

The Honorable Butch Otter
Statehouse
P.O. Box 83720
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Dear Governor Otter,

When we motorized recreationists proposed and supported legislation to tax ourselves, we did so with an agreement that the funds would be made available for distribution on a grant-basis to improve recreation across Idaho. We did **NOT** decide to tax ourselves to fund basic operational costs of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR).

We entrusted IDPR to manage those funds in good faith, use them in accordance with their legislative intent and distribute them fairly via a grant process. That is not, however, what is now happening with our RV fund and, frankly, if IDPR can end run that fund, they will likely chose do the same with our registration funds.

I believe it is absolutely wrong that the IDPR Board has unilaterally chosen to use RV funds as an ongoing means to fund their personnel and operations expenses. The RV grant funds are NOT a checking account for funding the agency. IDPR has transformed the RV fund into a tax visited solely upon Idaho's RV users to fund their agency. These funds belong to the RV users and must be available for competitive, grant-based distribution.

We are concerned about the action of the IDPR Board to take our RV funds to cover their basic operational costs. By doing this they have violated the RV community's trust, essentially stealing their money. Please direct the IDPR Board to follow the legislative intent of these dedicated funds!

Sincerely,

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ATV owner
UTV owner
Snowmobile owner
Boat owner
4X4 owner