



Barber Pool Conservation Area
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February 2023 Membership Meeting

In-person and Hybrid Meeting - 9 February 2023

Agenda – 9 February 2023



- Boise River Wildlife Management Area – Guest Speaker - Ann Moser
 - *Wildlife Habitat Biologist, Boise River Wildlife Management Area, Idaho Department of Fish and Game*
- BVNA Board Director Election Review
- Transportation
- Parks and Trails
- Dallas Harris Elementary School Update
- BVNA Annual Report Summary
- Board Work Session
- Open Forum
- Board Work Session

Attendance: Neighbors - 8 in-person; 12 online

Board - Mooney (online), Stark, Veasy, Caraway, Hall, Piepmeyer, Tweedle;

Absent: Hallam, Swain



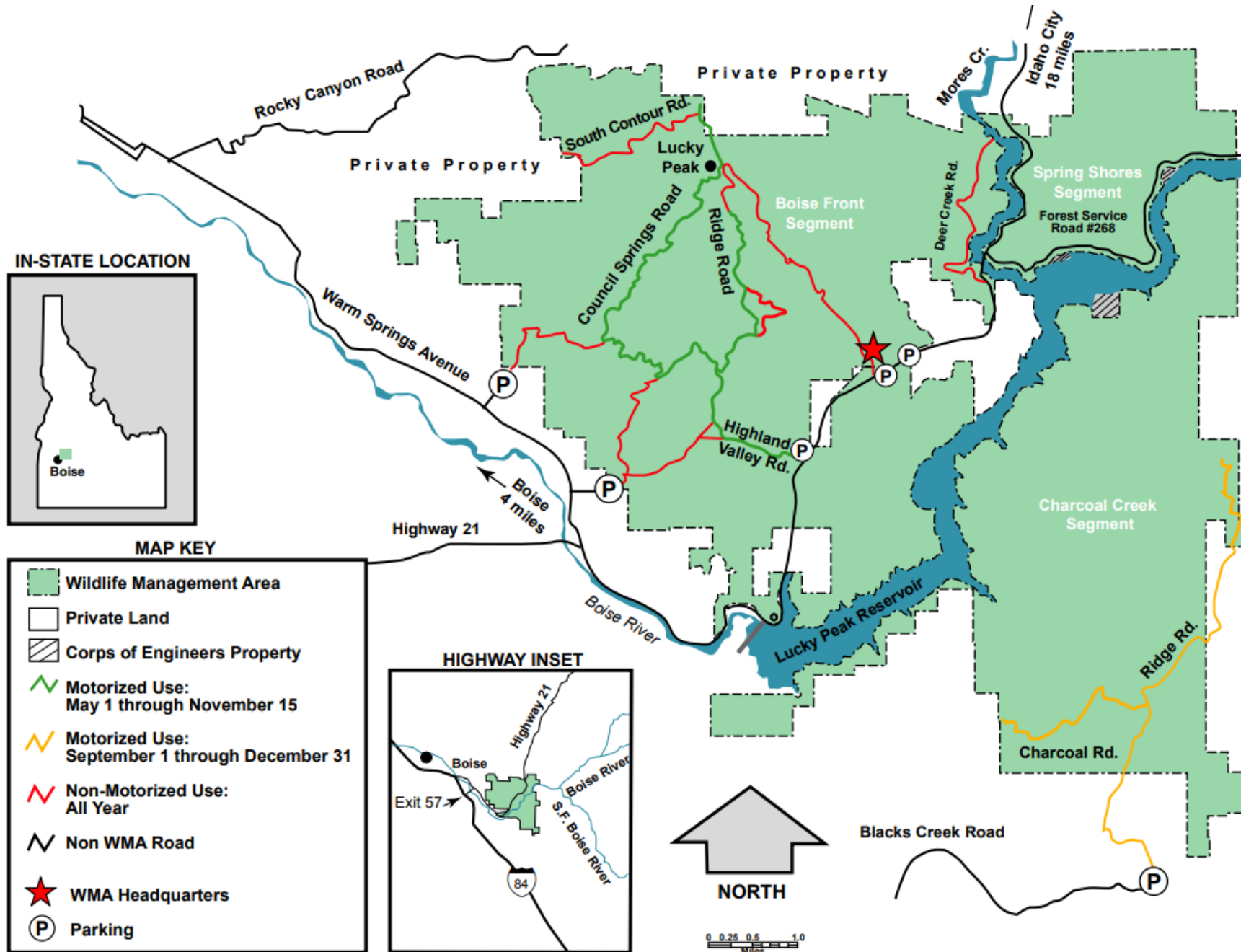
Boise River Wildlife Management Area

Ann Moser

Wildlife Habitat Biologist
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
13000 East SH-21 Boise, ID 83716

Call if you observe poaching!
(not just in the BRWMA)
Citizens Against Poaching
(800) 632-5999

Link to Ann's presentation:
https://www.bvnaboise.org/assets/files/BRWMA_Management_Ann_feb2023.pdf





BVNA Annual Meeting Election Results

Gary Veasy - BVNA Secretary

January 2023 Election Results



- There were three candidates for the 5 open board director positions
 - All three candidates were/are current board directors (see below)
- At the January Annual Meeting Work Session, the BVNA Board unanimously voted to:
 - 1) appoint Peggy Caraway to one of the two open positions (Hall motion; Hallam second),
 - 2) confirm Mooney, Stark, and Veasy for another term (Crowley motion; unanimous second)
 - 3) to leave the second open position open until/unless it decides to appoint another member as a director
- New BVNA Board Officer positions will be determined at our work session this evening
 - *The Board shall elect from within its membership a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (or a Secretary-Treasurer, at the board's discretion).*

Class 1 Directors (odd year election)	Class 2 Directors (even year election)
John Mooney, Jr	John Hall
Rob Stark	Zach Piepmeyer
Gary Veasy	Roy Tweedle
Peggy Caraway	Nathan Hallam
Vacant	Katie Swain



