



12 September 2019 Meeting Minutes

Approximately 30 neighbors in attendance

Board Members Present:, Crowley, Durtschi, Miller, Mooney, Moore, Stark, Veasy

Board Members Absent: Bellomy, Nice, Vincent



Please Review Harris Ranch Future Artist's Conception

If you haven't seen it already....

<https://youtu.be/HZRHrC63omQ>



Barber Valley NA Monthly Meeting |
12 September 2019 |

Barber Valley NA Meeting Agenda

12 September 2019 ~ Mill District Clubhouse



- Barber Valley Parks Update – City of Boise Parks Department
- Transportation
 - Barber Drive Speed Humps
 - Barber Drive Power Pole
- Homeowner Tools/Floodplain Review – BVNA Board
- Parks and Trails - BVNA Board
 - Boise River Wildlife Management Area refresher
- Development Updates – BVNA Board
- Firewise - BVNA Board

Jennifer Tomlinson
City of Boise Parks Superintendent



**Golda Harris Nature Preserve
(undeveloped)**

Marianne Williams Park

Peace Valley Overlook Reserve

Alta Harris Park (undeveloped)

**Sue Howell Park
(undeveloped)**

**Intermountain Bird Observatory
(future)**

Barber Valley Parks Update

Google

ALTA HARRIS DRAFT



BOCCIE BALL AND PICKLEBALL



NATURAL PLAYGROUND AND WATER FEATURE



DALLAS HARRIS MEMORIAL PATHWAY

WETLAND/ RIVER OVERLOOK

STORMWATER POND

PARKING 127 SPACES

RESTROOM AND NATURAL PLAYGROUND

SOCCER

TROUT STREAM

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

IDAHO POWER CORRIDOR

GREENBELT

DALLAS HARRIS PATH

GREENBELT CONNECTION

SECERT RD

KOOSSE RIVER

Discussion Notes



- This draft plan will be presented to the Parks Commission in October
 - Phase 1 “green up” may begin in March and the park may be ready by summer 2020
 - Phase 1 “green up” to include turf & parking; Phase 2 projected for GFY22 and will include pickleball courts
 - First draft plan below left with updated draft below right
 - Added 3rd soccer field
 - Water storage pond removed (difficult to maintain)
 - Reduced parking from 200 to 127 spaces (2 Hr max)
 - Moved restrooms to higher ground
 - Increased pickleball from 2 to 12 courts



Original Concept



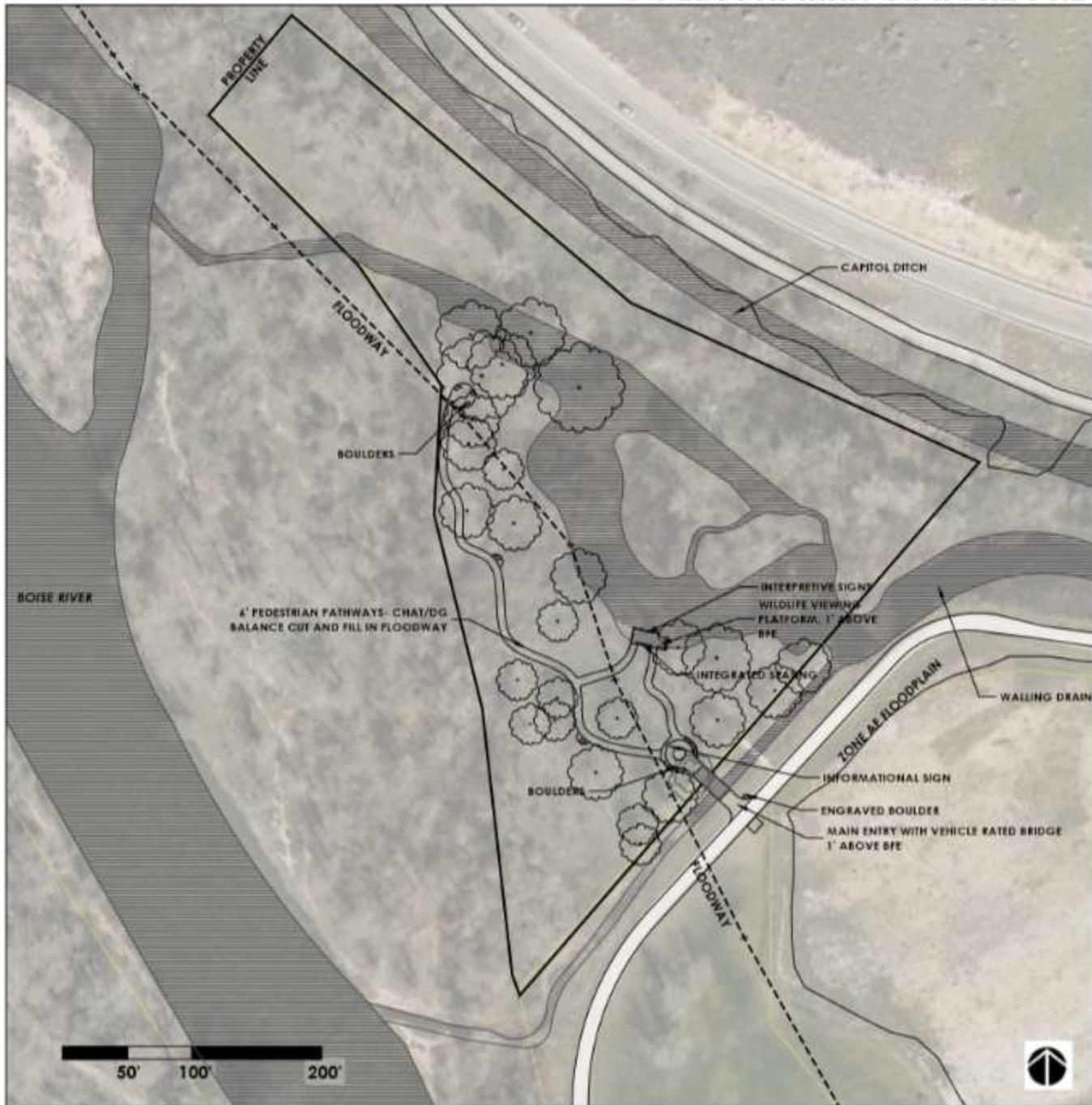
Updated Draft Plan



Alta Harris Meeting Notes (Continued)

