



IDAHO STATE
SNOWMOBILE
ASSOCIATION

February 10, 2023

Linda L. Jackson
Granite Goose Project
500 North Mission Street
McCall, Idaho 83638

Dear Supervisor Jackson:

The Idaho State Snowmobile Association (ISSA) offers these comments for your consideration concerning the Granite Goose Project. I have been a member representing ISSA, on the Winter Recreation Coalition since its creation.

ISSA is a statewide organization representing approximately 4,000 people, including thirty-six clubs, individuals, and many businesses from throughout Idaho. All our members highly value the opportunity to ride snowmobiles in the Payette National Forest. The Payette provides some of the best riding areas in Idaho.

Our Comments:

- The 451 Road is historically an access route for snowmobilers from the neighborhoods from Warren Wagon Road to the most popular snowmobile riding areas. The proposed boundary changes from an easily definable boundary on the road to an arbitrary one in the woods that will be much harder to maintain or enforce. The 451 should be maintained as is, the proposed change will cause confusion and lead to enforcement issues.

- The entire west side of Granite should not be included in the closure. Recreation Management (Scoping Document):
 “Recreational use has increased in the project area resulting in **conflicts** between user groups and causing detrimental impacts to other forest resources from dispersed recreation and unauthorized motorized use. There is a need to address recreational use in the project area to meet forest plan desired conditions to address user safety and recreation conflicts while maintaining recreation.”
 36 CFR, part 295, Sec 295.2(b) Requires plans to minimize “conflict among users”. Wisely, it does not set the standard to elimination of conflict. Notice also that it says, “among users” not “between users.”

Recreation allocation decisions are usually driven by the desire to alleviate someone’s ‘perception’ of conflict. Those who claim the most conflict, those who say they are the most offended by other users are usually rewarded with restrictions on the other parties. ‘Conflict’ is often used to justify a closure that is desired by an agency. However, exclusive use leads to regulations, creating a need for enforcement. Citizens and taxpayers do not take kindly to being excluded from their public lands unless there is a clear and persuasive reason to do so. In the case of the Granite Closure, it will only create more hard feelings among the user groups and will be difficult to enforce. For any closure to be successful the area must be definable and manageable. If the closure does not meet that standard, it should not be approved.

This proposed closure violates all the agreements that were agreed upon in the past by the Winter Recreation Group. It simply should not be implemented.

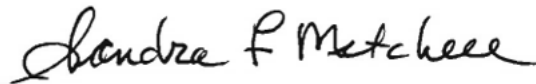
- Roads, 50056, 50839, 50052, and all roads west of 54 should remain motorized. These roads are important to the motorized community. The motorized community cannot afford to lose access, we need to increase access. These roads are well used and needed. Both motorized and non-motorized recreation have experienced a surge in the number of users, however, it makes no sense to take from the motorized community access and give to the non-motorized community. We all need more access not less! On page 1, of the economic analysis, which is attached, it shows by each forest in Idaho the loss of motorized trails. Now is not the time to take from one user group and give to another.
- A permanent Bear Basin Closure is not acceptable because it will eliminate access for the neighboring property owners to access the groomed trails on the north side of Bear Basin. The existing seasonal

order was hammered out by the Winter Recreation group and it has worked for the most part. The proposed closure is not manageable or definable and will simply lead to problems. The closure benefits only a few and the majority are locked out. The current problems can be managed with education and proper signage, the closure is extreme and is not necessary.

- The proposed enlarged closure on the east side of the Bear Basin Road is another example of a closure that is not definable and manageable because the closure borders the 'motorized' Idaho Department of Lands. The reason for the closure is the need for groomed trail system for fat tire bikes? Fat tire bikes are welcome to use the snowmobile groomed trail system which is a shared trail system used by backcountry skiers, mushers, fat tire bikers, etc. We share our system but now it is necessary for each user group to have their own? If you create it for one, are you then not obligated to give every user group their own?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to working together for the benefit of all the users of the Payette National Forest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra F Mitchell".

Sandra Mitchell
Public Lands Director
Idaho State Snowmobile Association

Idaho's Billion Dollar Motorized Recreation Industry



Idaho's motorized recreation industry is BIG business, contributing nearly **\$1 Billion** combined in equipment, fuel, food, lodging, and more. There is an additional **\$543 million** value added through employment. Because of these activities you add an estimated **\$543 million** in value added increases.

Local **taxes, benefits, and labor income** see a contribution of well over **\$250 million**. The outdoor recreation industry is among the **nation's largest**

economic sectors from the smallest rural town to the largest city. This **economic powerhouse** creates **billions** in spending and millions of good paying **jobs**.

