



Scaling up Forest Restoration in Idaho: the Idaho Forest Fund

In Idaho, National Forests cover more land than in any other state – 20.4 million acres or 38.2%. Investing in the stewardship of Idaho’s National Forests not only benefits the communities of Idaho, but also the clean water, fresh air, and recreational opportunities we cherish.

The Idaho Forest Fund will make a significant impact in the stewardship of these lands for present and future generations by catalyzing on-the-ground restoration.

The Idaho Forest Fund is a funding mechanism that allows local and regional businesses, foundations, and individuals to invest in the public lands we all depend on for water, tourism dollars, subsistence needs, recreation, forest products, and quality of life.

Welcome to the Idaho Forest Fund

This new initiative – the Idaho Forest Fund – is a mechanism to step up the pace and scale of on-the-ground restoration and stewardship on National Forest lands in and around the Snake River Plain in southern Idaho. Modeled after our highly successful [Northern Arizona Forest Fund](#), the Idaho Forest Fund provides an easy way for Idaho businesses and residents to invest in the lands and watersheds they depend on. The Idaho Forest Fund also **supports the local economy** as the NFF awards funds generated through the program to local nonprofit stewardship organizations and contractors to complete work on National Forests.

Why Now?

Large-scale insect outbreaks are killing swaths of Idaho’s trees every year. Severe wildfire, noxious weeds, and erosion are further impacting these landscapes resulting in impairment to Idaho’s streams and watersheds. At the same time, the Forest Service continues to suffer drastic budget cuts, and fire suppression efforts consume more than 60% of the agency’s dwindling resources. This lack of funding leaves Idaho landscapes vulnerable and the communities that border them searching for alternative support and management solutions.

The Idaho Forest Fund addresses these concerns by providing an innovative funding mechanism to support on-the-ground forest restoration. We invite you to join this effort.



Payette National Forest. M.J. Renstrom photo



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