

Proposed Scotchman State Park (Working Document)

- Bonner County Commissioners recommend a solution to the impasse over the proposed wilderness. Commissioners support the following
 - *Agree to support a State Park, not a wilderness)*
 - The proposed 13,000+ acre State Park will be managed by IDL with guidance from the USDA for the first five years after the date it is approved by Congress funding to come from some combination of transferred U.S. Forest Service funds and/or funding from some other agency that is part of the Department of the Interior)
 - On the 5th year anniversary, the management, ownership and full title of all the wilderness lands will be relinquished to the State of Idaho in perpetuity with a renaming designating it a state park
 - There will be no net future gain of wilderness designated lands in Boundary and Bonner Counties if this action is approved
 - No other future federal land wilderness designation within Bonner or Boundary counties can be proposed or approve
 - If we need to negotiate on this topic – the moratorium will be for a minimum of 50 years before any new wilderness lands can be proposed
 - IDL will develop their own wilderness management plan to be applied to state parks of this type and rules which will mirror for the most part those developed by the USDA but will not be held to every specific regulatory action used at the federal level
- This will be done to better tailor management of these lands to meet the local cultural, social and economic concerns and drivers in north Idaho
 - The IDL management plan will be crafted by a task force that will consist of 1 voting member from each of the following:
 - Bonner County Commissioner's office
 - Boundary County Commissioner's office
 - IDL
 - Idaho Water Resources
 - Environmental NGOs (Friends of Scotchman)
 - Idaho Farm Bureau
 - IDFG