraph
- 40) "Amazing Grace" verse ender
- 41) Deep gulf
- 46) Pub servings
- 47) One donning something
- 48) Homecoming game attendee
- 50) Subsurface war vessel
- 52) Apollo 11 moon lander
- 53) It protects a break
- 54) Choir voice
- 55) Ill-mannered lout
- 56) Mother sheep
- 57) Bar mixer
- 58) Work on a bone, dog-style
- 59) Roofer's repair site
- 60) Five-pointed figure

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By Linda K. Palmer




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Ice Monkeys Finish the Season Strong

By Des Parks

Local Island Park town Ice Monkeys RMSHA hill climb team, Tate Kunz, Brady Ritchie, and Pro Senior Al Parks completed their season this year. They raced the last two weekends at Powder Mountain, Utah. All did well and they are all looking forward to next years qualifications at Beaver Mountain.

A Special thanks to all our sponsors: KLIM, Island Park News, Island Park Services, First Street Plumbing and Heating, Lakeside Lodge, I Saw That, Ritchie Fabrication, Mountain West Equipment, Stallings Automotive, J&WL Vacations, Golden Spike Powersports, and R&R Car Care.

The Community of *Island Park*

By Jenifer Lower

There has been much ado made lately of “out of staters”, and that we are somehow not community members. Island Park is inherently made up of out of staters (or at least out of towners), except for a handful of true locals, Alex Smith, the Gunnell kids, Nathanael Brandemihl, Jason Green, as a few examples.

The common thread here, is that all of us fell in love with the Caldera and have a huge desire to be here. A great many can only vacation here. Some have been lucky enough to purchase a home here, even if they have to rent it to help make the payments. The lucky ones have been able to be here a lot of the time, but still have residences elsewhere. Just a few, after vacationing here for years, have been fortunate enough to move here full time. Others, have come full circle and now live here during our beautiful summer months and are snowbirds for the harsh winter months.

That’s what makes up Island Park!

This defines our Community!

It always has!

This is a community of a few full time residents, seasonal employees, out of state business owners, local business owners, out of state cabin owners, snowbirds, generational cabin owners, vacationers, and so much more. We are not exclusive, we are inclusive!

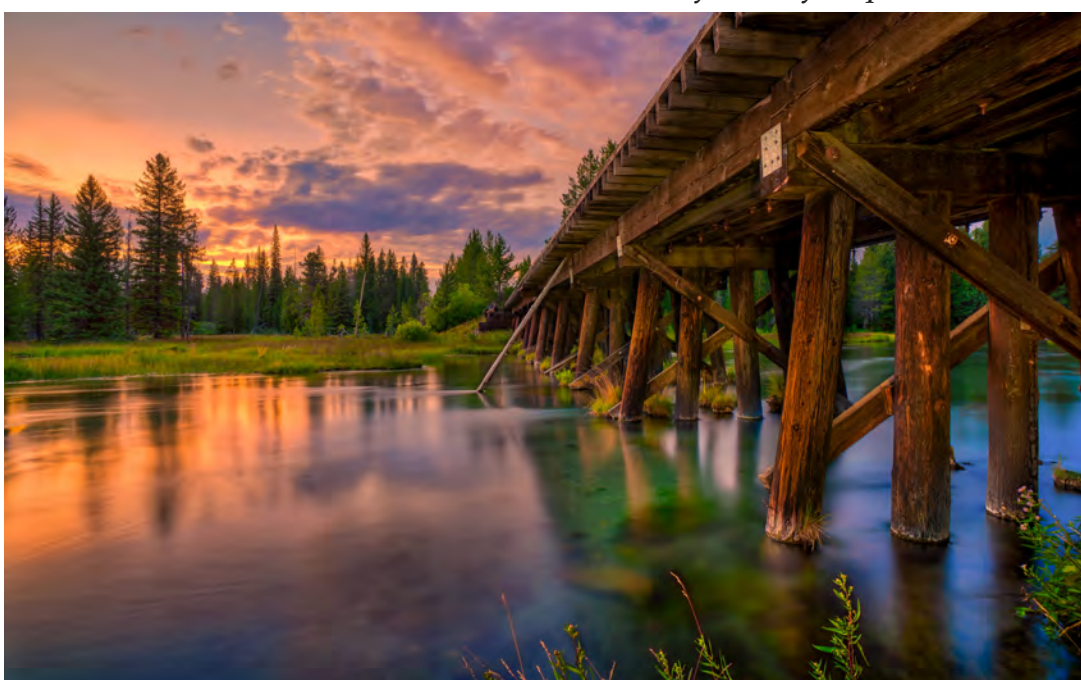
When we talk about needing affordable housing here, it is for employees, some part time, some full time, some voting residents, some not. But it is for the entire community. When we talk about rules for short term rentals, it is for the benefit of the entire community. When we talk about medical facilities that are needed here, it is for the entire community.

