

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho's recreational access laws encourage private landowners to grant public access to their property for recreational purposes. While most recreational users behave responsibly, occasionally a member of the public causes substantial damage to gates, fences, crops or other areas closed to motorized vehicles. This bill would clarify that when a landowner enters into a recreational access agreement with Fish and Game, and both the landowner and the Department agree to certain restrictions on motorized vehicles, the Department actually has the authority to enforce those restrictions, as long as the recreational users are given notice of the restrictions.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no additional cost to the general fund because the department already enters into recreational access agreements with private landowners for the benefit of public access, including enforcement of the terms.

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