- Pets on leash only
- Greenbelt underpass at Eckert is still unresolved and likely will not be addressed until the Eckert bridge is replaced (currently more than 5 years out)
- Parking reduction and parking time limit will impact future river float parking issues.
 - City supports additional shuttle operations to alleviate local neighborhood parking congestion
- Idaho Power corridor will include weed abatement, habitat improvement, and walking paths
 - Dallas Harris natural path will follow river and then loop into the Idaho Power corridor
- Natural playground will be the first 'large-scale' natural playground in Boise park system
 - Playground will be designed for both 2-5 year old children as well as 5-12 year olds
- Much of the park is in the floodplain and 1-2' of fill dirt will be necessary to match parking to the Eckert road elevation.

GOLDA HARRIS NATURE PRESERVE



LOCATION MAP



6500 CFS BOUNDARY

GOLDA HARRIS NATURE PRESERVE SITE PLAN

PRELIMINARY
SITE PLAN

DATE:	2024
DESIGNER:	WILLIAMS
CHECKED:	WILLIAMS
DATE:	2024

SHEET



Other Parks Meeting Notes

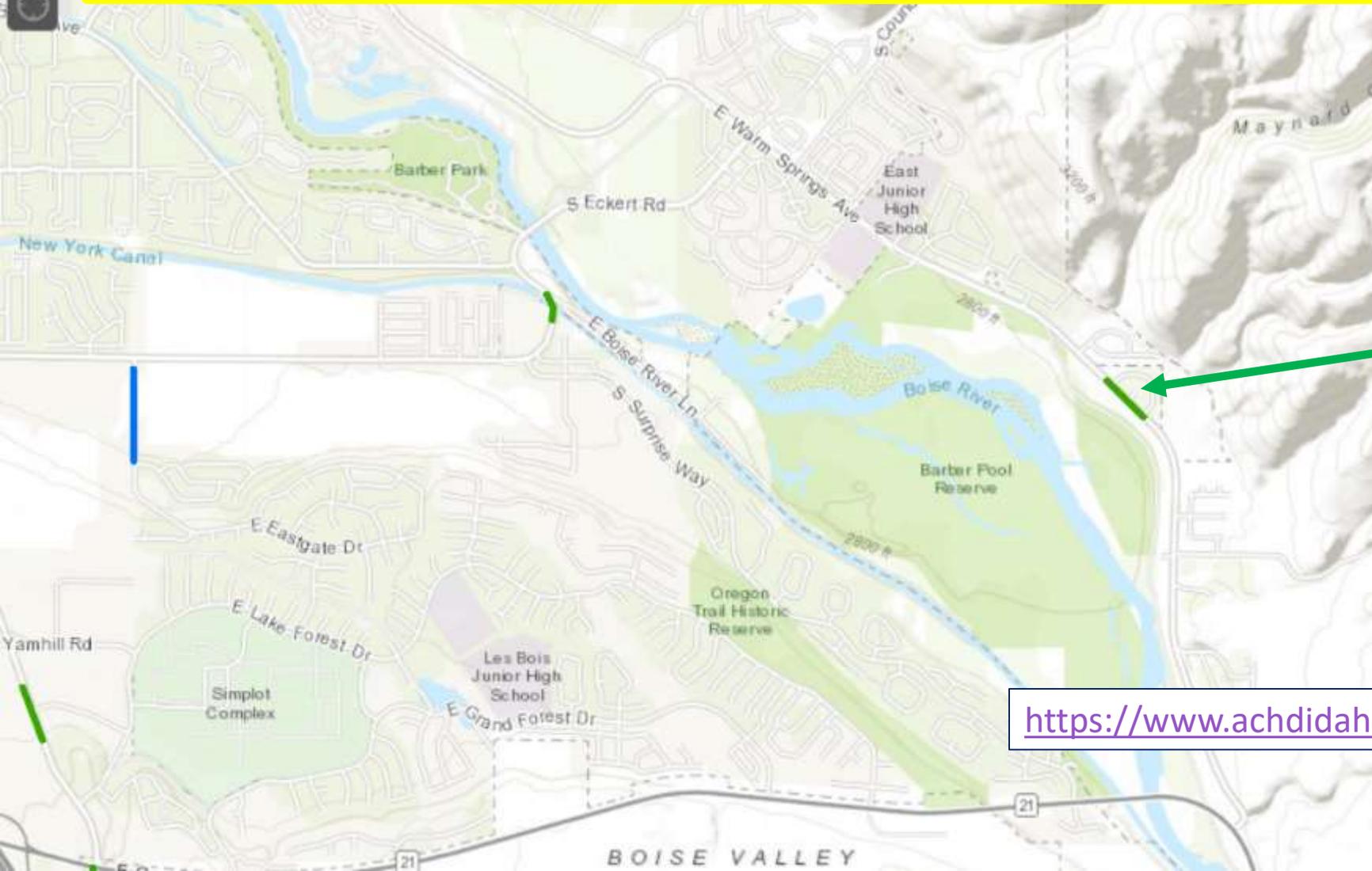
- Golda Harris: Parks Department hopes to begin development in December when the river flow is at its lowest for the year
- Intermountain Bird Observatory pathway easements are in coordination
- Marianne Williams will continue to have tree survival challenges due to the low elevation and frequent flooding
 - Tree replacement is planned with a timeline not yet determined