When we talk about the Auditorium District, it seems to be exclusive. The entire community does not get a say in how it is paid for. The entire community will not use it. The entire community cannot vote on it. And, the entire community will not pay for it.

It is truly a shame. Instead of recruiting the resources of the entire community, a clandestine approach was used against a group that has been persecuted and complained about since the inception of the business.

Let’s choose to be proactive in providing for the entire community. Work together for successful end results. Affordable housing, schools, medical facilities. Things that are the basis of a growing, healthy community.

Courtesy of carynesplin.com



With support from Island Park City, Fremont County, the forest service, and sheriff, we’re excited to announce Island Park’s first parade in more than thirty years! The parade will begin at 10:30 am on August 26, 2023, following a community pancake breakfast. The theme of the parade is Island



By Teara Galbraith

Park founders, celebrating the town’s history and the visionaries who made it what it is today.

Residents and visitors alike are invited to watch the procession, featuring entries themed after, or inspired by Island Park’s founding Fathers and Mothers. Community organizations, families, and local businesses will come together, adding to the festive atmosphere. The event will be a wonderful reminder of the rich history and community spirit of Island Park.

Location will be announced soon. For additional details and to volunteer or register to participate, visit www.IslandParkparade.com.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the beautiful region of East Idaho and to share my experiences as a short-term rental owner in Island Park.

Growing up in East Idaho was a truly magical experience, filled with countless days spent fishing, riding motorcycles, ATVs, and snow machines. As a young man, I discovered that my happy place was Yellowstone National Park, and I have always considered Island Park to be an extension of that magnificent national treasure.

A few years back, my wife and I made the decision to invest in Island Park, with the intention of contributing to the local economy and sharing our love for this unique place with visitors. Today, we own three cabins in the area, specifically catering to young families with children. Our goal is to provide an affordable, comfortable, and spacious alternative to multiple hotel rooms, allowing families to stay together and create lasting memories.

We understand that the rules surrounding short-term rentals (STRs) can sometimes be complex and confusing. However, we are deeply committed to not only following these guidelines, but also to actively contributing to the betterment of the community because of our rentals. Being responsible neighbors is a top priority for us, and we take great care to ensure that our guests understand and adhere to all local rules and regulations.

In addition to monitoring our properties through exterior security cameras, we also provide our contact information to all nearby residents and encourage them to reach out to us with any concerns. Our goal is to create a harmonious environment where everyone feels respected and valued.

The joy of providing a home away from home for families exploring our beloved backyard has been incredibly rewarding. We hope that our efforts to be good neighbors and responsible short-term rental owners will contribute to the ongoing growth and prosperity of Island Park and the surrounding community.

Dustin Harris



Teen Business Success

By Jenifer Lower

Isaac Walker is a pretty amazing young man. I had the privilege of sitting down with him this week to get to know him just a little better.

In 2016, his family purchased a cabin here in Island park and they began spending quite a bit of time here. He is an outdoor enthusiast, like most of us. Dirt biking, fly fishing, archery, and golf are only a few of his favorite things.

As a sophomore in high school, Isaac tried landscaping as a summer job and determined it just wasn't right for him. So, he started washing windows at the folks cabin here in Island Park. Then Sawtelle Management contacted him and hired him to do some of their rentals.

Isaac purchased a squeegee and a scrubber and did things the hard way! Word got around, and soon, Isaac was washing windows in Island Park his entire summer break, instead of playing. But in the process, has established an outstanding, much needed business in the Caldera.

In 2021, Isaac graduated from high school. That's the summer he applied for his LLC and upgraded his equipment. He now uses a Zero Pro Max Water Machine. He hooks a hose to your spigot, and the water is siphoned through a series of filters to remove the minerals so the end product dries spotless. Best of all, this process is eco friendly, no harsh chemicals used and is safe for all wildlife and pets.

Have high windows? No problem here, his wand extends 40 feet and has a scrubber for cleaning bugs and sap. Inside is still a labor of love, all by hand. And screens are no problem, he purchased the brushes to do those as well.

It's spring, my guess is, we all need his services! Give Isaac a call, he'll come give you a free quote. What a joy to get to know him.

ISAAC WALKER
OWNER

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Reminiscing over the Past Pondering the future

Some of my best memories of Island Park are from my childhood. Growing up south of Idaho Falls, Island Park was a close and welcome getaway. We camped most summers and spent many winter vacations with friends who had a cabin near Last Chance. My grandfather taught me the love of fishing during our many Island Park visits and I still vividly remember an encounter with a mama Moose. I will never forget my grandfather yelling at me to get out of there, but in my naivety I wanted so badly to go pet that baby.

Those days seem like a lifetime ago. My family was not fortunate enough to own property in Island Park but the memories stuck with me. I made myself a promise that someday I would have a cabin here. I finally fulfilled that promise and am now working on giving our children and grand children some of those same wonderful experiences and making new memories with them. Island Park is a lot of different things to a lot of different people. For some, it's home. For others it is a second home. And for many, it's a vacation getaway. Regardless of where you fall, chances are that Island Park provides you with a sense of peace and joy, brings you closer to nature and reminds you what is truly important in life.