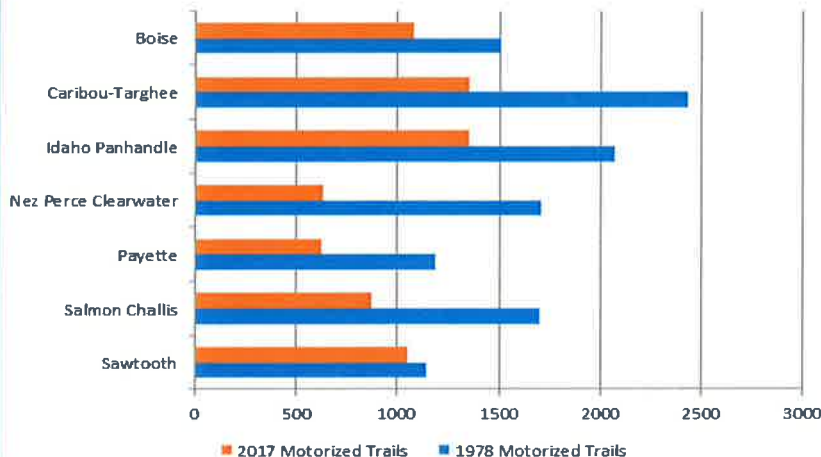
When we invest in the foundation of recreation economy, our public lands, waters, and mountains produce a compounding return in the form of healthier communities, healthier economies and healthier people. Motorized outdoor recreation is a **powerful force!**

Our public lands and waters represent the best of America. With recreation now part of the US GDP (\$646 billion total spending, 6.1 million jobs and \$80 billion in tax revenue*), it is more important than ever.

The outdoor recreation economy depends on **access to public lands**, which contribute to the growth of our economy and ensure we have beautiful places to recreate.

*Source: Outdoor Industry Association, Nov 2016

Idaho National Forest Motorized Trail Changes Between 1978 and 2017

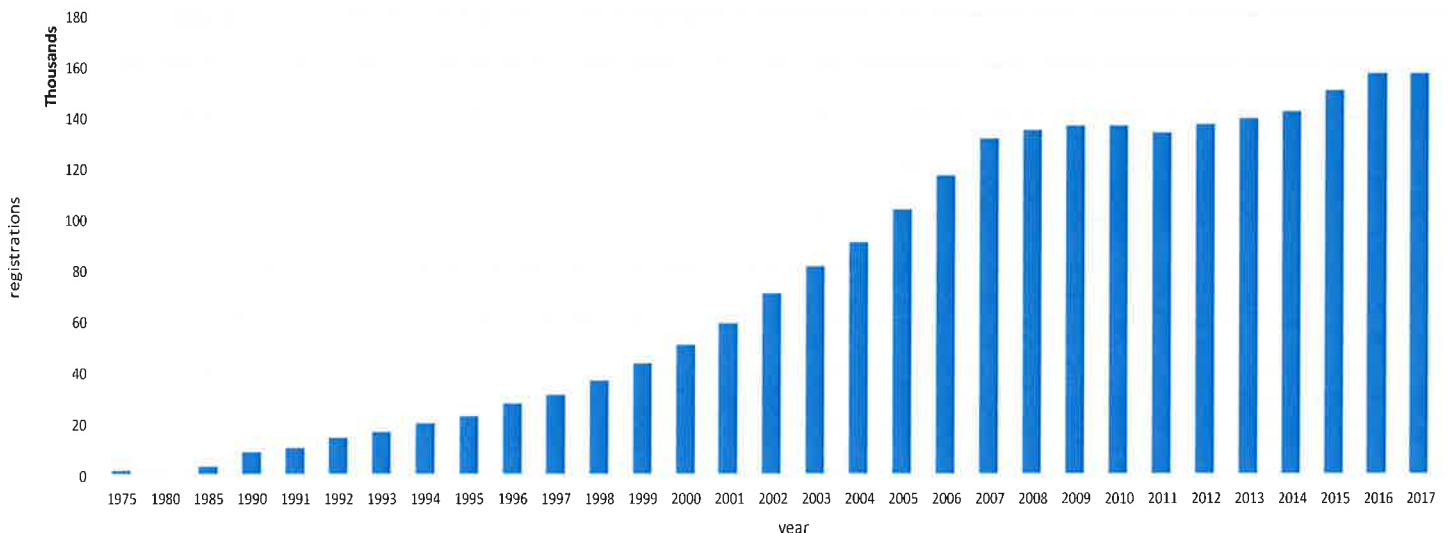


Issue: Access Denied

Motorized recreation continues to grow in popularity in Idaho. In contrast to this increased demand, is a loss of access on all federal lands.

Preservation of our recreational opportunities protects the economy, business and communities.