Transportation

Rob Stark - BVNA Vice-President

City's Annual Transportation Requests to ACHD



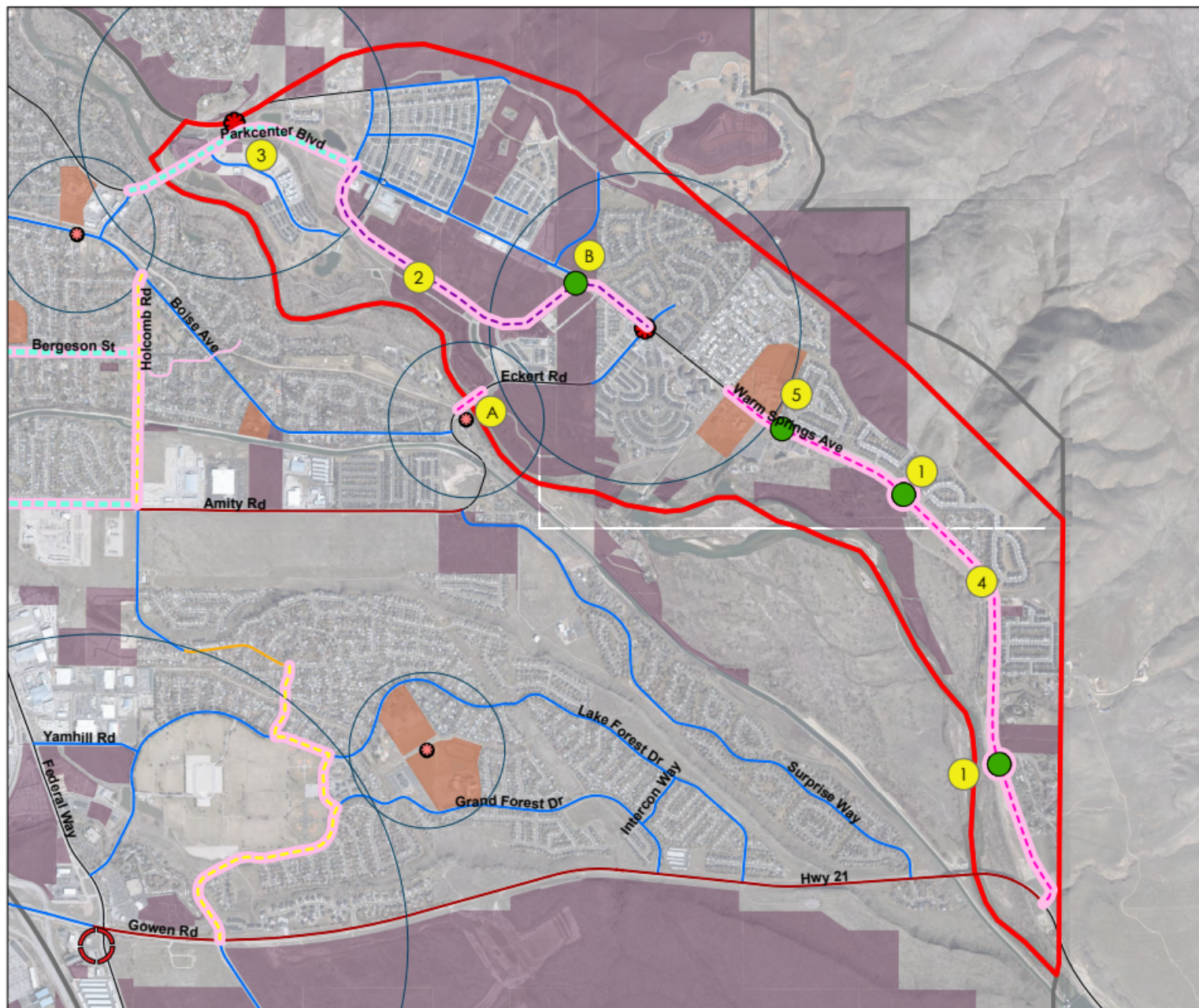
City is requesting following Barber Valley projects be added to ACHD's 2024-2028 Integrated Five Year Work Plan:

1. Roundabout at Warm Springs & Parkcenter (east intersection)
2. Eckert Road bridge replacement (programmed – likely 5-10 years)
3. Four digital speed readers – WSA & Maynard + WSA & Teresa
4. Multiuse path and traffic calming on Warm Springs between west Parkcenter roundabout and Eckert
5. Parkcenter enhanced bikeway between Bown Crossing and Warm Springs roundabout
6. Traffic calming on Warm Springs between Lysted and Highway 21
7. Enhanced ped/bike crossing at Warm Springs and Shakespeare

Excerpt of City Priority List to ACHD



Roads & Intersections City Priority (DRAFT)		
7 (last)	Warm Springs & Parkcenter Roundabout	RAB to better accommodate left turns onto WSA (VRT Input)
Programmed	Eckert Road Bridge	Replace existing bridge; providing pedestrian and low-stress bike facilities on both sides of Eckert as well as providing for Boise River Greenbelt connectivity under the bridge adjacent to the Boise River (both sides).
Community Programs City Priority (DRAFT)		
17 of 35	Four digital speed readers on Warm Springs	Install four digital speed reader displays on Warm Springs Ave at Maynard Gulch and Teresa Dr to increase safety where wildlife are frequently crossing. Coordinate locations with City of Boise team.
27 of 35	Warm Springs Ave, Parkcenter west RAB to Eckert	Detached multiuse pathway and traffic calming. With 2 travel lanes in right-of-way for 5-lanes, there is space for a much-needed multiuse pathway, especially on the north side.
28 of 35	Parkcenter Blvd, Bown Way to Warm Springs Ave	Enhanced bicycle facilities
29 of 35	Warm Springs Ave, Lysted to S.H. 21	Traffic calming and complete street. Provide a ribbon curb or some definitive edge for landscaping and street trees near the edge of the road with storm water facilities further away or another solution that does not interfere with street trees
30 of 35	Warm Springs Ave and Shakespeare Way	Enhanced crossing