By definition, a resident is "a person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis". There is no question that the vast majority of properties in Island Park are owned by 'non-residents', though many, if not most, of the property owners are part-time residents. Regardless of the number of days we stay in Island Park, together we make a community.

When it comes to the proposed Island Park Auditorium District, we are divided. Though interestingly we are not divided by full-time vs part-time resident. There are people of both groups on both sides of this proposal. A large number of us have gathered in opposition to the Auditorium District. There are many in this group who are not necessarily against a Community Center, but as a group we are adamantly against the proposed Auditorium District.

Much of the opposition is a result of a lack of transparency and planning for the current proposal. Tourism drives the economy in Island Park. Whether we are their primary destination or a place to stay while they visit the Park, tourists spend a significant amount of money in our community. Whether it is seasonal or due to events like the 2022 spring floods that closed the Park, as the number of visitors fluctuate the demand for local services is directly impacted. And as our local businesses serve fewer people, they need fewer employees and offer fewer services.

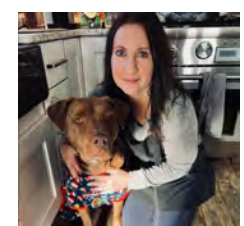
The proposed Island Park Auditorium District will add a tax of 5% to all lodging; hotels, vacation rentals, camp sites, etc. That 5% tax is in addition to the 6% State Sales Tax and 3% State Lodging Tax they are already paying making us the highest taxed resort community in the surrounding area. An additional 5% increase brings lodging taxes to 13% and will make Island Park less competitive in price than neighboring communities. Property owners will either have to lower their costs to absorb the increase and remain competitive, or realize higher vacancy rates.

While the mandated tax is a primary concern for many of us, there is also concern with how the Auditorium is being proposed. Members of the Committee, the proposed Board members, have offered differing visions of the proposed Community Center. The website references proposed by-laws that address one of the many outstanding questions regarding whether or not an additional property tax could be levied. The law indicates Auditorium Districts with less than 25,000 residents can levy an additional property tax, the committee indicates they won't. The Auditorium website refers to their drafted by-laws, but those are not available on the site and have not been shared with the general public. A business plan or budget has not been presented and it appears from conversations one has not been completed. And most concerning, even if you are in favor of the Auditorium, an impact study has not been completed.

There are currently 3 operating Auditoriums funded by Auditorium Districts in Idaho. Those districts did years of research. Not just years of discussions, but true research. They hired independent firms to complete impact and financial studies. They presented options for locations. They prepared long-term budgets. They held fundraising events and found companies to pay for sponsorship. Regardless of the size of any project, a lack of proper preparation can only lead to unexpected problems.

Our Country is moving toward a recession. It is naive to think that Island Park will not be impacted if that happens. This is a time when we need to promote our community to support our local businesses. Increasing the cost of lodging, or any service, is not how you drive business unless your intent is to drive it away.

I am hopeful that whatever the outcome of the May 16 th vote is, the community – the entire community – can come together to discuss the priorities of Island Park, work together finding solutions to address those needs, and to protect this piece of paradise we all call home.



By: Gina Marshall

Reserved for Editorial in Favor of Auditorium District Tax

I had wanted to present both sides of the Auditorium vote, so I asked 2 petition signers and a board member to write me a piece about why they felt like a Community Center would be valuable to our community and fit the Auditorium District Tax Law. 2 said no, 1 said she would get me something and never did.

Dear Editor,

Our little Island Park Community is going through another tough time!

We all say we love Island Park! Yet we have a terrible way of showing it. We have all heard the stories of how long our families have been in the Island Park area, how long we have lived here and of course how MUCH each of us love Island Park. Full time residents, part time residents, summer residents, property owners and so on! We all love Island Park so long as it is what we want. I am sick of hearing it! You left there and came here and now want here to be like there!

We are all terrible! Terrible in the fact that the community has needs and we choose to bicker and divide and not come together for a solution. Some say a community center has been worked on for many years, no it has not been worked on. It has been talked about, discussed and dreamed about. There has never been a fundraiser, a community meeting or even a survey. It was proposed many years ago. With donations and partners a conceptual design was developed, a location was being worked on, yet community members chose to bicker about it and the idea quickly weathered away. It has continued to be a dream and a need, yet I have not seen nor heard of a long-standing committee that has continued to work toward that dream.

The current committee chose another means to get a much-needed building. Fast and easy money. Tax the visitors. Maybe a good idea, however, they also chose NOT to ask the main contributors, the Lodging industry, if they could support such a tax on their customers! They propose solely funding the project from one sector they wouldn't even present their idea too. And, no communication with the lodging community, suggests they were secretly hoping they wouldn't catch on!

We are all terrible, terrible in the fact that we all have opinions and desires yet disregard our neighbors' opinions. The City of Island Park's own Mayor, Mike Bogden, publicly calls for shunning of anyone who dares not agree! Again, we are all terrible, community members allegedly attacking others in the grocery store and post office.