Idaho OHV Registration Growth



Recreation Trips & Expenditures by Vehicle and County

June 2017 Economic Impact and Importance of Recreational Vehicles throughout Idaho

	OHV			Snowmobiling			Power Boating		
	Trips Taken	Expenses (fuel, food, parts)	Capital Expenditures	Trips Taken	Expenses (fuel, food, parts)	Capital Expenditures	Trips Taken	Expenses (fuel, food, parts)	Capital Expenditures
Ada	49,000	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 40,000,000	132	\$ 9,954,372	\$ 14,095,635	21,545	\$ 18,212,483	\$ 42,171,417
Adams	31,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,000,000	3,801	\$ 3,091,126	\$ 120,895	4,069	\$ 1,242,942	\$ 121,699
Bannock	26,000	\$ 10,200,000	\$ 20,000,000	2,940	\$ 5,047,801	\$ 3,125,617	1,575	\$ 1,786,681	\$ 2,572,289
Bear Lake	19,000	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,000,000	4,309	\$ 1,999,808	\$ 255,932	7,102	\$ 3,112,397	\$ 336,501
Benewah	24,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,000,000	719	\$ 2,116,667	\$ 298,871	27,684	\$ 3,041,904	\$ 568,479
Bingham	13,000	\$ 8,470,000	\$ 10,000,000	1,179	\$ 2,246,427	\$ 2,275,135	3,999	\$ 1,605,663	\$ 709,722
Blaine	17,000	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 2,000,000	3,924	\$ 5,358,475	\$ 1,953,438	5,205	\$ 2,036,741	\$ 589,731
Boise	54,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 2,000,000	6,111	\$ 1,460,963	\$ 93,072	6,044	\$ 1,900,483	\$ 166,895
Bonner	38,000	\$ 9,500,000	\$ 5,000,000	11,419	\$ 6,857,143	\$ 1,154,795	40,749	\$ 32,596,209	\$ 6,697,112
Bonneville	41,000	\$ 24,100,000	\$ 16,000,000	6,131	\$ 5,926,474	\$ 4,905,587	20,269	\$ 8,048,495	\$ 4,087,655
Boundary	16,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	2,808	\$ 1,170,003	\$ 134,844	3,432	\$ 1,289,984	\$ 553,632
Butte	8,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,000,000	496	\$ 277,567	\$ 36,183	45	\$ 11,554	\$ 9,526
Camas	9,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	6,531	\$ 1,280,015	\$ 105,766	536	\$ 53,106	\$ 21,731
Canyon	14,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	45	\$ 3,978,350	\$ 4,006,638	9,233	\$ 6,643,267	\$ 5,924,312
Caribou	22,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 2,000,000	3,841	\$ 1,790,579	\$ 219,740	3,928	\$ 1,567,081	\$ 265,926
Cassia	15,000	\$ 3,300,000	\$ 7,000,000	4,125	\$ 2,584,615	\$ 1,112,205	7,208	\$ 2,530,475	\$ 1,302,638
Clark	11,000	\$ -	\$ -	972	\$ 196,544	\$ 5,900	22	\$ 8,459	\$ 9,876
Clearwater	32,000	\$ 4,700,000	\$ 3,000,000	4,002	\$ 1,590,367	\$ 96,210	20,202	\$ 6,958,350	\$ 608,486
Custer	21,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 2,000,000	5,812	\$ 2,674,495	\$ 49,791	9,903	\$ 2,908,379	\$ 62,468
Elmore	33,000	\$ 2,900,000	\$ 2,000,000	7,587	\$ 4,436,376	\$ 515,049	21,782	\$ 5,665,459	\$ 729,194
Franklin	10,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 3,000,000	6,623	\$ 2,611,278	\$ 1,461,739	6,629	\$ 2,150,072	\$ 220,925
Fremont	39,000	\$ 4,800,000	\$ 3,000,000	37,008	\$ 27,810,664	\$ 1,323,480	17,128	\$ 5,583,830	\$ 367,882
Gem	13,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 3,000,000	185	\$ 218,310	\$ 79,509	3,794	\$ 1,618,904	\$ 199,133
Gooding	6,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 4,000,000	29	\$ 676,087	\$ 113,195	3,012	\$ 794,096	\$ 127,395
Idaho	45,000	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 6,000,000	7,738	\$ 2,799,280	\$ 1,056,485	7,282	\$ 3,191,697	\$ 633,172
Jefferson	13,000	\$ 6,200,000	\$ 6,000,000	369	\$ 1,496,478	\$ 1,247,353	1,956	\$ 1,018,782	\$ 577,678
Jerome	4,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 6,000,000	53	\$ 823,943	\$ 862,801	1,266	\$ 495,010	\$ 1,432,860
Kootenai	53,000	\$ 17,500,000	\$ 22,000,000	5,449	\$ 6,167,927	\$ 5,572,702	55,474	\$ 50,485,355	\$ 39,330,892
Latah	19,000	\$ 4,900,000	\$ 3,000,000	1,436	\$ 1,387,021	\$ 156,166	270	\$ 520,701	\$ 1,173,697
Lemhi	22,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 3,000,000	982	\$ 227,783	\$ 324,331	1,676	\$ 1,201,703	\$ 82,264
Lewis	6,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	10	\$ 232,196	\$ 46,852	764	\$ 302,411	\$ 100,111
Lincoln	2,000	\$ -	\$ -	28	\$ 162,506	\$ 71,050	22	\$ 9,016	\$ 59,433
Madison	13,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	2,060	\$ 1,879,936	\$ 3,772,966	770	\$ 590,314	\$ 587,179
Minidoka	9,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	126	\$ 1,325,022	\$ 669,123	5,713	\$ 1,973,976	\$ 418,605
Nez Perce	11,000	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 13,000,000	811	\$ 2,262,696	\$ 1,044,973	16,354	\$ 9,198,883	\$ 5,080,777
Oneida	4,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,000,000	72	\$ 53,415	\$ 187,040	2,146	\$ 462,859	\$ 96,126
Owyhee	55,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,000,000	511	\$ 98,130	\$ 27,506	9,708	\$ 2,239,050	\$ 238,976
Payette	5,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 2,000,000	39	\$ 859,217	\$ 1,383,288	1,416	\$ 515,379	\$ 692,956
Power	6,000	\$ 700,000	\$ -	583	\$ 449,663	\$ 161,507	7,596	\$ 1,702,365	\$ 57,137
Shoshone	44,000	\$ 4,700,000	\$ 7,000,000	8,785	\$ 4,199,275	\$ 514,972	625	\$ 501,366	\$ 881,665
Teton	5,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,000,000	2,787	\$ 1,593,393	\$ 690,501	787	\$ 301,227	\$ 291,513
Twin Falls	19,000	\$ 6,100,000	\$ 14,000,000	3,751	\$ 3,778,546	\$ 4,623,189	13,973	\$ 4,969,701	\$ 1,933,318
Valley	58,000	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 2,000,000	33,481	\$ 36,370,631	\$ 1,471,826	28,608	\$ 16,360,098	\$ 1,472,707
Washington	4,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,000,000	880	\$ 230,547	\$ 191,822	10,056	\$ 3,953,608	\$ 399,191
Totals	958,000	\$ 185,870,000	\$ 250,000,000	190,680	\$ 161,752,111	\$ 61,615,679	411,557	\$ 211,360,515	\$ 123,964,881