Barber Valley Planning Area

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Legend

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| Community Activity Center | Existing Bike & Pedestrian Facility |
| Neighborhood Activity Center | Bike Lane |
| Regional Activity Center | Shared Bike Route |
| Activity Center Buffer | Neighborhood Bike Route |
| Schools | Highway Bike Route |
| Vacant Land (> 1 Acre) | Multi-Use Path |
| | Missing Sidewalks |
| | Planning Area Boundary |

Boise City Priorities: Community Programs

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| Bike Facility | Pedestrian Facility |
| Protected Bike Facility | Road Reconstruction |
| Bike & Pedestrian Facility | Intersection |

- 1 4 Digital Speed Displays Signs on Warm Springs Ave near Maynard Gulch and Teresa Dr
- 2 Warm Springs Ave, Parkcenter Roundabout to Eckert - multiuse pathway*
- 3 Parkcenter Blvd, Bown Way to Warm Springs Ave - enhanced bicycle facilities*
- 4 Warm Springs Ave, Lysted Ave. to HWY 21 - traffic calming / complete street*
- 5 Warm Springs Ave and Shakespeare Way - enhanced crossing*

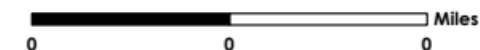
Boise City Priorities: Road, Intersection, Study or Other

- A Eckert Road Bridge
- B Warm Springs Ave & Parkcenter, Roundabout

Completed Projects

- Warm Springs Ave Sidewalk, Glacier Dr to Glacier Dr, 2020
- Barber Valley Bike/Ped Plan
- Warm Springs Ave Sidewalk, Highland Valley to Teresa

*New addition



Attachment: IFYWP CC Memo Packet Feb 7 2023 (Annual Transportation Requests to ACHD (IFYWP) (60 min))



Barber Valley Neighborhood Transportation Plan

Adopted by ACHD Commission – 25 January



TOP PRIORITY PROJECTS

Based on ACHD Community Program
Prioritization Criteria.

- BVNTP priorities doesn't match City prioritization submitted to ACHD
- BVNA position may contradict City's prioritization
- BVNA inputs due by 15 February
- Proposed BVNA position is to ask for one or two high priority project IAW the BV Neighborhood Transportation Plan

- 1 Enhanced bicycle facility on Parkcenter Blvd, Bown Way / Warm Springs Ave
- 2 Enhanced bicycle and pedestrian facilities with roadway improvements including traffic calming evaluation on Warm Springs Ave, Eckert Rd / HWY 21
- 3 Enhanced crossing of Warm Springs Ave at Shakespeare Way
- 4 Enhanced sidewalks on both sides of Parkcenter Blvd, Bown Way / Warm Springs Ave
- 5 Enhanced bicycle facilities on Warm Springs Ave, Windsong Dr / Barber Dr

Two additional neighbor inputs this month



- Deceleration Lane SH21 to Warm Springs (coming from Lucky Peak Reservoir) – Tom Bowen
 - SH21 = ITD not ACHD so we'll need to forward to ITD for consideration
- Roundabout Millbrook and Warm Springs – Brian Wilson
 - Millbrook Way serves as a cut-through from Eckert Road
 - Traffic will only increase with the opening of the school and as the multi-family units occupy this summer (e.g. The Timbers Apartments)
 - Currently programmed and in the SP-01 circulation plan – also affected by the CID issue and debate on the size of the RAB (single or dual-lane)



