

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR)

Stimulus Bill (H.R. 1) Funding Anticipated

Executive Order 2009-06

Background:

We've researched our various partners (Federal Highway Administration – Recreational Trails Grants, Coast Guard, National Park Services, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), Fish and Wildlife Services, and the Army Corp of Engineers) for funding that might be coming our way. Most of the responses have indicated that no funding will come through their agency to IDPR directly. Some won't know until April if we may receive funding directly. Some agencies have indicated that projects in Idaho may be completed by their agency with no oversight required by IDPR. For example, BOR may receive additional funding to address ADA issues on federal land that we manage as a state park – Lake Cascade and Lake Walcott. This will be approximately \$100,000 to \$200,000 and will be administered by their agency. The Forest Service and EPA will be doing some mitigation near our Bay Horse property near Challis for lead and arsenic, but again these efforts will not involve any financial support or oversight from IDPR. The Army Corp of Engineers has indicated that they may receive funding for roads on federal property. This may apply to parks that we manage that they own i.e. Lucky Peak, Hells Gate, and Dworshak. Again, if they receive the funding, they have indicated that they would do the work with no financial support or oversight obligation on IDPR's part.

Under Title 12 of HR1 for the Federal Highway Administration indications are that \$170 million shall be for the Park Roads and Parkways program. This may refer to state operated parks, but probably refers to national park roads. The federal requirements for accessing these funds usually involves a matching requirement and may have requirements associated with accepting these funds that would need clarification. Our past experience indicates that these requirements add both time and costs to accepting these.

Under Title 4 of HR1 for Energy there may be funding available that could be used to upgrade buildings to make them more energy efficient. Lighting, windows, doors, more efficient HVAC systems would fall under this category. If funding is available, IDPR would apply for funding to update HVAC systems, windows, lights, and doors along with additional insulation in park manager and ranger housing along with park facilities. Restrooms/shower houses could be updated with more energy efficient flash hot water heaters. The federal requirements that come with these funds may be extensive. We'll work with the Division of Public Works on any funding that may be available and requirements that come with them as to making application. We'd have a need for up to \$1.5 million that we could apply for.

Funding that we may come to IDPR from Idaho's share that is discretionary:

IDPR has a number of projects that if funding were available would benefit both the parks, public, and nearby communities along with putting people to work. The following are in priority order:

1. Farragut State Park – Renovation of water system at \$1.5 million.
 2. Farragut State Park – Phase 2 of a centralized sewer system at \$2.0 million.
 3. Road work in Farragut State Park, Priest Lake State Park, Hells Gate, Ponderosa, Three Island, Harriman, and Heyburn State Parks totaling \$33.3 million.
 4. Build new campground at Henry's Lake \$2.3 million.
 5. Build new campground at Farragut State Park in Gilmore \$2.3 million.
 6. Build new campground at Priest Lake State Park \$1.5 million.
 7. Build new campground at Harriman State Park \$2.3 million.
- a. **The amount of federal funding we anticipate receiving under the Act** is above.
 - b. **Timeframe for receipt of funds** is whenever Idaho gets the funding and prioritizes it. We would expect this to occur in SFY 2010.
 - c. **Whether the anticipated federal funding is allocated through an existing or new federal program;** this is unknown to IDPR at this time.
 - d. **Current levels of state funding for the agency that is appropriated, requested or held in any account by or for the agency that would be impacted positively or negatively by the receipt of federal stimulus funding;** None.
 - e. **Whether additional spending authority would be necessary to expend the federal funds;** Yes.
 - f. **Whether any additional state employees are necessary to oversee or administer the federal funds and if so how many;** Projects would be incorporated into current work load and timelines. This would also include any reporting requirements.
 - g. **Requirements under the Act associated with spending federal funding, including but not limited to state match or cost share requirements, percentage limitations and timeframes;** at this time no match requirements are known. If matching requirements exist, IDPR has no match available. If the timeframe allowed, we could apply for other grants not federal for the match for the campgrounds.
 - h. **When federal funding ends;** the projects, except the campgrounds, completed will not require more state funding. The campgrounds will require user fees, and those will more than offset the expenses associated with utilities and restroom maintenance.
 - i. **A plan detailing how the funds will be spent and how the agency will address the absence of federal funding after it ends.** The funds would be spent similar to how the funds are spent under our Capital Projects appropriation. We'd receive spending authority for the amount awarded for the projects and that would be under our Capital Projects appropriation. We'd follow our usual procedures to finish design, bidding, awarding, and construction administration to complete the projects. These are one time projects and once completed will not have a need for additional funding other than the campgrounds using user fees to cover expenses associated with utilities and maintenance.