Idaho's OHV Recreation Industry

A million trips per year

Idaho OHV enthusiasts took close to 1 million recreation trips in Idaho during 2012 and spent about **\$434 million - \$186 million on OHV recreation trips and \$248 million on OHV capital** expenditures such as the vehicles themselves.

Of the **\$186 million** that Idaho households spent for OHV trips, **\$84 million** was for trips in the home county and just over **\$100 million** was for out-of-county trips. Close to 76% of expenditures for out-of-county trips were made in the home county; the remaining 24% were made in the destination county.

The top 10 counties, as ranked by total trips taken in the county, attracted close to half of the total 1 million OHV recreation trips taken in Idaho during 2012. Over half of the OHV recreation trips were taken outside the home county. Valley County topped Idaho's trip count - 49,000 trips from outside the county and 9,000 trips by Valley County residents. Owyhee County, with 51,000 trips by out-of-county households, was Idaho's top OHV recreation destination county. In contrast, 92% of trips in Kootenai County were taken by residents of the county.



Off-Highway Vehicles

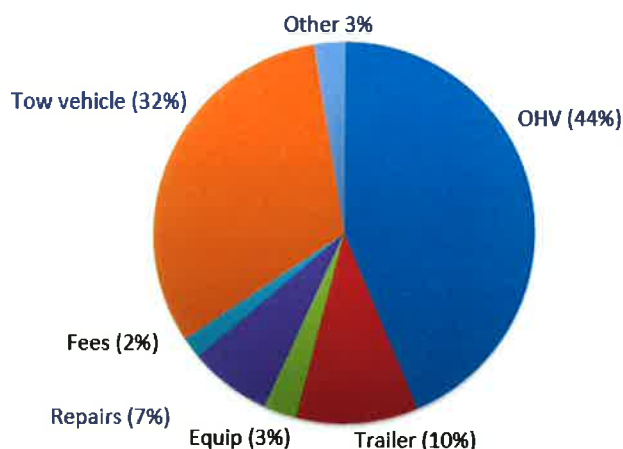
- Enthusiasts spent **\$436 million**
- **\$186 million** in food, fuel, parts, dining
- **\$250 million** spent on parts, labor and support for vehicles
- 6 counties captured over half of capital expenditures

"It's clear that increasing public access to public lands is a driving force for our economy,"

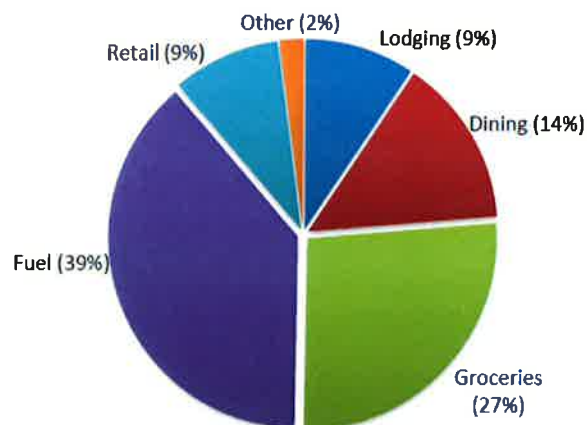
"Opening up non-wilderness, public lands to activities like biking, snowmobiling and hunting increases public access and continues to strengthen local economies that depend on outdoor jobs."