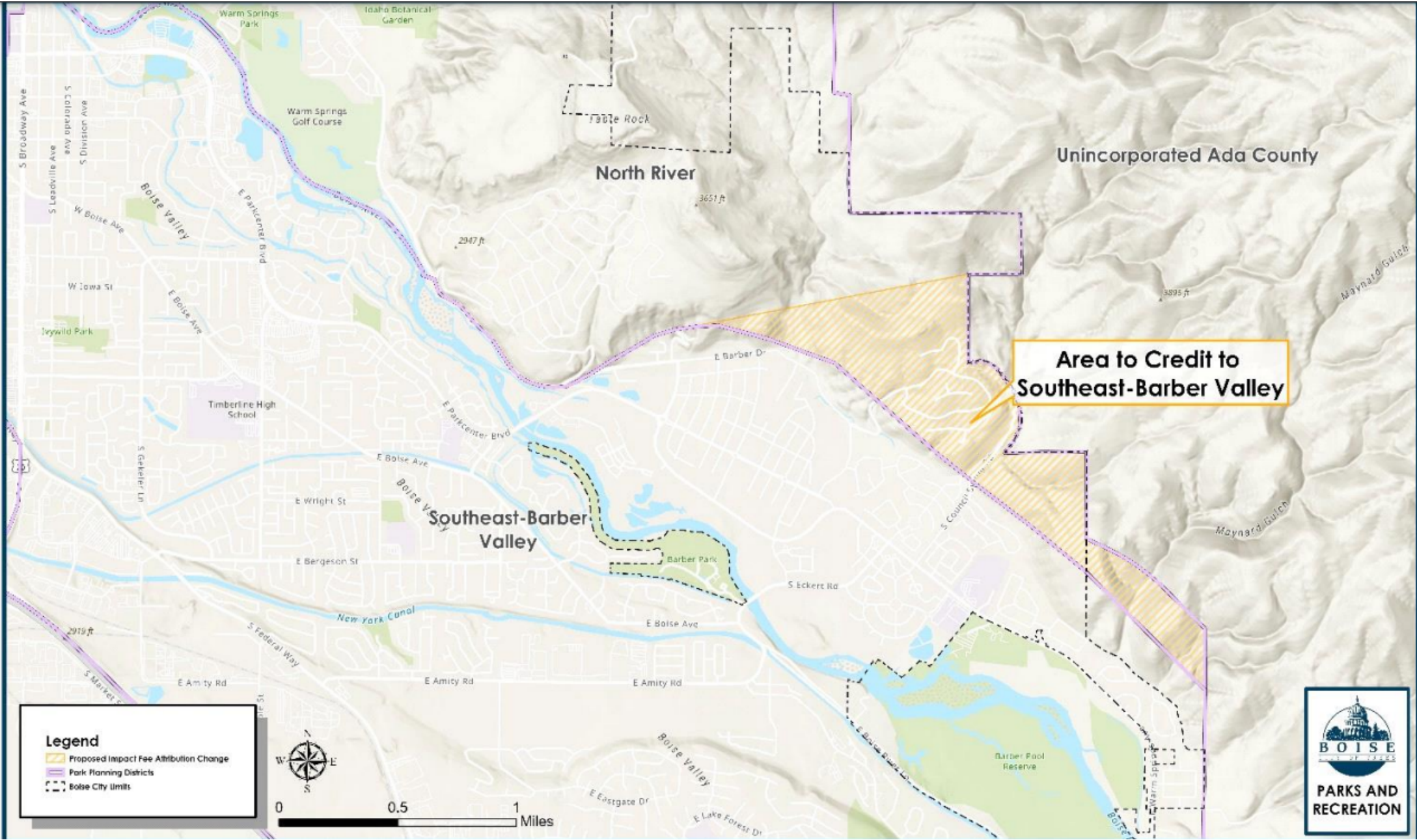
Parks and Trails

Rob Stark - BVNA Vice-President

Parks Impact Fee Adjustments



- In February 2022 BVNA made city aware that impact fees from foothills properties in the Barber Valley were being assigned to the North River Parks Planning Area instead of the South East/Barber Valley PPA.
- City Council directed the budget department to pursue changes in how the impact fees in Harris North and Harris East are assigned. Staff has been working for the last year to make this happen and figure new boundaries to correct the oversight.
- Actual boundaries will not shift until Parks Comprehensive Plan is updated in 2025, but past and future fees from this area will be reallocated to SEBV PPA until the update.
- As of now \$205,262 are being reallocated to SEBV. Number will grow as more impact fees are paid before the boundary shift.