Difficult or not, why was the community not given more information and facts? No public meetings, not being allowed to continue conversations online on a "community information page", unwilling to open the topic with full transparency, no budgets, building size or sustainability studies. They have created a huge mistrust by not coming forward to find a solution as a community and it is tearing us apart! The community we claim to love!

Do I think the current committee did it right? NO. They failed miserably to include us all. They chose not ask the people/industry they want to tax, they should have been the first group brought together for their opinions. The committee chose to not include in their petition any real benefits to the lodging industry. No advertising, marketing plan, or event possibilities. Presentations were made to select affluent groups where hotels, campgrounds, and short-term rentals were made to be cash cows who owe the community for sharing our beautiful area with visitors!

Why was the community not brought together and asked if they would fund the project through grants, donations, fundraisers or the dreaded property tax with all the community putting skin in the game. Does the community NOT want this badly enough to contribute themselves?

Nothing is free, everything comes at a price to someone.

Laurie Augustin
50 year Island Park resident





Lakeside Resort and Lodge A Family Story

For the past 100 years, the families of Blaine and Carolanne Miller have spent treasured time in the Island Park Caldera making unforgettable memories with family and friends. In 2013 Blaine and Carolanne began to look for a cabin in Island Park that they could make unforgettable memories with their children and grandchildren with all the outdoor experiences Island Park has to offer.

They eventually found a property on IP Bills Island to purchase in the fall of 2013. Over the next few years as they made the cabin their home, the nearby Lakeside Lodge and Resort that was actively for sale became of intriguing interest. As more time was spent at the cabin and Island Park Reservoir it was apparent that there was not a lot of public access to the Reservoir or many activities for children in the area.

In the Fall of 2015 when helping their youngest son plan his wedding, Lakeside Lodge was chosen as the venue for their special event. Blaine and Carolanne showed their children the property and told them they were interested in purchasing Lakeside Lodge. On Friday, May 13th, 2016 Blaine and Carolanne signed as the new owners of the beautiful Lakeside Lodge and Resort.

The Millers saw the opportunity to turn Lakeside around into a venue that families could come to, to create everlasting memories, for everyone to experience Island Park that they had come to love and cherish.

Since 2016, with their vision, Blaine and Carolanne, with the help of their dedicated employees and many community members, the Lodge is now host to many events. From Lighting of the Lodge, Ice Fishing Derbies, Hockey Tournaments, Firework Displays and more. Many of these events are combined with fundraisers that help support the Island Park Community.

Blaine and Carolanne hope that their efforts can continue to help serve the Island Park Community and

By: Kristin Smith



Caldera Restaurant Days and Hours

Anglers Lodge & Riverfront Restaurant

3363 Old Hwy 191 208.558.9555
Reservations at Open Table beginning May 19th
Dinner 5 pm to 9 pm

Cafe Sabor

4298 Hwy US-20 208-558-9300
Wednesday - Saturday 11 am - 9 pm
Sunday 12 pm - 8 pm
Closed Monday and Tuesday

The Cafe at Island Park Lodge

4149 N Big Springs Loop Road 385.227.1197
Opening May 24th
Wed - Sun Breakfast 7 am - 10:30 am Lunch 11 am - 3 pm

Connie's Restaraunt

4130 Quakie Lane 208.558.6987
Check Facebook, opening in May

Happy Anglers Cafe

3340 Hwy 20 208.497.9455
Check Facebook Soft opening Monday May 15th

Lakeside Lodge

3857 Lakeside Lodge Lane 208.558.9770
Daily
Lunch 11 am- 5 pm
Dinner 5 pm - 9 pm
Breakfast Buffet Starts May 27th Sat and Sun 8 am - 11 am

Meadow Creek Lodge

Meadow Creek Road 208.351.2787
Check Facebook for opening

The Parlor at Mack's Inn

4169 N Hwy 20 208.558.2450
Tuesday - Saturday 11 am - 9 pm

Pond's Lodge

3757 Hwy 20 208.558.7221
Main Kitchen: Wednesday - Monday 11 am - 9 pm
Pizza Kitchen: 7 days a week 11 am - 10 pm

Springhill Suites Island Park

4292 N Highway 20 208.558.2400
Thursday - Monday 4 pm - 10 pm
Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Squatchee's Soda

3372 N Hwy 20 208.360.1022
Thursday - Monday 7:30 am - 2 pm
Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Subway

4141 Sawtelle Peak Rd 208.558.9884
Monday - Saturday 8 am - 3 pm
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Twisted Pine @ Historic Phillips Lodge

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The BLM Closure Plan Does it affect you?

By: Michelle Green

BLM's Upper Snake East Travel Management Plan is definitely something to be concerned about.

