IDAPA 20 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

Operations Division

20.05.01 – Rules Pertaining to the Recreational use of Endowment Land

Who does this rule apply to?

- The general public

What is the purpose of this rule?
These rules govern the closure, restriction, regulation, or prohibition of certain regulated recreational uses on Idaho endowment lands that are subject to a warning ticket, citation, or misdemeanor pursuant to Idaho Code Section 58-156.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?
This rule implements the following statute passed by the Idaho Legislature:

Public Lands -
Department of Lands:
- Section 58-104(6), Idaho Code – State Land Board — Powers and Duties
- Section 58-105, Idaho Code – Director
- Section 58-156, Idaho Code – Endowment Land — Closure, Restriction, Regulation, or Prohibition

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This rule chapter will be reviewed in compliance with Section 67-5292, Idaho Code, and in accordance with the 8-year rule review schedule linked here.

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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.
Sections 58-104(6), 58-105, and 58-156, Idaho Code. (7-1-24)

001. SCOPE.
These rules govern the closure, restriction, regulation, or prohibition of certain regulated recreational uses on Idaho endowment lands, that are subject to a warning ticket, citation, or misdemeanor pursuant to Idaho Code Section 58-156. Nothing in these rules precludes enforcement under any other applicable state statutes, including enforcement under Sections 18-7031, 18-3906, 18-7012, 18-7001, 18-7008, and 31-4410, Idaho Code. Uses of endowment land authorized by lease or permit are not regulated under this rule. (7-1-24)

002. – 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.

01. Camping. To use a location as a temporary or with the intent to use as a permanent place of dwelling, lodging or living accommodation. Indicators of camping may include, but are not limited to, storing personal belongings, using tents or other temporary structures for storing personal belongings or for sleeping, carrying on cooking activities, laying out bedding or making any fire. (7-1-24)

02. Creation of a Trail or Road. Modifying the natural condition of the landscape by manipulating rocks, vegetation, soils or other materials to purposely create a travel way. (7-1-24)

03. Department. The Idaho Department of Lands. (7-1-24)

04. Endowment Lands. Lands held in trust by the State of Idaho and managed for the benefit of specific endowment beneficiaries. (7-1-24)

011. – 019. (RESERVED)

020. REGULATED USES OF ENDOWMENT LAND.

01. Camping. Permanent camping is prohibited. Temporary camping on endowment land is allowed, provided: (7-1-24)

a. Camping in one location is limited to a total of fourteen (14) days within a period of twenty-eight (28) consecutive days. Continued camping on endowment lands beyond fourteen (14) days is allowed if the camp, all camping equipment, and all personal belongings are moved outside of a five (5) mile radius of the prior site, and if the campers otherwise comply with the requirements of Subsection 20.01. (7-1-24)

b. Campers must not leave any personal property unattended for more than forty-eight (48) hours; (7-1-24)

c. The location is not posted as “closed to camping”; and (7-1-24)

d. Campfires are contained within a ring no wider than three (3) feet in diameter. (7-1-24)

02. Roads and Trails. Using roads and trails on endowment land is allowed, provided users: (7-1-24)

a. May not create any roads or trails. (7-1-24)

b. Follow vehicle width, weight, length, and type limitations. (7-1-24)

c. Comply with any posted road or trail closures. (7-1-24)

d. Follow road and trail limitations and closures posted at trailheads, gates, and local Department offices, as shown on maps and the Department website (www.idl.idaho.gov). (7-1-24)

e. May not block, obstruct, or interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic, with vehicles or by any other means. (7-1-24)

03. Motorized and Mechanized Use. Motorized and mechanized travel is permitted on department

designated roads, trails, and cross-country travel areas. (7-1-24)

04. Gates and Fences. Blocking gates, fence access points, or livestock handling equipment is prohibited. (7-1-24)

05. Litter. Depositing any debris, paper, litter, glass bottles, glass, nails, tacks, hooks, hoops, cans, barbed wire, boards, trash, garbage, or other waste substances on endowment land is prohibited. (7-1-24)

a. When toilet facilities are unavailable, solid human waste must be disposed of at least two hundred (200) feet from water sources, trails, parking areas and campsites. Waste can either be bagged and carried out or buried in a hole at least six (6) inches deep. (7-1-24)

b. Any construction or placement of restroom facilities must be temporary in nature. All concentrations of solid human waste must be packed out. (7-1-24)

06. Signs. Interfering with or damaging signs is prohibited. (7-1-24)

07. Fire Restrictions. Prohibited acts enumerated in the annual Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan for Stage 1 and Stage 2 fire restrictions apply to endowment land. (7-1-24)

021. – 999. (RESERVED)