—Steve Daines (MT-R)

\$248M in Capital Expenditures



\$186M in Trip Expenditures



Quick Facts:

- OHV Registration dollars pay to maintain on average 1,800 miles of trail maintenance a year.
- OHV fuels tax fund 1.2 million dollars of trail maintenance/infrastructure needs annually.
- OHV dollars solely pay for the mapping application made available to all trail enthusiasts across Idaho at trails.idaho.gov

OHV Recreation Trips & Expenditures by County (2012)

County	OHV trips (thousands)			Trip Expenses (\$ millions)				Capital expenditures (\$ million)
	Home County Households	Out-of-County Households	Total	Within County	Out-of-county trips		Total	
					Home	Destination		
Ada	31	18	49	7.1	22.7	5.5	35.3	40
Adams	3	28	31	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.9	1
Bannock	17	9	26	4.1	4.2	1.9	10.2	20
Bear Lake	10	9	19	1.0	1.1	0.0	2.1	2
Benewah	14	10	24	1.5	1.7	1.4	4.6	4
Bingham	9	4	13	4.5	2.5	1.4	8.4	10
Blaine	10	8	18	1.8	0.9	0.0	2.7	2
Boise	10	44	54	0.5	0.5	0.4	1.4	2
Bonner	19	19	38	1.7	2.7	5.1	9.5	5
Bonneville	19	21	40	3.1	18.0	3.0	24.1	16
Boundary	9	6	15	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.5	0
Butte	3	5	8	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	1
Camas	1	7	8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0
Canyon	11	4	15	2.1	0.8	0.2	3.1	20
Caribou	8	13	21	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	2
Cassia	7	8	15	0.7	2.3	0.3	3.3	7
Clark	0	11	11	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Clearwater	11	20	31	4.5	0.1	0.0	4.6	3
Custer	5	16	21	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.7	2
Elmore	11	23	34	2.3	0.6	0.0	2.9	2
Franklin	8	2	10	1.2	0.2	0.1	1.5	3
Fremont	15	24	39	4.8	0.0	0.0	4.8	3
Gem	3	11	14	1.0	0.2	0.0	1.2	3
Gooding	3	4	7	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.9	4
Idaho	23	21	44	5.6	0.0	0.0	5.6	6
Jefferson	8	5	13	5.0	1.1	0.2	6.3	6
Jerome	3	1	4	1.1	0.2	0.1	1.4	6
Kootenai	49	4	53	12.4	4.3	0.9	17.6	22
Latah	13	6	19	2.9	1.2	0.8	4.9	3
Lemhi	7	14	21	1.6	0.0	0.1	1.7	3
Lewis	2	4	6	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.5	0
Lincoln	1	1	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Madison	5	8	13	1.0	0.8	0.3	2.1	6
Minidoka	8	1	9	1.7	0.3	0.1	2.1	3
Nez Perce	10	2	12	1.9	0.3	0.1	2.3	13
Oneida	3	1	4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	2
Owyhee	4	51	55	0.3	0.8	0.1	1.2	1
Payette	3	2	5	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.7	2
Power	2	3	5	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.7	0
Shoshone	9	35	44	1.7	3.0	0.0	4.7	7
Teton	3	2	5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	1
Twin Falls	14	5	19	1.4	3.1	1.6	6.1	14
Valley	9	49	58	0.1	2.5	0.1	2.7	2
Washington	2	2	4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	1
Totals	416	543	959	84	78	24	187	248

Idaho's Snowmobile Industry

Where recreation creates jobs

Snowmobiling provides a major recreational opportunity in Idaho given the State's climatic conditions and mountainous terrain. In addition, it generates significant impacts in employment and economic activity in many counties and for the State as a whole.

The economic impacts from expenditures on snowmobiles themselves, trailers, parts, and related equipment and as well as from spending that occurs when snowmobiling trips are made.

Snowmobile owners spent over **\$197.5 million** on snowmobiles, related equipment, fuel, lodging,

food, and other retail during the 12-month period of July 2015-June 2016. The sales of the retailers increased and, as a result, the **employment, income, and sales of local output increased.**

The retailers and their employees were then able to increase their spending, thereby generating additional economic activity. Thus, the total economic impact of the \$197.5 million in spending by snowmobile users on employment, income, and output is greater than the impact of just the spending by snowmobile owners.



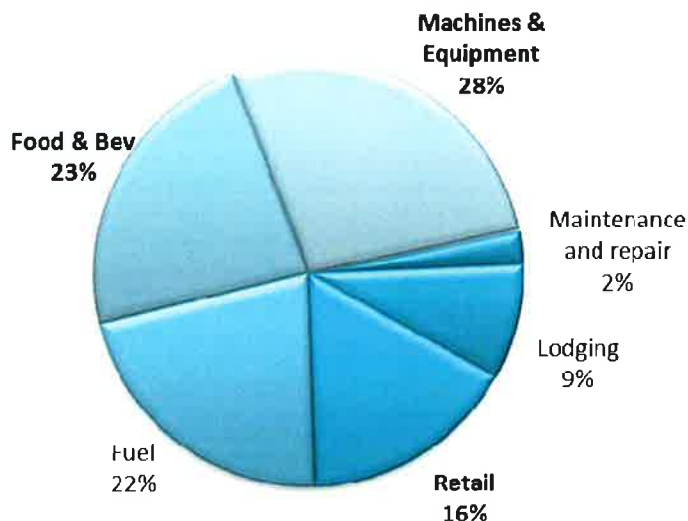
Snowmobiling

- Employment increase of **4,062**
- Labor income increase of **\$108 million**
- Value Added increase of **\$160 million**
- Local Output increase of **\$157 million**