Transportation Committee



ACHD Roadwork In The Area (RITA) Interactive Map

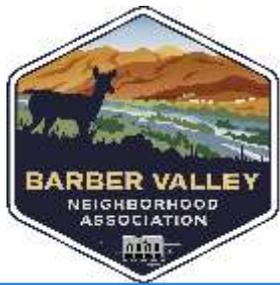


Prj No: 146 ~ L/R ~ Warm Springs Ave - Glacier Dr to Glacier Dr	
Project Status	Current Projects
Symbol	L/R
Roadway	Warm Springs Ave
Location	Glacier Dr to Glacier Dr
Start	8/30/2019
Finish	9/10/2019
City	Boise
Purpose	Utility Work
Contractor	Idaho Power, Track Utilities
Type	Lane Restrictions w/flagging
Inspector	Gabe A
Permit Number	Zone19-2909

<https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PR/Rita.aspx>

Future Road Projects

Integrated Five Year Work Plan – initial draft (adopted Aug 2019)

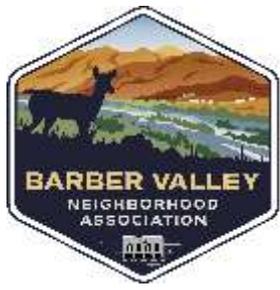


FY21: Pavement rehabilitation and upgrade of adjacent pedestrian ramps on identified arterial and collector road segments. Projects selected as part of ACHD's Pavement

FY21: Install crosswalk, curb ramps and lighting to improve pedestrian connectivity and safety at the intersection of Eckert Rd and Arrow Junction Dr. In-house design.

FY20: Construct sidewalk on the north side of Warm Springs Ave from 320' northwest of Glacier Dr to the southeast corner of Riverland Terrace Subdivision. Priority request from the Boise School District.

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Please Forward Your Comments to ACHD!

- The IFYWP is ACHD's short-term capital project plan that details all road and intersection widening projects, bike and pedestrian projects, bridges and maintenance work, and when this work is expected to occur.
 - Does the current IFYWP fairly represent the future transportation needs of our neighborhood?
- The majority of the Commissioners seem to support a typical “widen/improve roads” approach.
 - A minority of the Commission wishes to devote more attention to multi-modal transportation needs.
- Please share your thoughts on the proposed \$878 million plan, which contains some 364 projects and programs.
 - You may testify at the hearing or send your thoughts to projects@achdidaho.org (email).
- Learn more and review the draft plan online.
 - Questions: Kristy Inselman, ACHD Sr. Trans Planner (208-387-6252)



Penitentiary Canal

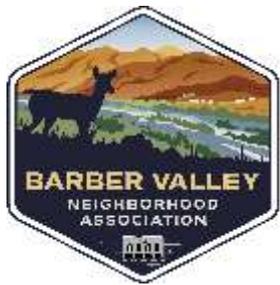


Barber Drive Traffic Abatement

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. Barber Drive runs horizontally across the top of the image. A red arrow points from the text box below to Barber Drive. To the right of Barber Drive, a green field contains a building and a swimming pool. A winding road curves along the right edge of the field. A red arrow points from the text box below to this winding road. The background shows a dry, hilly landscape with a canal labeled 'Penitentiary Canal' at the top.

Barber Drive Power Pole(s)

Barber Drive Traffic Abatement (Calming)



- Background: In the spring of 2018 a Barber Drive resident contacted ACHD and went through the “process”:
 - Barber Drive and side-street neighbors signed on to support possible traffic calming options
 - 75% of neighbors must approve – nearly all Barber Dr. homeowners were in support
 - ACHD conducted a traffic assessment; data supported the need for calming devices
 - Barber Drive was used as a through-way (minor arterial) yet is designed as for “residential traffic” and not designed for minor arterial traffic
 - Therefore: eligible for county-maintained traffic abatement
- This was done through a concerted neighborhood effort interested in slowing traffic and improving safety in a residential area
 - If you have a similar problem, as the valley grows, this process works with ACHD
 - Previous example: Mill District E. Arrow Junction

Barber Drive Power Pole



- This pole was installed in 1981
 - No plans to relocate to reduce risk
- Why?
 - 4 poles would have to be moved to maintain the structural integrity of the line
 - Idaho Power states they have hundreds of poles similar to this
 - They prioritize relocation based on posted traffic speed and density
 - Even with the increased traffic on East Barber Drive, this is a low priority location.