BLM quietly released a proposal of the Upper Snake East Travel Management Plan on their website on March 27th. They are seeking public input during a 30-day comment period on proposed alternative and resource analysis, which they have extended to July 10th, 2023. Interesting fact is that they did not reach out to local OHV riding groups, recreational dealers of motorized Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) or any local news stations about their press release. This is a big deal. The Upper Snake East Travel Management Plan covers approximately 126,000 acres of BLM managed land scattered throughout six counties in Idaho namely Fremont, Clark, Teton, Madison, Jefferson, Bonneville, Bingham and Power. Over 850 inventoried routes could be affected by their proposal. Island Park Caldera trails will be affected.

Their plan is comprehensive, it addresses access for recreational, traditional, casual, agricultural, commercial, and educational uses, as well as access for resource management purposes. It also considers all modes and conditions of travel on public lands, including typical highway vehicles (low clearance sedans and trucks), off-highway vehicles (OHVs), motorcycles, utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), snowmobiles, bicycles, e-bikes, equestrian, and foot travel. BLM clarifies in their news release that Snowmobiles are OHVs, so OHV route designations in the Upper Snake East Trail management plan will also apply to snowmobiles.

BLM claims the Travel Management Area provides valuable habitat for several special status plant species. It also provides valuable habitat for special status wildlife species, including Bald eagle, Canadian lynx, Columbian Sharp-tailed grouse, Ferruginous hawk, Greater Sage grouse, Grizzly bear and Yellow-Billed cuckoo. The sagebrush communities in the travel management area provide habitat for Greater Sage Grouse and wintering big game species. The travel management area also provides habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout, which occur in numerous perennial streams and some lakes and reservoirs. They are using these habitats as their reasoning for closing the trails.

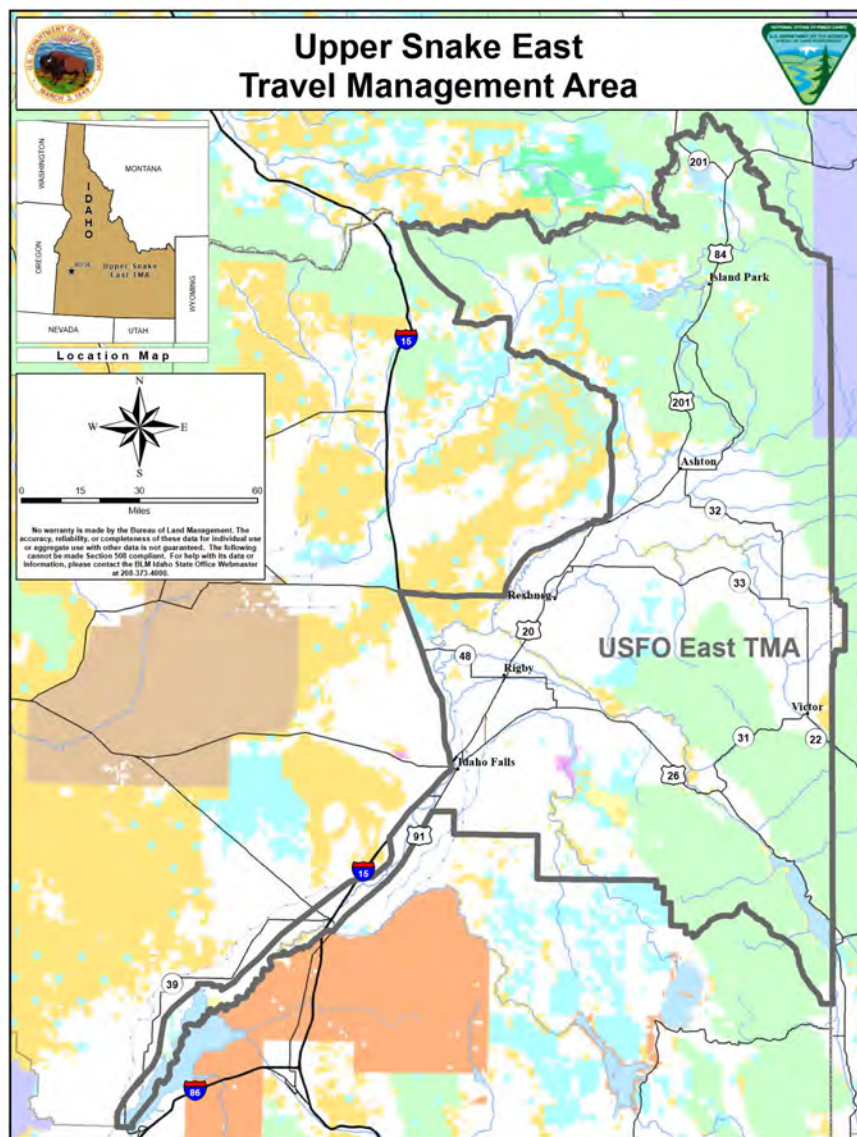
There are many special designation areas within the travel management area—they include the Game Creek Research Natural Area, Henry's Lake Wilderness Study Area, Snake River Islands, Henry's Lake Area of Environmental Concern, Snake River, Pine Creek Island, Reid Canal Island, Squaw Creek Island, South Fork, Teton River, Canyon Creek, Badger Creek, and Bitch Creek. Wild and Scenic River segments; Snake River Special Recreation Management Area, North Menan Butte, Butte National Natural Landmark, Sand Creek, Deer Park, Market Lake, and Tex Creek Wildlife Management Areas, Cress Creek National Recreation Trail, and the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. The Ft. Henry Historic Byway, Mesa Falls Scenic Byway, and Teton Scenic Byway extend through the travel management area as well that will be affected by their proposed closures.