"About establishing snowmobile opportunities in federal wilderness areas, back in 1977 I suggested the establishment of an experimental snowmobile trail through the Gospel-Hump Wilderness in Idaho. The trail would have followed a route used by snowmobilers prior to the area's designation as wilderness.---I intend to work in the future for opening designated parts of wilderness areas for snowmobile use. "

—Frank Church
September 15, 1980 letter to
Snowmobile Magazine

Capital and Trip Expenditures



Quick Facts:

- There are over 5,000 miles of snowmobile trails in Idaho; all being open to other recreationists like cross-country skiers, snowshoes, and more.
- Snowmobiling produces hundreds of millions in income, much of it going to rural areas. This keeps businesses open, jobs intact and tax revenues flowing.
- Numerous scientific studies have concluded there are no detrimental effects to soil or vegetation with responsible use.
- Snowmobile sound use has been reduced as much as 94% as compared to early models.
- After years of studies conducted in Yellowstone National Park, scientists concluded that snowmobiles had no detrimental effect on wildlife.
- Snowmobile clubs are active within their communities and typically represent the volunteer workforce to maintain access.
- Snowmobilers have lost millions of acres once opened to sledding because of lawsuits, wilderness bills and new Forest Plans.

Spending on snowmobile related products by County (where spent)

County	Snomobiles, Trailers, Equip & Parts	Maintenance and Repair	Storage	Snomobile and Vehicle Fuel	Campsites/ Overnight Lodging	Food, Beverage, Restaurant	Other Retail	Total
Ada	14,095,635	811,012	145,959	3,221,072	118,069	2,897,586	2,760,675	24,050,008
Adams	120,895	72,000	1,080	807,388	220,666	1,020,846	969,146	3,212,021
Bannock	3,125,617	323,114	23,227	1,158,959	272,798	940,377	2,329,326	8,173,418
Bear Lake	255,932	63,404	-	799,890	238,613	482,793	415,107	2,255,739
Benewah	298,871	52,955	-	637,785	66,454	611,057	748,415	2,415,537
Bingham	2,275,135	154,880	1,803	1,076,106	-	639,658	373,980	4,521,562
Blaine	1,953,438	163,801	2,953	967,250	208,880	1,402,677	2,612,914	7,311,913
Boise	93,072	34,712	4,378	523,778	107,386	563,741	226,968	1,554,035
Bonner	1,154,795	183,390	13,235	2,264,960	703,086	2,569,858	1,122,615	8,011,939
Bonneville	4,905,587	508,727	26,212	2,387,753	53,652	1,573,445	1,376,685	10,832,061
Boundary	134,844	24,043	-	509,364	18,290	472,971	145,335	1,304,847
Butte	36,183	7,875	-	129,406	-	113,690	26,596	313,750
Camas	105,766	34,605	-	362,808	61,131	582,697	238,773	1,385,780
Canyon	4,006,638	226,955	1,242	1,392,276	239,480	1,139,366	979,032	7,984,989
Caribou	219,740	83,970	-	835,023	27,204	630,172	214,210	2,010,319
Cassia	1,112,205	83,030	6,038	708,953	38,204	736,086	1,012,305	3,696,821
Clark	5,900	-	-	111,218	-	78,264	7,061	202,443
Clearwater	96,210	16,464	630	497,186	93,128	673,836	309,124	1,686,578
Custer	49,791	42,261	2,931	869,776	553,673	977,454	228,399	2,724,285
Elmore	515,049	139,648	12,202	1,492,882	909,486	1,152,191	729,968	4,951,426
Franklin	1,461,739	95,065	-	1,346,913	36,626	816,336	316,338	4,073,017
Fremont	1,323,480	181,141	17,051	6,931,317	7,165,856	9,429,215	4,086,083	29,134,143
Gem	79,509	18,635	-	111,032	-	63,882	24,762	297,820
Gooding	113,195	84,347	-	227,612	-	180,270	183,858	789,282
Idaho	1,056,485	143,712	9,980	619,667	79,729	1,356,620	589,571	3,855,764
Jefferson	1,247,353	185,271	17,886	589,423	16,399	371,478	316,021	2,743,831
Jerome	862,801	68,961	1,245	262,057	-	215,406	276,274	1,686,744
Kootenai	5,572,702	412,649	59,485	2,375,955	207,977	1,340,659	1,771,203	11,740,630
Latah	156,166	44,661	911	521,718	69,220	387,413	363,098	1,543,187
Lemhi	324,331	22,039	-	88,754	-	73,348	43,642	552,114
Lewis	46,852	12,164	-	87,442	-	65,881	66,709	279,048
Lincoln	71,050	17,912	926	75,108	-	24,151	44,408	233,555
Madison	3,772,966	154,688	23,320	726,647	32,813	537,870	404,598	5,652,902
Minidoka	669,123	72,616	2,354	491,935	109,082	489,745	159,290	1,994,145
Nez Perce	1,044,973	123,281	182	843,763	50,236	615,708	629,526	3,307,669
Oneida	187,040	-	-	13,859	-	32,623	6,934	240,456
Owyhee	27,506	7,063	-	12,083	-	10,212	68,773	125,637
Payette	1,383,288	40,533	15,200	303,882	5,818	249,524	244,259	2,242,504
Power	161,507	39,990	1,240	185,032	-	166,931	56,470	611,170
Shoshone	514,972	60,196	2,791	1,118,002	153,508	1,292,770	1,572,008	4,714,247
Teton	690,501	79,660	14,125	512,717	64,866	704,886	217,139	2,283,894
Twin Falls	4,623,189	365,659	15,701	1,306,418	76,481	982,669	1,031,618	8,401,735
Valley	1,471,826	221,602	32,128	8,868,242	7,424,854	12,461,186	7,362,619	37,842,457
Washington	191,822	12,377	-	106,044	-	102,004	10,121	422,368
Totals	61,615,678	5,491,069	456,414	48,479,455	19,423,666	51,229,551	36,671,957	223,367,790