Floodplain Info



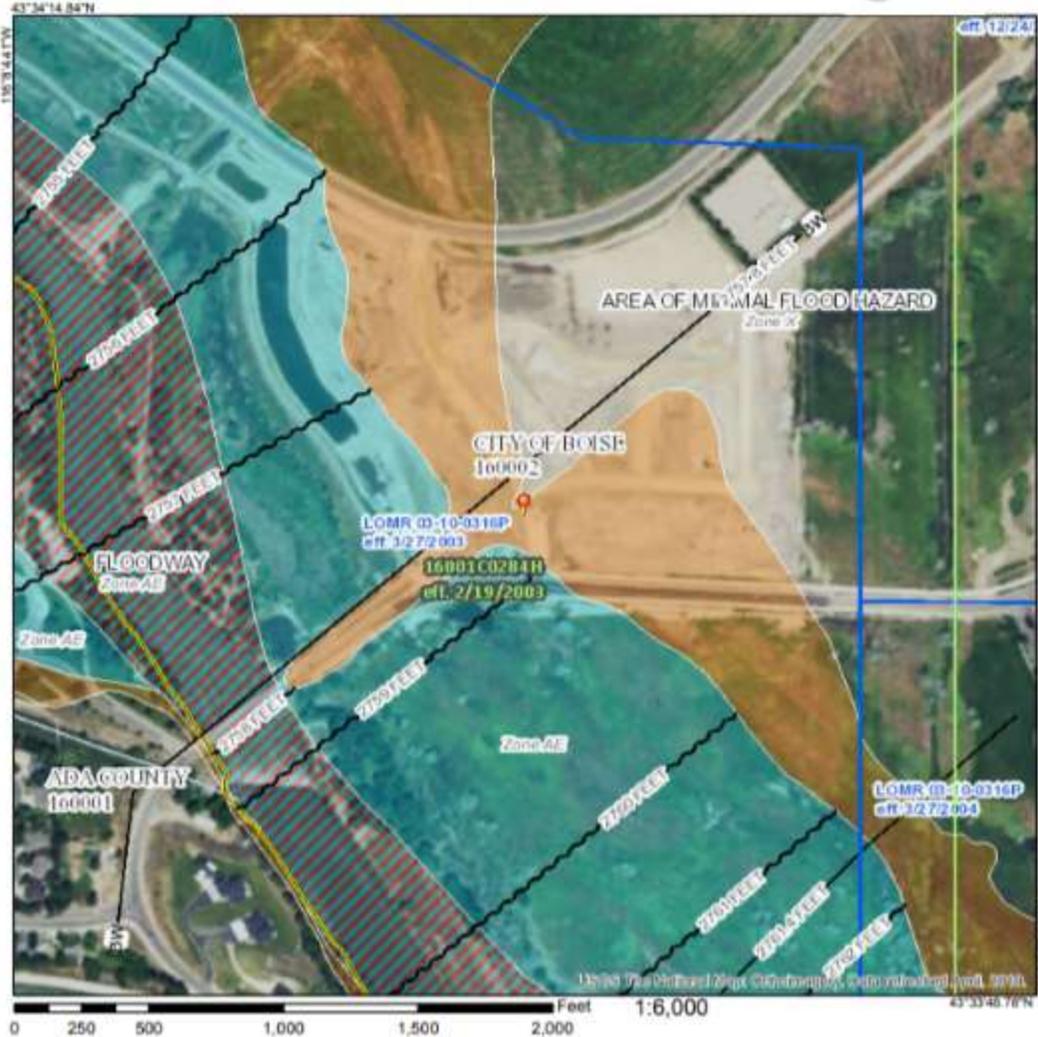
Barber Valley Flood Info

- What is the flood insurance program?
 - The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is operated by FEMA.
 - Affected cities and counties are required to participate in the NFIP in order to be eligible for federal flood disaster assistance.
 - FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) produce a flood study that identifies the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) which is subject to inundation in the event of a 100-year flood (an event that has a 1% chance of occurrence each year).
 - Cities are required to adopt the study and regulate development to require that all new construction is elevated with the lowest floor at or above the projected level of flooding.
- Why are new Flood Maps being proposed?
 - FEMA and the COE periodically review the adopted flood studies and update them based on the most recent topographic and development conditions.
 - The original flood study for Boise was prepared in the 1970's and it has been updated several times. The most recent update was in 2003. FEMA has recently completed a new study of the Boise River and is proposing new flood maps that project wider flooding than previously shown.
- What is the depth of flooding in Boise?
 - Flood depths vary throughout the Boise River SFHA, but for the most part, expected flood depth is one to three feet. Some areas may be subject to deeper flooding.
- How much does flood insurance cost?
 - The cost of flood insurance is based on a number of factors - average cost of flood insurance in Boise is approximately \$1,500 per year.

Local Example - 3837 S MILLBROOK WAY



National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



Legend

SEE HIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

- Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
- With BFE or Depth
- Regulatory Floodway

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD

- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile
- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee, See Notes
- Area with Flood Risk due to Levee

OTHER AREAS

- Area of Minimal Flood Hazard
- Effective LDMRs
- Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard

GENERAL STRUCTURES

- Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
- Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

OTHER FEATURES

- Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
- Coastal Transect
- Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
- Limit of Study
- Jurisdiction Boundary
- Coastal Transect Baseline
- Profile Baseline
- Hydrographic Feature