Upper Snake Field Manager Brandon Anderson said the "Plan will help the BLM and our partners provide a long term and sustainable transportation system that promotes access to public lands." After reading their alternative proposals we should all be afraid the BLM's plan will basically eliminate almost all access to public lands.

The following are the alternatives they are proposing:

- Alternative A: Alternative A represents no action/continuation of current management for travel on the BLM-managed lands within the TMA. This alternative serves as the baseline against which potential effects from any of the action alternatives B-D can be compared. **LEAST RESTRICTIVE ALTERNATIVE IF YOU USE AND APPRECIATE THE TRAILS ON PUBLIC LANDS THIS IS THE ALTERNATIVE YOU NEED TO REQUEST!**
- Alternative B: Alternative B provides for lower levels of motorized use opportunities while emphasizing more natural and cultural resource protections than Alternatives C or D. **EXTREMELY RESTRICTIVE AND WILL CLOSE MOST TRAILS.**

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Island Park's Newest Little Souvenir Shop With the Biggest Heart

Ready to take home your unique souvenir or gift from your visit to Island Park? The brand new Island Park Souvenirs and Gift shop is opening very soon! Located just off Yale-Kilgore Road at 3519 1/2 Yale-Kilgore, our littlest shop with the biggest heart offers a wide range of specialty and one-of-a-kind items to commemorate the memories you make in our beautiful area.

Whether it's a t-shirt, hat, postcard, or trinket, we have something for everyone. Friendly staff will be on hand to help you find the perfect gift or keepsake to bring home.

Why wait? Come see us and take home your piece of Island Park. Can't wait to see you!



An advertisement for "McCloud Services" (MVS). The logo consists of the letters "MVS" in a large, bold, stylized font. Below the logo, the text reads "Excavation - Plumbing - Utilities" and "Gravel - Roadbase". At the bottom, the contact information is provided: "208-223-2382" and "flintmccloudconstruction@gmail.com".



Horse Shooting in St. Anthony

This is Hooey . Wyatt Remington raised this horse from a colt, trained him, and spent hours with him.

On April 22, 2023, on E Yellowstone Hwy down from Broulims, between 10:30 and 11:30 pm, Hooey, was shot in the leg by an unkown shooter.

There is currently a \$10,000 reward being offered for any information that leads to the successful aprehension of the shooter. If you know or suspect anything, please reach out to the Fremont County Sheriffs office at (208)624-4482, or Wyatt Remington at (208)757-9374.

EVENTS IN ISLAND PARK

We hope to see you around town this summer at some of the cool events going on in our area!

Island Park

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 17 • July 1 • July 4 • July 14 • July 15 • July 21 & 22 • July 22 • August 4 & 5 • August 6 • August 7 • August 11 & 12 • August 16 • August 26 • September 1 & 2 • September 9 • September 16 • Memorial to Halloween • Memorial to Labor Day • October 28 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yoga at the Pavilion Sawtelle Fun Run Fireworks Liberty Quartet Mesa Falls Marathon Island Park Festival Pioneer Days – Fireworks Quilt Guild - Display and Sell I ❤️ IP - IP Chamber event Daisy's Angels fashion Show Swaptastic Swap Meet Targhee Women's Charity Auction Island Park Founders Parade Island Park Festival Wine in the Woods Brogfest Music (Saturdays, some Fridays) Shotgun Sundays Halloween Costume Party | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sawtelle Resort Pavilion Sawtelle Peak Rd Lakeside Lodge Little Church in the Pines Mesa Falls Scenic Byway (start) Sawtelle Resort Pavilion Lakeside Lodge Marriott Conference Room Sawtelle Resort Pavilion Hines Residence IP EMS building Marriott Conference Room Big Springs Loop Sawtelle Resort Pavilion Harriman State Park Shotgun Bar Lakeside Lodge Shotgun Bar Lakeside Lodge |
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West Yellowstone

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursdays June to September • July 4 & 22 • July 15 to 17 • August 2 to 13 • August 4,5 & 26 • August 12 • August 26 • September 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Yellowstone Market Music in the Park Wild Bill Days Mountain Man Rendezvous Music in the Park Horseshoes for Hero's Wretched Mess Arts Fest The Happening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Museum Lawn Heritage Park WY Rodeo West Entrance (YNP) Heritage Park Hi Country Tavern Heritage Park Union Pacific Dining Hall |
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For more information about these events, check out our website at:

IpIdaho.com/events



The Targhee Trail Riders

For the Protection of the Trail Systems

By Michelle Green

Targhee Trail Riders is a group that was started in 2019 by a few businesses that love our area. Joe Williams from the Repair Shop in Island Park, Performance Motorsports in Ashton (now Golden Spike Motorsports), Rexburg Motorsports in Rexburg, Brett Whitaker from Rainbow Realty and Kevin Phillips from Mountain Mayhem. It is an organization of responsible OHV users who love to enjoy the great outdoors on their on their UTV's, ATV's, motorcycles and snowmobiles.

