

BLM-IDAHO

Recreation and Its Economic Impact



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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages and facilitates recreational activities across more than 245 million acres of public land under its jurisdiction. About 58 million visits are made annually to BLM-managed lands and waters, supporting 59,000 jobs nationwide and contributing \$7 billion in economic activity.

IDAHO'S TOP FIVE VISITOR ACTIVITIES ON BLM-MANAGED LAND IN FISCAL YEAR 2012

Activity	Visitor Days
Camping and picnicking	1,093,682
Nonmotorized boating	1,011,502
Fishing	419,210
Hunting	367,600
Interpretation, education, and nature study	237,853

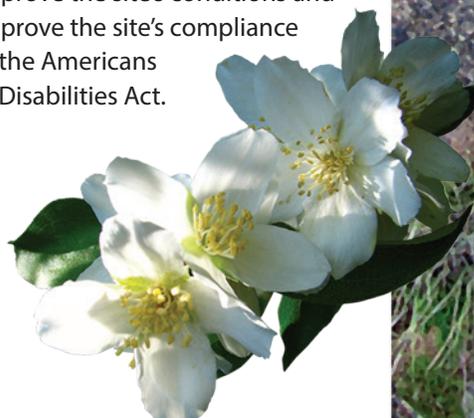
How Collected Fees Enhance THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

- ◆ With the revenue Sharkey Hot Springs generates from fees each year, Salmon Field Office staff routinely drain and clean the hot springs. In 2011, staff also dug a new well, increased cold water flow to pools, and tapped new hot water to accommodate more visitors.
- ◆ Jarbidge and Bruneau River fee sites are saving money to design and publish new maps of the rivers, which will be placed at launch and take out points along BLM river segments for boaters and other recreational river users.
- ◆ The Cottonwood Field Office is currently using revenues generated from McKay's Bend Recreation Site, which has camp sites and amenities, to improve the site's conditions and to improve the site's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

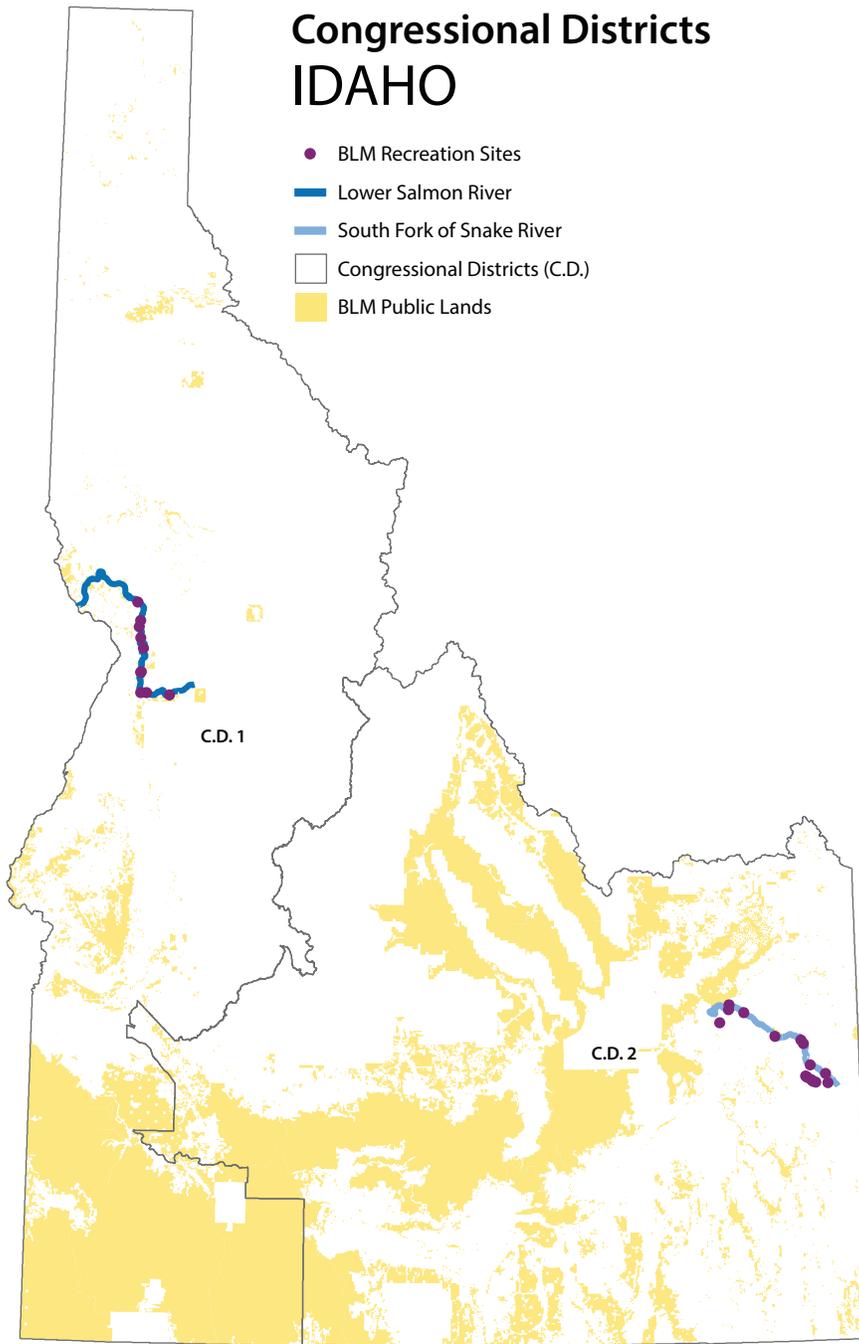


RECREATION: A Sound Investment

- ◆ Recreation on BLM-managed lands and waters in Idaho supported 5,603 jobs and contributed more than \$400 million to the state's economy in fiscal year (FY) 2011.
- ◆ During FY 2011, almost 6 million recorded visits were made to lands and waters managed by BLM-Idaho.
- ◆ BLM-Idaho's 34 recreational fee sites collected \$745,530 in FY 2012. The fees collected remain at local sites.



Congressional Districts IDAHO



KEY RECREATIONAL AREAS IN IDAHO

South Fork of the Snake River

Why People Go: The South Fork of the Snake River flows 66 miles through mountain valleys, rugged canyons, and broad flood plains. The area is well-known not only for its river, but also for the attractions around it, such as the cottonwood gallery forest, the largest in the West.

Things to Do: Fishing is a major recreational activity in the area. The Snake River is the nation's second largest cutthroat fishery. Another attraction near the Snake River is St. Anthony Sand Dunes, a 100-acre off-highway vehicle expanse with dunes that reach up to 400 feet.

Fees: Most campgrounds near the river cost \$10 per night for a single site and \$20 per night for a double site. St. Anthony's Sand Dunes costs \$5 per day per vehicle, but annual passes are also available. There may be fees to launch boats in some sites.

Lower Salmon River

Why People Go: At 425 miles long, the Lower Salmon River is one of the longest free-flowing rivers in the lower 48 states. The river has carved the second deepest canyon in North America, and the river is bordered by numerous, unique white sand beaches. Wildlife gathers near the river, and fish are plentiful. The nine fee sites along the river recorded more than 640,000 visits last year.

Things to Do: The Lower Salmon River is most popular for its boating opportunities. Difficult rapids make it an ideal rafting and kayaking destination. In clearer and calmer areas of the river, swimming and fishing are also popular.

Fees: Boating on the river requires a permit, which is free. Some campsites along the river are free as well, but some require passes, which cost \$4 for vehicles and \$7 to \$10 for campers.

