



IDAHO BUSINESS FOR
THE OUTDOORS

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Dear Senator Semmelroth,

Idaho Business for the Outdoors supports the passage of House Bill 749. House Bill 749 is a local water user-driven effort to develop a comprehensive settlement agreement that resolves current tensions and conflicts that are the result of competing water supply demands in the Lemhi Basin.

Idaho Business for the Outdoors is a business member-based organization. Our mission is to provide a collective, non-partisan business voice that advocates for healthy lands, open space, and swimmable, fishable, and drinkable waterways. We value the role agriculture plays in the preservation of Idaho's outdoors and waters. We value the wellness benefits that Idaho's outdoors provides for our businesses, our workers, and all Idahoans.

Our membership is made up of industries and businesses of all sizes including some of the largest employers in Idaho. Open space, healthy lands, and waters promote investments, innovations, jobs, enhance revenues, and provide wellness benefits. These are sustained through the preservation of Idaho's outdoors and waters. House Bill 749 aligns with our mission and our values.

House Bill 749 is a collaborative effort between several groups including Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Water Resources, Office of Species Conservation and water users of the Lemhi Basin. It will provide a very important solution that allows for both improved water quality and quantity that is important for fish migration, ranchers and recreationalists. It reconnects important tributaries back to the Lemhi River and provides salmon, steelhead and trout access to return to important habitat.

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This is also an important bill for industry in Idaho. It helps provide security for our ranchers that depend on this water, creates flows necessary for a healthier fish population that in return creates more outdoor recreation opportunities. In addition, the work that is needed to fulfill House Bill 749 creates jobs in the rural communities it impacts.

Idaho Business for the Outdoors encourages the passage of House Bill 749, allowing industry to work towards these collaborative efforts. Please share our support with other sponsors in the Senate and other legislators as you see fit.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Skylar Jett".

Skylar Jett
Executive Director, Idaho Business for the Outdoors

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