This group encourages and promotes respectful riding and care of our trails. As a community we need to become more active in our trail systems in the Island Park Caldera. Protection of our access to public lands is critical for the enjoyment of all, and coming together as a group with the same ideals and goals provides the best platform for success.



Association goals are:

- Promote respectful Riding
- Respect and keep your distance from wildlife
- Stay on designated trails
- Work with Parks and Recreation to keep trails cleared and open
- Work with local agencies such as BLM, Forest Service and Parks and Recreation to provide summer trails that make a complete loop and do not dead end.
- Work with local agencies to provide trails for OHV over 50 inches
- Encourage registration and stickers

The organization of an annual meeting is in process, a public notice will go out when time and place have been determined. They are discussing starting a family membership with a fee of \$25.00 annually, to help to defend and protect our rights to public lands and keep trails clear and open. Plans are to create events or activities for members to participate in fund raising, trail management, socializing, and finding ways to give back to our community. The club intends to use T-shirts, Hoodies, stickers etc. as promotional swag and are looking forward to having them available for purchase.

The group is open to anyone that shares a love of this area and the trail systems. Simply email us at TargheeTrailRidersIslandPark@gmail.com to join. We have a Facebook group called Targhee Trail Riders Island Park Idaho where information that regarding upcoming events and important announcements will be posted.

Please join today!

BLM Trail Closure Plan Continued from Page 7

- **Alternative C:** Alternative C represents a variety of route designations which resolve resource and access needs in a blended manner while accommodating a wider variety of the BLM's programs and priorities than Alternative B. This alternative also includes seasonal human entry closures for three locations where no entry is allowed in these areas, including motorized and non-motorized activities. ALTERNATIVE C IS SOMEWHAT RESTRICTIVE.
- **Alternative D:** Alternative D emphasizes an expanded range of travel route use opportunities as compared to Alternative B and C while still providing required protections for natural and cultural resources. ALTERNATIVE D IS SOMEWHAT RESTRICTIVE.

Again, BLM has extended the comment period to July 10th. It is very important that you comment. Get everyone you know to comment. The more responses give to BLM the better. Proactivity is the only way we will not lose our ability to enjoy the beautiful trails in our area. Please take a moment and go over their plan and the maps provided on the BLM website. Direct links are listed below.

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2022394/510>
<https://blm-egis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4706c294c2e54c29a2382f859411b5c4>

SEND YOUR COMMENTS INTO BLM BEFORE JULY 10TH. You can email them at blm_id_usfo_east_tma@blm.gov or regular mail to BLM Upper Snake Field Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401

In Perpetuity

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN REALLY?

In perpetuity means without end, forever, or for an indefinite period of time. When a tax or any legal obligation is said to be in perpetuity, it means that it will continue to exist and be enforced without a specified end date. This is in contrast to taxes or obligations that have a specific expiration date or are subject to periodic review and renewal. Obligations in perpetuity are usually considered to be long-lasting or permanent, and can have significant implications for the individuals or entities that are subject to them.

The Auditorium District Is IN PERPETUITY

By: Teara Galbraith

When we vote for taxes that are in perpetuity, we are essentially committing ourselves and future generations to a never-ending stream of revenue for the government. While taxes are necessary to fund important public services and infrastructure, it is crucial that they are subject to periodic review and renewal to ensure they are still needed and being used effectively. By voting against taxes that are in perpetuity, we are sending a message to our elected officials that we value accountability and transparency in government spending. Moreover, taxes that are in perpetuity can have a negative impact on economic growth and individual freedoms. When businesses and individuals face the prospect of paying taxes indefinitely, it can discourage investment and innovation, and limit the ability of citizens to make choices about how they use their own resources. By voting against taxes that are in perpetuity, we can encourage responsible government spending and protect the rights and freedoms of taxpayers. It is important to carefully consider the implications of any tax proposal and vote accordingly to ensure a fair and sustainable tax system.

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Spot of the Month

Kilgore - Red Rock Lakes Loop

By: Tom Bithell



Looking for some fun adventure and a little out of the Island Park norm? The Kilgore - Red Rock Loop is a fantastic sight seeing adventure by car, side-by-side, ATV or motorcycle.