MAP PANELS

- Digital Data Available
- No Digital Data Available
- Unmapped

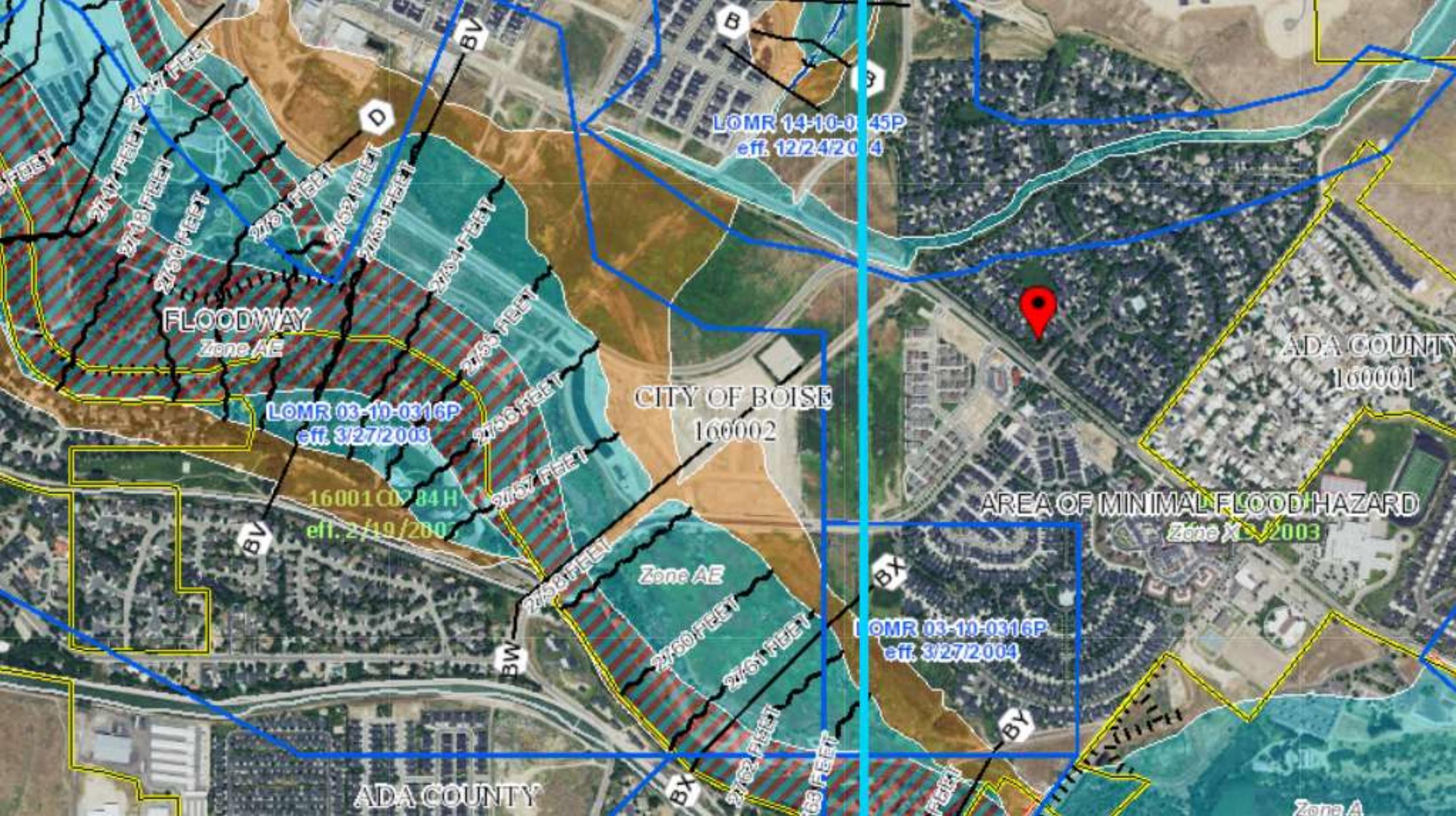
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LOMR 14-10-0145P
eff. 12/24/2014

