

Idaho State Off-road Association Meeting Minutes

July 2nd, 2025

Attendees

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Key Topics Discussed

1. Treasurer's Report

• Current balance: \$15,315

• Recent deposits: \$42.84 (three new individual members), \$2,150 (club dues)

• Expenses: \$9.99 Google Workspace

 Upcoming Expenses: AED flag and postcards, rendezvous food (chuck roasts and chicken and seasonings), annual website fees and BRC dues

2. Outreach

- Continued push to grow individual memberships
- Actively seeking new club affiliations (must have bylaws and pay dues)
- Events attended: Range to Ranch Retreat in Mackay (networking with Ozark Adventure and Will Fowler)
- Engagement with groups like Backcountry ATV/UTV in Coeur d'Alene (represented by Becky Taylor)

3. Rendezvous Planning

- Location: Boulder Basin campground
- Friday night and Saturday runs planned (Washington Basin featured)
- Meal: Tex-Mex style meat provided by the Association, sides by attendees
- Special guest: Dan Waugh, Backcountry Horsemen Director, will provide Introductory Sawyer and trauma training
- Goal: Build camaraderie, provide training opportunities and fun for club members

4. Land Use

- IRC & IDL updates:
 - o Challenge Trail on state-managed land in Bonner County in conceptual phase
 - Proposal for "no net loss" trail policy if a trail is closed, a new one must open
 - o Trail building explored south of Lava Hot Springs; IDL staff visited the site

- Forest Service addressed road access at North Boulder (alternate route created)
- Petition against land sales: ~25% engagement; will continue to push for support
- Pine Creek Road ruled a county road by Idaho Supreme Court—huge win for North Idaho Trailblazers

5. Legislative Updates

- Sticker Funding Reform: SB57 & HB487
 - Proposed changes rejected due to lack of consensus and fairness
 - Key concern: elimination of reciprocity for out-of-state OHV plate usage as well as placing the onus on non rec users
- Helmet Law Update: HB13
 - New Idaho law exempts helmet requirement for children in enclosed side-by-sides with roll cages and harnesses
- SB81 Liability Waivers:
 - Waivers now legally enforceable for registered clubs
 - Insurance still required for paid events
 - o Individuals may still be sued for direct involvement in causing harm
- SP1086 Trespass Enforcement:
 - Would allow local law enforcement to enforce on federal lands
 - o Still in early legislative stages; funding model unresolved

6. Fundraising – Trash-a-Thon 2025

- Date: September 27, 2025 (National Public Lands Day)
- Fundraising method: Sponsors pledge donations per pound of trash collected
- Involvement:
 - Coeur d'Alene UTV Club and Friends of the River Coalition planning to participate
 - Outreach ongoing to BLM, vendors, and additional clubs statewide
- Goal: Grow visibility, promote responsible recreation, and raise critical funds

6. Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC)

- Supporting deregulation efforts (1 new rule = 10 repealed)
- Skeptical support on land sale proposal due to lack of OHV protections
- Monitoring dam projects and other land use developments

Key Takeaways

• Treasury: \$15.3k balance; anticipated large expenses in July

- Membership Growth: Focus on recruiting clubs and individuals; large Coeur d'Alene ATV/UTV club engaged
- Rendezvous: July camping trip with trail runs an Introductory Sawyer training
- Land Use: Multiple trail projects in planning, including Bonner and Bannock Counties
- Fundraiser: Trash-a-Thon expanding with multi-group support
- Legislation: Sticker Funding Reform; SB81 strengthens waiver enforceability; SP1086 in early talks
- Next Meeting: August 6th, 2025 at 7 PM MST

For further details or questions, please reach out to the Idaho State Off Road Association leadership team.