

Idaho's Proposed Non-Motorized Trails Permit



Popularity of Non-Motorized Recreation in Idaho

In a survey of 1,000 Idahoans, 67% of people requested more access to hiking and walking trails, 31% requested more mountain biking opportunities, and 18% requested more equestrian opportunities.¹

Poor Trail Conditions

70% of trails on federal land in Idaho do not meet National Quality Standards,² as defined by the United States Forest Service.³

Economic Impact

*Outdoor recreation generated \$7.8 billion in Idaho in 2022, equivalent to the value of statewide agricultural production.*⁴



Success Stories

Both winter and summer motorized trails enthusiasts self-tax through registration programs. Those funds maintain approximately 5,600 miles of trails in the winter (snowmobiles), and 2,500 miles of trails in the summer (off-highway vehicles).⁵

Other States

Montana, Oregon, Washington, Utah, and Colorado all have dedicated funding sources for non-motorized trail maintenance. These funding sources are key to maintaining safe and accessible non-motorized trail opportunities.²

A Solution

If all non-motorized trail enthusiasts purchase an annual trail pass with a similar fee structure and similar participation rates to their motorized counterparts, over a million dollars will be generated annually for non-motorized trail maintenance, education programs, and mapping improvements.

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² Cook, P. S., Courtney, M., & Becker, D. R. (2017, September). Maintenance of Non-Motorized Trails on National Forests in Idaho: Funding Background and Opportunities for State Assistance. <https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/UIDaho-Responsive/Files/cnr/research/PAG/Issue/PAG-IB21-trail-maintenance.pdf>

³ United States Forest Service, & Meyers, C. L., Trails Management Handbook (2008). United States Forest Service. Retrieved June 23, 2023, from https://www.fs.usda.gov/cgi-bin/Directives/get_dirs/fsh?2309.18.

⁴ Kelly Davis. (2022). State of the Outdoor Market. Boulder, Colorado; Outdoor Industry Association. Retrieved June 2023,.

⁵ Robinson, M. (2023). Miles of Trail Maintained by Motorized Program. personal.