Boise River ReWild Project

- Golden Eagle Audubon Society - Community-led Conservation in Action
 - We seek to protect the Boise River, now and into the future.
 - Aspire to retain a beautiful recreational paradise and recognize what an important place it is for Idaho's famed wildlife.
- Goal is to restore 50+ acres of important habitat along the Boise River by 2023.
- Focused around the Barber Pool Conservation Area in east Boise - between the Diversion dam and the Parkcenter Bridge.
 - Work will occur on public lands – City, County, and ~~Private (IFPL)~~
 - We provided this information last August – A few neighbors pitched in and we're hoping to motivate some more neighbor engagement



5 Components – Funded by Boise City Open Space and Clean Water Levy

1. Invasive Species Removal
2. Native Plant Restoration
3. Shoreline Protection & Access Management
4. Litter Clean Up
5. Visitor Education



How Can you Volunteer?



- Volunteers can work on a single restoration event, serve on a project team to help design and implement the efforts, or be a river guardian and “adopt-a-plot.”
- Details at ReWild Website:
 - <https://east-boise-river-corridor-restoration-project-audubon.hub.arcgis.com/>
- How Does Adopt-A-Plot Work?
 - Gather a team of 10-20 volunteers committed to 6-8 service days/year (1-4 hours each day)
 - You’ll be supervised by a conservation scientist
 - You’ll ‘own’ a half-acre plot and will restore the plot with tools and resources provided by the Project Coordinator – River Guardian Team

REWILD Town Hall Meeting



We're moving into our second year of restoring habitat along the Boise River. We want you to join us in making a difference!

To attend (it's free), go here to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boise-river-rewild-2023-kickoff-registration-530685985067>

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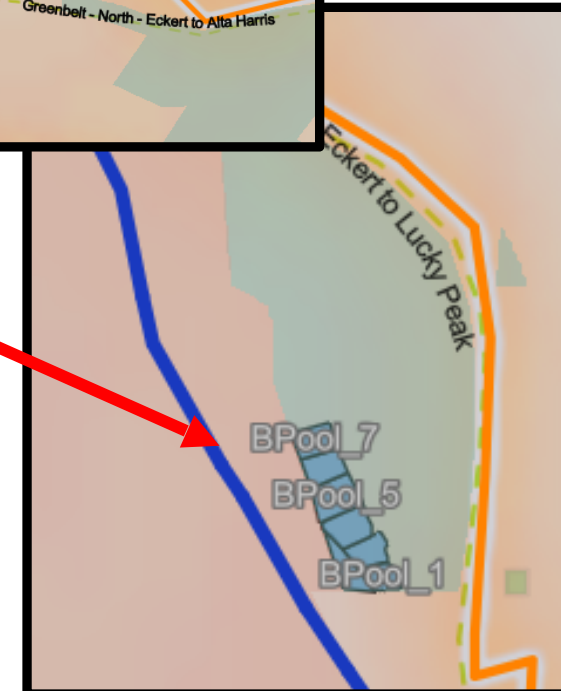
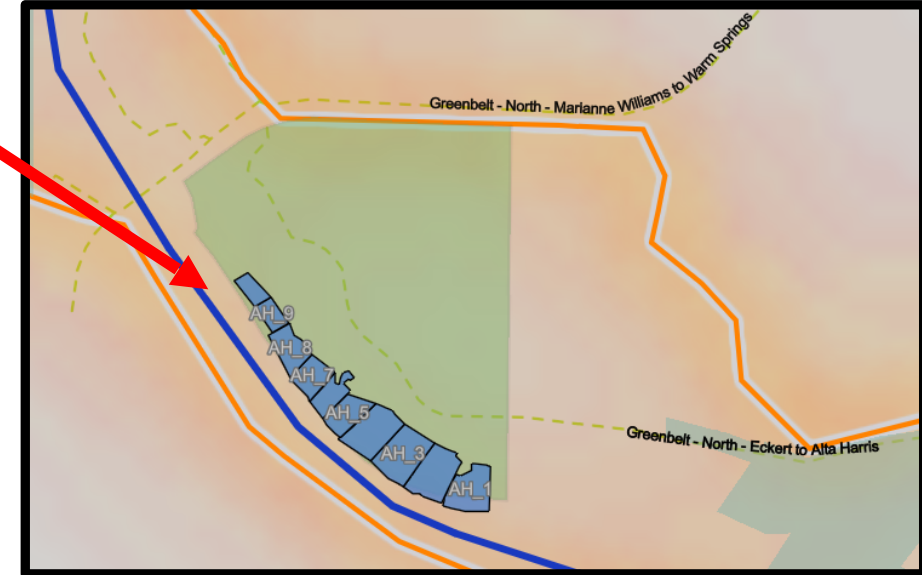
**FRIDAY
MARCH
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2023**