Idaho's Powerboat Industry

Lakes and rivers lead to economic plus

There are countless opportunities for power boating in Idaho. It provides significant impacts in terms of employment and economic benefits that are generated in many counties and for the State as a whole.

As expected, boat ownership and usage is concentrated in the most populated counties and those that have water: Ada, Banrock, Bonner, Bonneville, Canyon, Kootenai, Nez Perce, and Twin Falls. The top counties in terms total expenditures are Ada, Bonner, Canyon, Kootenai, Nez Perce, and Valley.

As an aside, residents of the state of Washington comprise the third largest group of boat owners registered in Idaho.

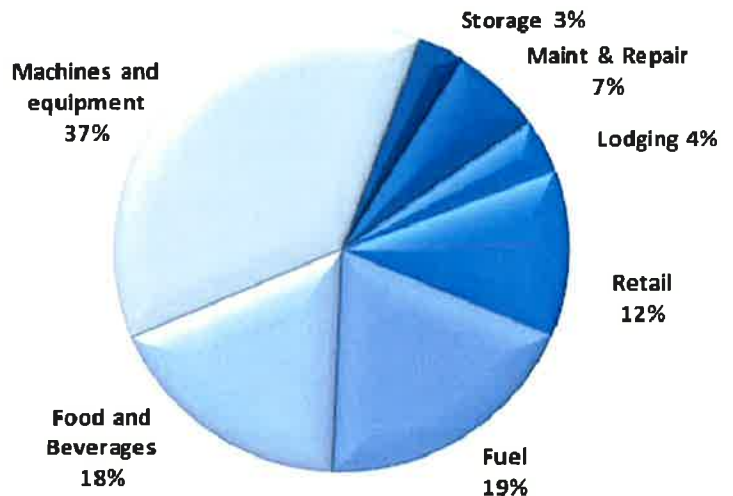
In 2015, powerboat owners spent **\$335 million** on boats, equipment, fuel, lodging, food, and other retail. The sales of the retailers increased and, as a result, the employment, income, and sales of local output increased. Some of this spending became income to the retailers selling these goods and services.



Power Boating

- Employment increase of **5,540**
- Labor income increase of **\$87 million**
- Value Added increase of **\$133 million**
- Local Output increase of **\$228 million**
- 6 counties accounted for top expenditures

Capital and Trip Expenditures



"When it comes to the use of our rivers, lakes and streams, people closest to the ground can make the best long-term decisions related to public lands access and other issues—decisions that will stand the test of time and escape endless litigation cycles. Local economic benefits such as recreation must be considered along with the preservation of habitat and wildlife benefits. This model of locally-driven land use planning leads to decisions driven by collaboration and consensus. In the long run, this effort will be best for all who use the public lands."

— Senator Mike Crapo (ID-R)

Quick Facts:

- Motorized boaters are the only source of funding for boating infrastructure in Idaho that is used by the non-motorized boaters as well.
- 1.2 million in state gas tax money is distributed via Waterways Improvement Fund (WIF) grants each year.
- 2.2 million of boater registration dollars is returned each year to the counties to be used for waterway projects.
- Kootenai County had 14,454 boat registrants in 2015, second to Ada County who had 14,716 registrants.
- Idaho generated \$335.3 million in powerboating-related products and services in 2015 alone.
- The \$335.5 million in 2015 increased employment by 3,088 jobs, labor income by \$88 million, and the of locally produced goods and services by \$227.9 million.
- Kootenai County had the most revenue of Idaho counties after raking in \$89.8 million.
- Ada County checked in at No. 2 with \$60.3 million in sales and Bonner County was No. 3 at \$39.2 million.

