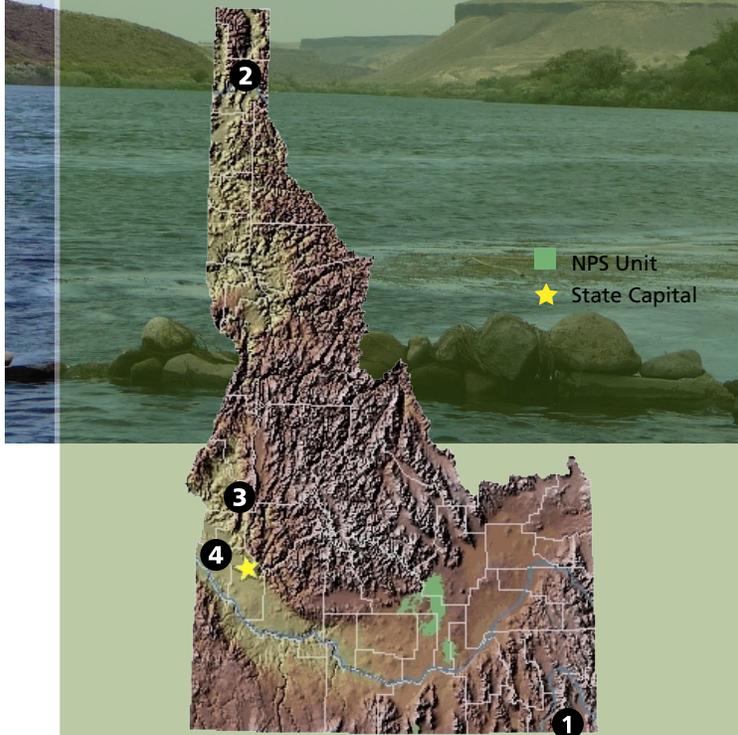




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A water trail is being planned on a 150-mile stretch of the Snake River. Photo: NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2010

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ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provide technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

Recent Successes

Trail Takes Root in the Palouse

The Bill Chipman Palouse Trail was dedicated in 1998 after 12 years of community perseverance. RTCA provided assistance for the 'Path for the Palouse' concept plan that kept the dream alive, and the trail and has since grown to become the region's premiere recreation amenity. In ID, new linkages now connect the trail through Moscow and on to Troy via the Paradise Creek and Latah Trails (both of which also received RTCA assistance). In WA, the trail is fully linked to the trail and sidewalk systems maintained by the City of Pullman and Washington State University. Fifteen interpretive pullouts describe natural history, ecology, and agriculture along the 7-mile non-motorized trail corridor.

Mid-Snake River Recreation Still at Play

RTCA helped the Mid-Snake Work Group craft a regional plan for managing recreation on a 120-mile stretch of the Snake River in 1997. Immediate actions included an interactive 4th grade learning kit and a 7-mile trail connection championed by Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument. The plan was recently updated, and land managers continue to increase access and provide new facilities—like the City of Twin Falls' new 500-acre park next to Auger

"Thanks to Rivers & Trails, this plan is a high quality tool."

-Mike Pepper, MKP Planning.

Falls devoted to wetlands, walking, and other non-motorized activities. Five more miles have been added to the Canyon Rim Trail, and Idaho Power Company has developed a whitewater raft launch near Hagerman, and is planning a takeout near Bliss.

We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.

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2009 Nationwide Partnership Success

3,411 Miles of Trail Developed

2,664 Miles of River Conserved

87,385 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

97% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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Current Projects

1. Bear Lake Heritage Pathway

Lead Partner:
Bear Lake Regional Commission

Intermountain and Pacific West RTCA offices are teaming up to provide assistance to this regional bi-state trail project located in SW Idaho and NE Utah. The project will start with a visioning process to guide planning for a 52-mile non-motorized pathway around Bear Lake.



A design workshop for the Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail teamed community members with designers from the American Society of Landscape Architects. Photo: Friends of Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail

2. Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail

Lead Partner:
Friends of Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail

This proposed trail will help preserve wildlife habitat, provide public access to the waterfront and a critical non-motorized connection between Sandpoint, Ponderay, and Kootenai in a region that is experiencing rapid population growth and development pressure.



Riggins' whitewater park will make it easier for residents and visitors to get to the river. Photo: City of Riggins

3. Riggins Whitewater Park

Lead Partner: City of Riggins



Water Trails help people discover a new perspective of their surroundings. Photo: Canyon County Parks, Recreation & Waterways

This park, at the confluence of the Salmon and Little Salmon Rivers, is envisioned to create fishing opportunities, ADA accessibility, trails and an in stream whitewater park for kayakers. RTCA will work with the city to help guide the park's development.

4. Snake River Water Trail

Lead Partner: Canyon County Parks, Recreation, and Waterways

RTCA is helping a broad range of partners build a coalition to plan a 150-mile, multi-use water trail between Three Island Crossing State Park, ID, and Farewell Bend State Park, OR. Public awareness of river resources and access to the water are key project goals.