4:00-5:30 pm
Boise Main Library
bit.ly/BoiseRewild

**SAVE
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DATE**

Example of Efforts

Adopt a Plot adjacent to Greenbelt at State Parks Headquarters



"East Valley" Plots

More Adopt a Plot Updates



- Thom Hearne – East Valley
 - coordinated Adopt a Plots just below the Rim at East Valley
- 20 February: Golden Eagle Audubon Society Bird Count
 - Project ReWild Bird Count - February 20, ReWild Plots on Barber Pool from 10:00 - 11:30 am
 - Register here: <https://golden-eagle-audubon-society.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=70937>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ReWILDtheBoise>



Boise River Rewild Project

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Come down to the [Boise River Rewild Project](#) plots adopted by [Golden Eagle Audubon Society](#) on Monday, Feb 20th to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count! This will be a great time to see what's happening with ReWild and help with community science. Read more and sign up at: <https://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/great-backyard-bird-count>





Dallas Harris Elementary

Katie Swain – BVNA Treasurer

Dallas Harris Elementary School Progress



February 9, 2023 - Communication From
Dr. Teri Thaemert, Area Director - Timberline Quad, Boise
School District

- Comments, feedback? Please email Board@bvnaboise.org



Dear Dallas Harris, Riverside, and Adams Families & Staff,

Thank you for your support and excitement as we look forward to the opening of Dallas Harris Elementary School. While we have made tremendous progress on construction of our new school, we are experiencing some difficulties with labor and supplies that will unfortunately delay the opening of our new school. Due to these circumstances, we now estimate the completion of Dallas Harris in late-October of 2023 and ready for students by mid-November.

We understand that this news creates questions and concerns for students and families. Here is what the start of school will look like for the start of the 2023-2024 school year:

- Kindergarten registration for Dallas Harris families will take place at Riverside from 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm on March 2, 2023.
- Teachers and their students enrolled/assigned to Dallas Harris Elementary School will begin the school year at Riverside Elementary School and will remain at Riverside until Dallas Harris Elementary is ready to serve students.
- To be considered for open enrollment, families who are interested in remaining at their current school are required to complete an Open Enrollment form by February 24, 2023. Here are the links for [Adams](#), [Dallas Harris](#), [Riverside](#).
- Once construction is complete, we anticipate being able to open Dallas Harris Elementary for students in mid-November.



