Idaho Department of Lands – Wildland Fire Program

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Land Ownership (Idaho Admission Act of 1889)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS (K-12) – 84.81%

Charitable Institutions -3.11%

School of Science (U of I) – 3.04%

Normal School – 2.46%

University (U of I) -2.21%

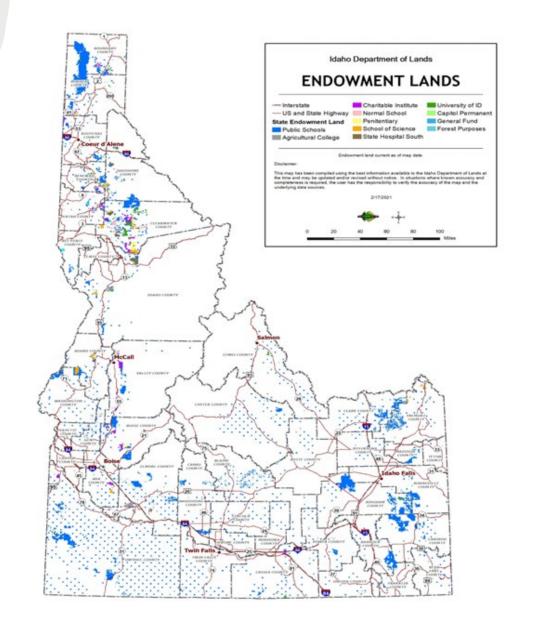
State Hospital South – 1.45%

Ag College -1.35%

Penitentiary – 1.17%

Capitol Building – 0.05%

General Fund – 0.05%



Idaho Constitution: Article IX§ 7 and 8

Article IX section 7 of the Idaho Constitution established that "the State Board of Land Commissioners...shall have the direction, control, and disposition of the public lands of the state, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law."

Article IX section 8: "It shall be the duty of the State Board of Land Commissioners to provide for the location, protection, or rental of all the lands heretofore, or which may hereafter be granted to or acquired by the state by or from the general government, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law, and in such a manner as will secure the maximum long term financial return to the institution to which is was granted."

The Mission

To professionally and prudently manage Idaho's endowment assets to maximize long-term financial returns to public schools and other trust beneficiaries and to provide professional assistance to the citizens of Idaho to use, protect and sustain their natural resources.







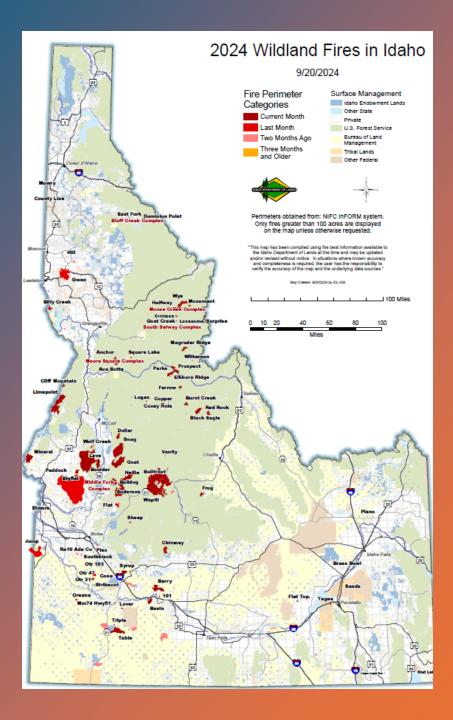
IDL Fire Program and 2024 Fire Season Stats





Wildland Fire Protection is a Big Part of What We Do...

- IDL cooperates with federal land management agencies and Fire Service Organizations to suppress fire (TPAs and RFPAs included).
- IDL protects nearly 9 million acres of state and private lands and some federal lands.
- Big focus for IDL is protecting state, industrial and private timberlands.
- Idaho Code 38-107, "Any forest or range fire burning out of control or without adequate and proper precautions having been taken to prevent its spread, is hereby declared a public nuisance, by reason of its menace to life and/or property".....the Department of Lands shall "summarily abate the nuisance thus constituted by controlling or extinguishing such fire".
- Fight fire aggressively, full suppression as long as its SAFE to do so.
- Maintain our success rate of keeping 95% of our fires to <10 acres.



Daily Fire Report Experience Builder (idaho.gov)

The Stafford Act "The Master Agreement"

- Changes 2016 2021 vs Current
- Implications Closest resources "mutual aid"

Idaho a growing and changing state

- Regional and National changes
- Firefighting resource challenges

Strategic Planning

- Currently underway
- Specific challenges to be faced

Governor's Roundtable Recommendations

- Multi agency effort discussions have already started
- Emphasis on Infrastructure, FSO, mitigation, more efficient coordination and communication



Interagency Mitigation Success

- Good Neighbor Authority
- Shared Stewardship
- Priority Landscapes Rx burn projects