To start the loop, is a 22 mile stretch of road going west out Yale Kilgore Road towards the town of Kilgore. Along the way you can stop and see the Camas Meadows battle site, where Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians fought the U.S. Cavalry who were pursuing them as they

made a run for Canada. Watch for the trail that is south of the exhibit and leads to some of the soldiers' graves a few hundred yards away. Kilgore is your

next stop, and while it would be easy to bypass, it's worth a quick stop to check out the historic general store there. At this point in the ride, you have two choices. The shorter route is to head to Porcupine Pass over to Interstate 15, then up the Frontage Road to Monida, Montana and onto Red Rock Lakes. If you have more time, or want gas sooner than later you can head to Spencer, Idaho. Grab lunch at the Spencer Grill and sift through the opal tailings, with some luck you can take one home with you!



After a lovely spell in Spencer, get on the West side of Interstate 15 and follow the Frontage Road North towards Monida, Montana, crossing over and under the Interstate a time or two. In Monida, look for the signs that point east towards Red Rock Lakes Refuge. There are no services in Monida, it's a virtual ghost town, don't plan to get supplies or gas there.



Once in the Red Rock Lakes valley, there are again options on the route. Either the North side or South side of the valley. The South road is the nicest and most direct route to Red Rock Pass back to Idaho. The North side gets sandy and challenging and is not advised for cars or motorcyclists that are not familiar with or equipped to handle that type of riding.

The South side road will bring you to an old town called Lakeview, where you will find some private residences and a University of Utah research station. There won't be any services, but you can stop, look around and enjoy the amazing views. If you brought a beverage, it's a great place for a break!



Red Rock Pass and the Idaho border are now about 15 miles away, where you will drop down to Henry's Lake and the trail that takes you back to Highway 20 where you can make your way back to your starting point.

The total loop is about 130 miles so plan out your gas. There is no gas in Kilgore or the Red Rock Lakes Valley. It is recommended to get a good map and/or GPS. I like the Benchmark Atlas maps of Montana and Idaho. They are very detailed and helpful if you want to deviate and explore any of the many optional routes or sites. From the Red Rock Valley you can get to Dillon, Alder and Ennis, Montana; all by dirt.

There is a lot to see out there. Enjoy the adventure!



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Auditorium Tax Yes or No

Auditorium District funding. What is the laws intended use? In the other 3 districts in Idaho it is used to draw tourism to the area in order to benefit those that are tasked with collecting the tax. We can obviously debate who will actually be paying it, guests, or a price reduction in order to accommodate, thereby making it the owners cost. They drive concerts, sporting events, expos, and business conferences in order to create more business for the community, as provided on their web pages, up to \$27M dollars more in revenue to the community. That's what lawmakers intended for use when they passed this bill.

We sat down with Bruce Ard and Angie Illum and asked some pointed questions regarding the plan for creating more business within our community. Six of us were told they were not planning on hosting any of these types of events. However, all of the language in the petition, and on the ballot, as well as the postcards they sent out suggests they may host any and all of these events!

So.... Which is it? The bigger issue here? There is no solid plan presented to vote on!

- No plans drawn
- No bids for Construction
- No detailed budget for operations
- No disclosed potential locations
- No business plan for what events, what offices, what spaces draw income, et all
- Worst of all, no By-Laws that would control this board, or a future board

What does this mean for the voter?

- We have no idea where this building will be built, or what it will look like, meaning plans could change to meet the desires of a committee of 5!
- We have no idea of the cost of the building. They can use the funds they will be getting to bond out and build a \$40M building of their choosing, with a vote of a committee of 5!
- We have no idea the cost of running the building because we have no idea of the size!
- We have no idea what the plan is for hosting, providing spaces for the community, what they may charge any individual groups to use the spaces, or what income they are planning to provide to the building or to the businesses in the community without a written business plan. We are then at the mercy of 5 voting board members!
- This is the worst point, without a set of By-Laws to control the 5 voting members, they can do anything. Even if this board promises they won't build a huge building to hose events and draw more crowds to Island Park, what about the next board? Even if this board promises not to charge the public, what about the next board? Even if this board promises not to use property taxes to support this, what about the next board?

Let's consider this scenario. They don't raise enough funds to build the building in the next 2 years. They elect new board members who decide they want a \$40M bond to build an event center, they vote to do so. They then construct the facility and have a place for the community to meet and host events to drive business to Island Park. The next board is elected, and the budget is tight, but they make a few changes and make it work. Unfortunately, then they find someone has misappropriated funds (think about our sewer system) and they are under water.

The building is already in place. The board alters the petition and presents for a vote, an added property tax in Island Park. How will you vote then? Will you force them to close the doors and leave yet another government property vacant in our community? Or will you vote yes to a property tax? There is a legal mechanism in place to make property tax a viable option to support what they are proposing. They keep saying, know the facts before you vote.

What facts have actually been presented?

- None of the business facts as bullet pointed above
- No assurances for operations
- No location
- No needs assessment
- No By-Laws
- No traffic or noise plans
- No rules, just an open check book with no balances!

If this isn't successful, and they want to dissolve the district? It takes 3,000 voting signatures to sign the petition. We only have 820. It can NEVER go away!

Yes, Let's know the facts before we vote!
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