FLOODWAY
Zone AE

LOMR 03-10-0316P
eff. 3/27/2003

16001 CD 284H
eff. 2/19/2007

CITY OF BOISE
160002

ADA COUNTY
160001

AREA OF MINIMAL FLOOD HAZARD
Zone X 2003

Zone AE

LOMR 03-10-0316P
eff. 3/27/2004

ADA COUNTY

Zone A



Homeowner Tools

- Homeowners: Frequently Asked Questions
 - <https://www.fema.gov/homeowners-frequently-asked-questions>
- National Flood Insurance Program
 - <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>
- Why You Need Flood Insurance
 - <https://www.floodsmart.gov/faqs>
- Protect Against a Flood Infographic
 - [https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1463422908812-d131ab9660dc92eecd8e478ab4e10903/Basement Flood Infographic.jpg](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1463422908812-d131ab9660dc92eecd8e478ab4e10903/Basement_Flood_Infographic.jpg)
- Be Prepared for a Flood
 - https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1522342356506-54bd8d92d0d0d07bca4c1250ebde2b21/Flood_508.pdf
- Lower Your Cost of Flood Insurance
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- Reducing Flood Risk to Buildings That Cannot be Elevated
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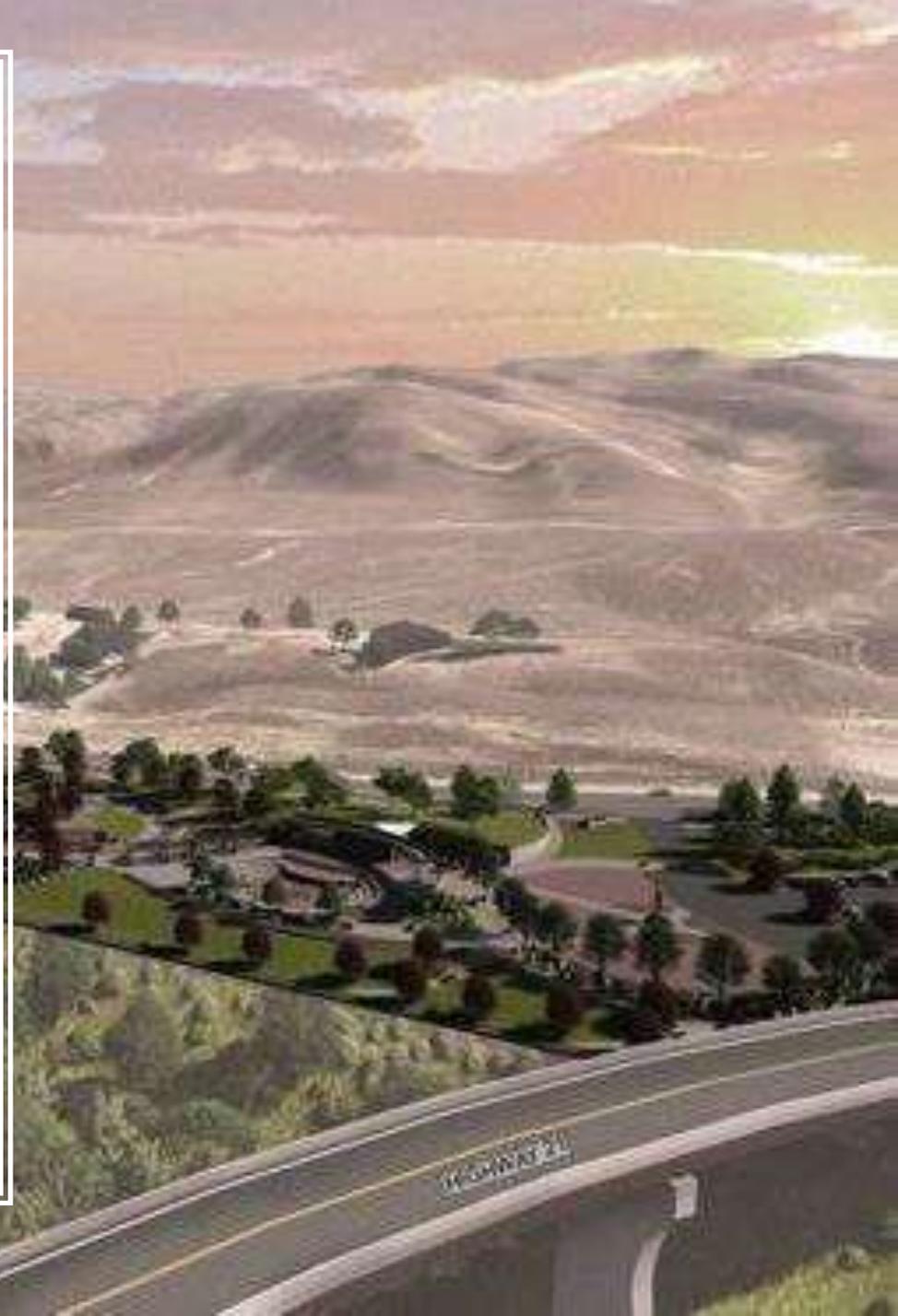