While we recognize that the delayed opening of Dallas Harris Elementary is disappointing and frustrating, it's worth noting the following highlights of significant progress that we have made in the last few weeks:

- Foundation slab for the school and masonry walls for the gymnasium are complete
- Steel trusses and other structural steel are currently being installed
- Electrical and mechanical installations continue

We invite you to follow the progress by visiting our [Dallas Harris Elementary School construction website](#), which features photos and videos from the building of our much-anticipated school.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and support as we move forward. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Teri Thaemert

Timberline Quadrant Area Director, Boise School District

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BVNA Annual Report

Gary Veasy - BVNA Secretary

Summary of BVNA Annual Report

Submitted 31 January



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

1. What were the top three priorities for your Neighborhood Association this year?

- 1) Change the long-term plans for Warm Springs Avenue between Eckert and SH21.
- 2) Solve the Barber Junction parking problems caused by Boise River floaters.
- 3) Engage and represent neighborhood concerns about the planned urban elementary school.

2. Please highlight the association's accomplishments or small wins for 2022.

1) Warm Springs Avenue Reclassification (2) Special Parking District to mitigate float parking problems (3) Park Planning Boundary Correction. The following wins are not in order of priority: (4) Elementary school design changes (5) Written testimony in support of BLM land acquisition in the foothills (6) Woven subdivision collaboration with the developer, City, and ACHD led to a much improved proposal (7) Firewise certification for East Valley neighborhood (8) Extensive outreach to NA for inputs to the first Barber Valley Neighborhood Transportation Plan - 300+ neighbors participated (9) Began third party coordination seeking an out of court settlement for the Harris Ranch CID dispute

Summary of BVNA Annual Report

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3. Please share any projects, programs, and efforts planned for 2023.

We hope to accomplish the following in 2023:

- (1) Secure project status in the ACHD Integrated Five Year Work Plan for at least one of the projects identified in the adopted Barber Valley Neighborhood Transportation Plan which was adopted by ACHD in January 2023.
- (2) Woven Subdivision streetscape improvements for Warm Springs Avenue: ensure ACHD and the City implement a streetscape design that serves to slow motor vehicle speeds in the immediate area of the Woven and East Valley neighborhoods.
- (3) Homestead Trail parking: ensure a solution is implemented that allows trail users to travel to the Homestead trail and are able to turn around on Council Springs Road and then park on-street without disrupting safe traffic flow to the new Harris East subdivision.
- (4) Park Planning: resolve impact fee issue and ensure additional funds are returned to the Southeast/Barber Valley planning area. Work to get Alta Harris park funding restored.
- (5) Collaborate with the developer of the Harris East neighborhood (Boise Hunter Homes) to connect the conditioned/approved Ridge to River trail such that it connects the Peace Valley Overlook Reserve with the Homestead trail.



Open Forum & Announcements

What Didn't We Talk About That You Wanted to Hear About?

Or....

What Else Should We Be Working On?



Barber Pool Conservation Area
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Meeting Wrap-up



Board Work Session



New Business

- Board Vacancy – 2 interested candidates (Erin Barker & Eric Dickelman)
Erin Barker appointed (Stark 1st, Piepmeyer 2nd, unanimous) to 2-yr term. Thanks Erin!
- Board Officer Selections / Sub-committees
2022 Officers (Mooney, Stark, Veasy, Swain) were re-appointed as officers for 2023 (Piepmeyer 1st, Tweedle 2nd, unanimous)
Parks and Trails Sub-committee: Nathan Hallam appointed (Tweedle 1st, Hall 2nd, unanimous)
- IFYWP Letter Approval
BVNA letter to ACHD prior to 2/15, outlining BVNA's project priorities/recommendations. Priorities approved (Tweedle 1st, Hall 2nd, unanimous)
- Collaborative Visioning (monthly NA collaboration)
Roy Tweedle to assume monthly attendance and report-back to board - Thanks Roy!
- Harris East trailhead turn-around – Gary
Discussions ongoing with city, ACHD, and Boise Hunter Homes to identify a solution
- Teams Use going forward (post 12 April discontinuation) / Microsoft Non-Profit Program – Gary
Non-profit grant obtain. Work on account transition ongoing.

Recent Conversations...



These items were tabled for further discussion in the future

- CID Status
- Parks and Trails
 - Tesoro: We could pursue a City grant? Project leader?
 - Alta Harris Delays: Fund-raising interest?