Spending on Power Boat related products by County (where spent)

Destination County	Boats, Jet Skis, Trailers, Equipment, Parts	Maintenance and Repair	Moorage and Storage	Boat and Vehicle Fuel	Campsites/ Overnight Lodging	Food, Beverage, Restaurant	Other Retail	Total
Ada	42,171,417	3,357,122	1,385,951	4,636,642	137,603	3,440,582	5,254,583	60,383,900
Adams	121,699	45,642	24,627	448,798	140,446	378,700	204,730	1,364,642
Bannock	2,572,289	480,947	266,977	277,876	24,645	276,654	459,583	4,358,971
Bear Lake	336,501	140,296	77,642	1,147,363	450,188	1,048,486	248,421	3,448,897
Benewah	568,479	133,232	108,805	1,000,089	68,676	1,134,357	596,745	3,610,383
Bingham	709,722	172,850	71,804	710,148	16,458	285,461	348,941	2,315,384
Blaine	589,731	113,598	42,880	712,783	41,345	796,954	329,181	2,626,472
Boise	166,895	579,050	63,836	595,477	993	465,615	198,512	2,070,378
Bonner	6,697,112	2,504,421	1,612,777	8,266,994	5,494,454	9,903,021	4,814,541	39,293,320
Bonneville	4,087,655	848,081	238,205	2,487,246	402,757	2,156,674	1,915,532	12,136,150
Boundary	553,632	145,580	135,623	398,482	67,943	333,919	208,437	1,843,616
Butte	9,526	2,810	1,508	958	-	519	5,761	21,082
Camas	21,731	2,374	-	27,257	-	15,134	8,340	74,836
Canyon	5,924,312	1,723,566	183,313	1,699,370	338	1,050,031	1,983,649	12,564,579
Caribou	265,926	49,442	13,132	470,768	130,037	537,149	366,554	1,833,008
Cassia	1,302,638	180,933	61,154	713,942	24,515	758,886	791,044	3,833,112
Clark	9,876	3,667	-	2,023	-	495	2,276	18,337
Clearwater	608,486	187,511	35,879	2,542,454	533,632	2,699,056	959,818	7,566,836
Custer	62,468	13,711	8,272	752,250	276,571	1,325,255	532,321	2,970,848
Elmore	729,194	236,228	96,271	2,302,050	402,876	1,918,718	709,317	6,394,654
Franklin	220,925	59,673	40,010	887,821	105,033	792,840	264,694	2,370,996
Fremont	367,882	80,906	27,062	1,878,863	680,330	2,207,973	708,696	5,951,712
Gem	199,133	47,838	16,345	781,377	5,116	464,397	303,830	1,818,036
Gooding	127,395	35,546	20,306	410,098	11,005	244,207	72,934	921,491
Idaho	633,172	104,920	24,615	1,258,507	287,105	1,169,410	347,140	3,824,869
Jefferson	577,678	209,090	41,675	269,864	-	230,753	267,400	1,596,460
Jerome	1,432,860	129,582	17,484	117,193	1,372	73,092	156,287	1,927,870
Kootenai	39,330,892	6,965,164	5,096,999	14,259,503	1,096,680	12,964,472	10,102,534	89,816,244
Latah	1,173,697	137,721	101,413	28,422	-	36,299	216,846	1,694,398
Lemhi	82,264	33,546	7,468	410,095	253,690	295,561	201,343	1,283,967
Lewis	100,111	38,418	4,960	160,041	1,844	69,591	27,556	402,521
Lincoln	59,433	4,664	-	1,178	-	655	2,519	68,449
Madison	587,179	189,402	62,812	176,661	688	98,019	62,732	1,177,493
Minidoka	418,605	141,680	39,723	843,824	5,220	556,919	386,611	2,392,582
Nez Perce	5,080,777	1,119,151	216,693	3,746,509	240,787	2,135,768	1,739,975	14,279,660
Oneida	96,125	15,807	2,090	147,676	24,794	197,897	74,596	558,985
Owyhee	238,976	48,656	25,471	849,658	126,996	722,852	465,417	2,478,026
Payette	692,956	147,646	3,245	181,730	-	78,592	104,165	1,208,334
Power	57,137	8,247	10,288	859,514	94,757	573,083	156,477	1,759,503
Shoshone	881,665	66,842	30,383	137,401	-	126,582	140,158	1,383,031
Teton	291,513	29,680	18,999	93,010	-	112,724	46,814	592,740
Twin Falls	1,933,318	716,900	153,591	1,760,854	82,028	1,215,582	1,040,745	6,903,018
Valley	1,472,707	561,045	564,150	4,664,383	1,763,081	6,085,652	2,721,788	17,832,806
Washington	399,191	47,830	24,891	1,690,315	339,767	1,128,636	722,170	4,352,800
Totals	123,964,879	21,861,015	10,979,326	64,807,468	13,333,770	60,107,221	40,271,714	335,325,397