Parks and Trails Committee

Steve Moore, BVNA Board

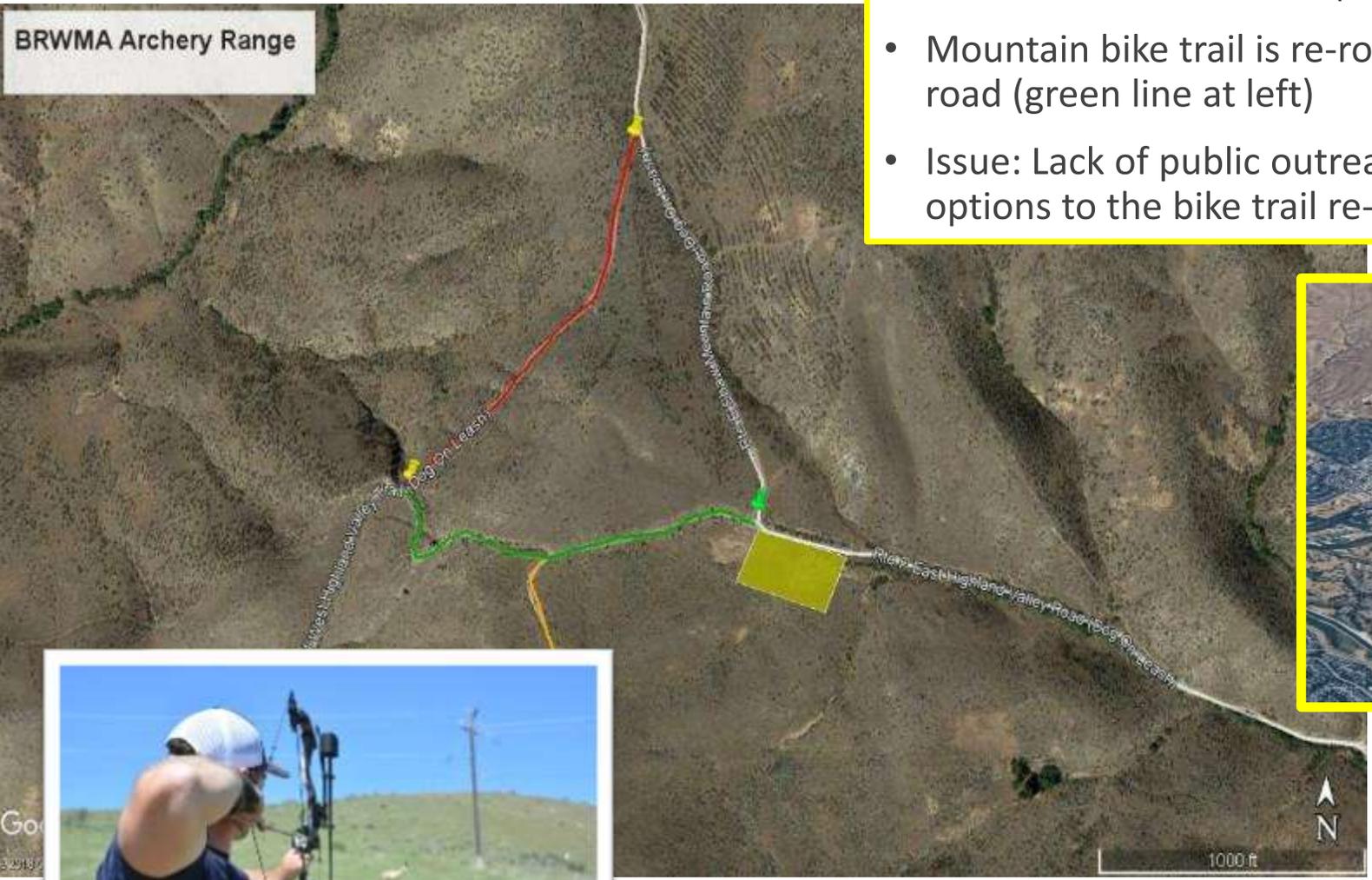
Sue Howell Park status

- Aaron Howell is funding the design and construction of the park with Boise Parks specifications.
- Coordination with Boise City Parks & Rec is ongoing.
- Since Mr. Howell is funding, Boise City doesn't have any control on the timeline.
- BVNA continues to seek a complimentary landscaping project to improve the old ITD weigh station (BVNA Transportation Committee).
- Sep 2019: Park 'greenup' is not expected for at least 24 months





- A short section of single-track trail closed to bikers but not hikers (red line at left)
- Mountain bike trail is re-routed up former road (green line at left)
- Issue: Lack of public outreach to discuss options to the bike trail re-routing



Archery Range is at crest of Highland Valley Trail





IDFG Hosted Public Discussion – 10 September

- Good neighborhood participation – 30 attendees
 - Regional Supervisor, Regional Habitat Manager, IDFG Commissioner (appointed by Governor), and SWIMBA Exec Director all in attendance
- Summary: original purpose of the property includes sustaining high quality winter habitat for deer/elk, year-round habitat for others, and hunting, fishing, and trapping opportunities.
- Public outreach was accomplished through the City of Boise and through sporting groups (e.g. archery groups).
 - BVNA was not notified – an oversight which both the City and IDFG regret
 - BVNA is seeking future discussions to link hiker/bikers with IDFG and possibly modify the current Wildlife Management Area management plan (due 2023)
- **Reminder: 1 November motorized travel is closed on the WMA; wintering herds begin to return and off-leash pets become a stressor to wildlife. If a tough winter then total WMA closure is possible.**
 - Trailheads at Homestead, Highland Valley, and Peace Valley will be marked with closure information
- 12 Sep Email Response from IDFG:
 - *"It was my pleasure to meet and visit with folks that value and use the WMA. I'll be following up with my staff to see what opportunities we have for collaborative work, but looking at opportunities to repair existing trails is definitely on the short list. If you are willing, we'd like to use you as a central point of contact."*

We should all consider ourselves
'docents' of the WMA and interact
on the trail with our new neighbors.

With tact and a smile we can help
raise awareness that our "backyard"
is much different than the
remainder of the Boise foothills.



Wintering game: at risk due to Yew Plant in local landscaping



- Community Alert!
 - A recent scare involved a local child that consumed the berries of the Japanese Yew and required hospitalization.
 - Thankfully, quick action on the part the parents ensured the child's recovery.
 - Please read to avoid any other injury:
 - Check your yards for any plantings of the poisonous Japanese Yew! See next slide for ID assistance.
 - Remember the entire plant, leaves and berries, are poisonous and has caused death in humans, wildlife and cattle.
 - Help keep our community safe and double check your yards!



Ornamental Yew: Toxic to Wildlife

Lynn Kinter, Idaho Department of Fish & Game



Yew deaths in Idaho

Deaths occur when forage is snow-covered & wildlife are near town



Winter 2010/2011:
2 moose near Alpine WY

Winter 2011/2012:
2 elk in Hailey

Winter 2015/2016:
~25 elk in Blaine Co

Winter 2016/2017:
101 pronghorn, moose, elk, deer over S & E Idaho



Yew's toxic effects

- Eating a small amount can cause breathing difficulties, heart failure

- Poison acts quickly--usually too fast for treatment

- Toxic alkaloids in all parts except red aril

- All ornamental types are non-native and toxic to many mammals



- Many reports of death in humans, livestock, pets, zoo animals; some reports of wildlife deaths outside Idaho

- Toxic to chickens and other bird species

- Some birds eat arils safely by excreting the undigested seeds

- Canadian yew may have lower toxin levels in its native range--it's eaten by white-tailed deer, which metabolize some toxins

- Pacific yew (native to Idaho) has only traces of toxin; valued forage for moose, elk, deer

Types of yew (Taxus)

- Four types and their hybrids used in W US:

Japanese yew (*T. cuspidata*)

English yew (*T. baccata*)

Chinese yew (*T. chinensis*, *T. sumatrana*, *T. celebica*)

Canadian yew (*T. canadensis*)

- Japanese yew and its hybrid with English yew most common in Idaho

- Yews for sale usually aren't labelled with species name, but with horticultural name, e.g., spreading yew, upright yew, Hick's yew, Irish yew, dwarf gold yew

- The native Pacific yew (*T. brevifolia*) is not used in landscaping due to high water use

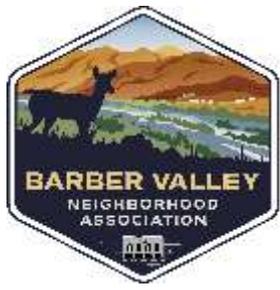


Yew identification

- Evergreen shrub or small tree; flat needles ~1" long, pointed on ends; female yew have fleshy red arils

Please reference these BVNA links:

- http://bvnaboise.org/assets/files/2019_Aug_Yew_Community_Alert.pdf
- http://bvnaboise.org/assets/files/2017_May_Yew_poster-Kinter.pdf
- http://bvnaboise.org/assets/files/2019_Jan_Yew_species_and_toxicity-IDFG.pdf



Development Update



Barber Valley Overall Development Status

Buildout Summary for Barber Valley as of 05/15/2019	Built Units	Units Allowed	Percent Built Out
Harris Ranch SP-01	1,530	3,103	49.3%
Barber Valley - SP-02	962	1,331	72.3%
Total	2,492	4,434	56.2%

Please Help pass this along. Especially to new neighbors!



