



July 10, 2023

Idaho Department of Lands
Attn: Todd Wernex – Rulemaking
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Submitted via email to rulemaking@idl.idaho.gov

RE: DOCKET: 20-0501-2301

Mr. Wernex,

The Idaho Cattle Association (ICA) is the official voice for all segments of the beef industry in Idaho and has a membership roster comprised of seedstock breeders, commercial operators, cattle feeders, and allied industry. ICA is unique in that the organization's membership spans to every corner of the state.

ICA appreciates the opportunity to comment the *Rules Pertaining to the Recreational Use of Endowment Land (IDAPA 20.05.01)*. ICA was able to engage early in the discussions through stakeholder meetings to help craft S1049 that recently passed through the legislature. This has opened the door to the current rulemaking discussion.

The ICA has policy that supports working in collaboration with different users of public lands to find solutions to the challenges presented by increased recreational pressures. Idaho's endowment lands are a treasured commodity that were discovered during COVID. Since that time there was increased pressure from recreation and through more recreation ranchers have had more challenges dealing with gates, fences and the obstruction or damage of cattle handling equipment on state lands.

ICA supports the active management of public lands. Through S1049 and this proposed rule, it will give IDL more tools in the toolbox to actively manage the land. Attached are several suggested redline edits to the current rule that ICA believes would add clarity and consistency. These suggestions include adding livestock movement to section 020.03(f).



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Additionally, ICA would encourage either the word “corral” or “livestock handling equipment” to be added to section 020.03 (Gates and Fences). This would clear any confusion if a recreator or user of endowment land parked a vehicle in front of a corral or damaged a corral or any other livestock handling equipment located on public lands.

We appreciate your consideration of the attached comments.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kim Burton Brackett".

Kim Burton Brackett
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