

Owyhee Trails Photography Contest

Exhibitors' Guide

September 23 thru September 27, 2025
Judging Saturday September 20, 2025 @ 10:30am

Bring photo submission application and photograph(s) to:

ENTRY DEADLINES and LOCATIONS

Nampa Public Library main lobby
Thursday September 18, 2025 from 12pm - 5pm.
or
Owyhee County Historical Museum
Friday September 19, 2025 before 5pm.

Entry fees: FREE with no submission limit

The **GOAL is to promote, preserve and interpret “Our Western Heritage”** through the LENS. Western Heritage generally refers to the cultural legacy of the American West, particularly the traditions, values, and history associated with the cowboy way of life, ranching, and the settling of the western frontier.

Prize: There will be three winners in each category with a People’s Choice Award. Prizes are TBD. Would you like to sponsor an award? Winners will be announced at the Gala on Saturday September 27, 2025.

Divisions:

- A) Professionals
- B) Amateur
- C) Novice

PHOTOGRAPHY submission RULES (ALL DIVISIONS)

AI is NOT photography.

- An Exhibitor may enter only one Division.
- You are a professional, if you have derived any income, trade, or intent from any service from or about photography in the previous two years.
- No items can be entered in the Owyhee Trails Photofest more than one year.
- Single prints only: Collaged photos are not allowed.
- Photographs Only: All entries must be derived from an original photograph, produced by the entrant, from a camera source.

- Mounting: Photos must be mounted on Foam Core. Item must be firmly adhered to Foam Core. Items must be flush mounted (edge to edge), with no mounting material showing behind the photograph. Mount cannot exceed ¼ inch thick. Unmounted prints will not be accepted. Cardboard, corrugated cardboard, poster board, wood, glass, plastic, metal, etc. are NOT acceptable mounts and will be rejected.
- No frames, glass, mounting hardware, or mats are allowed.
- Prints must be on photographic paper; no metal, acrylic, wood, or glass allowed. Matte or photo paper is acceptable.
- No watermarks, markings, or writing of any kind can appear on the front of the photograph.
- Submissions shall be displayed for the length of the competition and may not be removed until Tuesday following the close of the competition.
- Release Day is Tuesday, September 30, 10 am. to 5 pm.
- Photos not claimed within one week may become museum property.
- Prizes not claimed by Oct 10, 2025 will be considered donations.
- Identification: Each entry must have the following information legibly printed on the back, top left corner: Entrant's name, current address, phone number and e-mail.
- *Identification:

Example of information that must appear on the back side of the photograph upper left corner It may be written or printed on an attached label

2025 Owyhee Trails Photofest and Gala

Name _____
 Address _____
 Contact / Phone No. _____
 E-Mail _____
 Category _____

Short Description _____

Image Size Rule: Rectangular Images can be any size between 8x10" and 13x19". Square prints must be a perfect square ranging from 10x10" to 16x16".

Business Cards: After Judging, professionals may place only **one** business card on the lower left corner of each photo. Improperly displayed cards will be removed

Disclaimer

Although care and diligence will be exercised in handling entries, The Owyhee County Historical Museum and Library and the Western Heritage Foundation are not responsible for any technical malfunctions, failures, omission, interruption or defect of any entry. Participants shall hold neither parties and its officers harmless and indemnify them against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. Furthermore, insurance is the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Owyhee County Historical Museum and the Western Heritage Foundation do not insure exhibits and are not responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of submissions or theft of entries even if the loss, damage, or theft occurs as the result of the handling of the exhibit staff, volunteers, contractors or visitors. All Judges decisions are final.



Owyhee Trails photography contest is presented by the Western Heritage Foundation