- Based on 4,434 units, that's approximately 10,400 people at final buildout.
- Data provided by City of Boise Planning and Development Staff and current as of 15 May 2019 (as presented to City Council)

Harris Ranch Elementary School Developments



- Interested parents met with BSD in early September
 - BSD stated they would entertain an expanded school site
- BVNA Board met with LeNir
 - Provided background information to include 2016 School site selection charrette material and existing signed MOU between BSD and the Harris Family
- BSD contacted BVNA today (12 Sep) announcing a school design charrette starting in mid-October (dates TBD)
 - BSD will include 3 citizen members on their planning committee
 - Expectation will be to attend a two day planning charrette, followed by recurring monthly meetings during the planning process (9-12 months)
 - Membership will be selected by BSD: 1 parent each from Adams and Riverside elementary schools, plus one “at-large” member from BVNA (not necessarily an elementary school parent/patrol)

City of Boise Perspective



- The urban school ‘concept’ fits into the overarching goals for Harris Ranch (SP-01)
- An ‘urban school’ is somewhat unique for Boise
- Planners are aware of existing concepts that include multiple building stories and shared use of the Village Green
- Traffic circulation: ACHD has been clear that pickup/dropoff should occur on site and not in the public right-of-way
- The location and parcel size was agreed upon by the Harris Family and the School District and solidified with the most recent SP-01 amendment approved by City Council in 2018 (BVNA was involved and supported the amendment).
- School facility development will require a staff level Design Review approval with the city, and ACHD will review the proposal
 - BVNA is uncertain on what the “public comment/testimony” process will be at this point
- The School District is the “developer/applicant”
 - They will propose the facility design in compliance with SP-01 and ACHD standards



Miscellaneous Topics

ENERGIZE BOISE CELEBRATION



- September is “Neighborhood Month”
 - Neighbors are at the heart of great neighborhoods and great neighborhoods are the foundation of Boise’s kind and welcoming nature.
- Please plan to join us on September 28th for the Energize Boise Celebration so we can thank you for all you do for your communities!
 - We will have live music, food, a no-host bar, lawn games, some fun awards, and an opportunity for neighborhood leaders to connect and network.
 - Everyone is invited, so please bring along your families, friends, and neighbors!
 - The event will be at JUMP from 4:00-8:00 PM – we’re collecting RSVPs to ensure we have enough food:
 - <https://energizeboisecelebration.eventbrite.com>

3 October Firewise Workshop – All Invited!



- BSU will present an interactive workshop designed to help neighbors understand wildfire risks in our unique neighborhood sandwiched between two immense conservation areas
- Mill District Clubhouse: 6:30-8pm
 - children are welcome
- Details at this link
http://bvnaoise.org/assets/files/Wildfire_Workshop_Barber%20Valley_Flyer.pdf
- RSVP: bit.ly/barber-wui
- Great opportunity for HOA boardmembers or anyone else concerned about the risk of wildfire in the Barber Valley

The flyer is titled "Free Wildfire Workshop for Boise Residents" and features a green circular graphic on the left. It includes a photograph of a wildfire in a residential area. The text provides details about the workshop, including the date, time, location, and RSVP information. It also lists topics attendees will learn about and includes a disclaimer about surveys and a contact email.

Free Wildfire Workshop for Boise Residents

Boise State Professor, Dr. Brittany Brand, and her research team are offering a series of free interactive workshops on **household** wildfire preparedness. **Space is limited.**

Date: Thurs. Oct. 3rd, 2019
Time: 6:30 - 8:00p.m.
Location: Mill District Community Center (4057 S Mill Site Ave)
RSVP @ bit.ly/barber-wui

Attendees* will learn about:

- wildfire risks in Boise's wildland urban interface
- simple steps you can take to make your home, family, and neighborhood safer
- where fires have happened in the past and could again

*You will also be asked to fill out short pre-and post-workshop surveys to help us measure how useful the workshop was to you. To participate in the survey, you must be 18 years of age or older. Kids are welcome to attend the workshop, but cannot take the survey.

Questions? Contact brittanybrand@boisestate.edu

Past Business



- BVNA Bylaws
 - The Board reviewed the latest draft and agreed to continue to coordinate a final draft document for membership vote.
 - Expect a final draft in the next month and membership vote at the November monthly meeting (at the latest)
 - The amended bylaws more fully outline the board election process and voting procedures
- Firewise Letter to HOAs
 - BVNA developed a database of current/active Home Owner Associations (HOA) in the Barber Valley – thanks to Larry Crowley
 - BVNA to draft a Firewise letter to HOA board to encourage more collaborative work on wildfire mitigation – especially for HOAs adjacent to the Barber Pool and Boise River WMA
 - Ie. Mill District, River Heights, Triplett, Spring Creek, Dallas Harris Estates, East Valley, & Brian