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STAFF REPORT:	Snowmobile Parking Lot Rules and Fees Title 13, Chapter 5-1,2,3,4
HEARING DATE:	October 29, 2025
TO:	Board of County Commissioners
STAFF:	Dave Bingaman Recreation Director
LOCATION:	Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, Green Gate, Lick Creek, Wellington Parking lots
REQUEST:	Adoption of Rules and Fees to replace current Title 13, Chapter 5

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this hearing is to set enforceable rules and update the fee structure for winter use in the Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, Green Gate, Lick Creek lots and the Wellington Snow Park. These proposed changes were brought forward by a working group made up of McCall and Donnelly Snowmobile Club members, backcountry businesses, backcountry property owners and the outfitters that utilize these lots. This group met several times throughout the spring and summer and provided a proposal to Valley County Parks and Recreation staff which was reviewed by the Valley County Sheriff's Department, and the Valley County Prosecuting Attorney's office. This review resulted in several changes to the document. Valley County Parks and Recreation Staff provided an updated draft based on staff input and provided that to an expanded working group which was not well received. Further input received via email and phone discussions by the working group, backcountry homeowners, and staff including the Prosecuting Attorney's office resulted in the proposed changes being discussed today.

The main issue that sparked this proposed update was overnight parking in the Francis Wallace and Brush Creek Parking lots. Homeowner, Business Owner, Outfitter, Day Use and Overnight Visitor use has increased, which has put a strain on the available parking. In addition, many trailers ended up being stored in the parking lots throughout the winter illegally. This has made maintenance an issue during storm cycles and has severely limited the amount of day use parking available. Busy weekends and holiday overcrowding in these lots have resulted in congestion on Warren Wagon Road and at both the Francis Wallace and Brush Creek lots. Lots often fill up before 9 am and result in vehicles blocking access in the lots, other vehicles that are parked in the lots and on Warren Wagon Road. EMS and Law Enforcement have also voiced concerns over restricted travel lanes on Warren Wagon and dedicated parking when responding to calls in the Francis Wallace lot and the backcountry nearby. Other parking lots were included in this proposed update to help standardize parking at all lots managed by Valley County Parks and Recreation. Donnelly and Clear Creek Lots were not included in this proposed change since no fees are charged at either location.

The goal of the proposed changes is to standardize parking rules, define parking areas within the individual lots, open more parking for one day users at Francis Wallace lot by restricting most of the overnight parking to Brush Creek and set standardized fees to help offset parking lot and facility maintenance costs.

Fees collected at the lots leased from Idaho Department of Lands may only be used for maintenance and improvements at the site where they were collected. Fees collected at County owned lots may be used as needed for projects and maintenance by Valley County Parks and Recreation.

The intention of the Parks and Recreation staff is to find a reasonable solution to parking lot congestion for the 2025/2026 winter season. The changes will open more day use parking and provide long-term parking for businesses in the Francis Wallace lot. All homeowner, and short-term overnight use will be moved to Brush Creek lot. This proposal begins on November 15 and ends on March 15, which encompasses the busiest time of the year for winter use. Outside of these dates, parking will be on a first-come basis with no overnight restrictions in either Francis Wallace or Brush Creek lots. Corresponding maps that reflect the ones in this ordinance will be created by Valley County GIS and will be posted in each of the parking lots. We have proposed an expansion of the Francis Wallace Lot to IDL that will likely be implemented prior to the 26/27 winter season and will add enough parking to accommodate long and short-term overnight use and ample day-use parking. Valley County Parks and Recreation will also prioritize maintaining a groomed snowmobile lane between the Brush Creek parking lot and the beginning of the groomed snowmobile trail at Francis Wallace to provide safe access for overnight users adjacent to the plowed portion of Warren Wagon Road.

This will be a living document that will be changed as conditions change. This winter will be a test to see how Brush Creek lot accommodates the overnight parking. Conditions and space will likely change for the better with an expanded parking lot at Francis Wallace.

VC Parks and Recreation staff have also gotten a list of commercial parking needs for the Long-Term Overnight group and will have 8 single vehicles and 8 truck and trailer combos in Francis Wallace. 16 total overnight permits will fill Row 2 which is proposed for long-term overnight parking. Being able to park 2 single vehicles in one space will allow us to eliminate the need for Row 1 Single Vehicle Long-Term Parking (as shown on the parking lot map). This will greatly improve our maintenance ability. There is an opportunity for Cheap Thrills to utilize the corner where they have been operating, or the space allocated for Row 1 and could be sold an additional long-term truck and trailer slot (2 total) based on available space for the 25/26 winter season. That would allow them the ability to park 4 trailers nose to nose (with the use of the VC equipment onsite). Each outfitter is also allowed to have 2 truck and trailer combos in the day use portion of the parking lot as stated in the proposed ordinance change.

FINDINGS:

1. Multiple public working group meetings were held throughout the spring and summer of 2025 at the Lake Fork Conference Room. Valley County Grooming staff attended all of the meetings. Valley County Sheriff's Deputies attended some of these meetings.

2. Valley County Grooming staff and Sheriff's deputies met with spokesmen from the working group in July and August of 2025 at the Valley County Prosecuting Attorney's office in Cascade.
3. Final meeting of the working group was held on August 28. Staff requested final comments from working group via email.
4. A proposed final draft was emailed to the working group on October 3, 2025. This email also outlined the public hearing process.
5. The proposed ordinance changes and supporting maps were posted online at www.co.valley.id.us on October 7, 2025.
6. Notices for the hearing were hung at public libraries and post offices on October 14 and 15, 2025.
7. The proposed ordinance changes and a link to the Valley County website post were posted on Valley County Facebook page on October 13, 2025.
8. A public hearing notice appeared in the Star News on October 16 and 23. There was a typo that stated the hearing would be Monday October 29, rather than Wednesday October 29.
9. The Staff Report and additional documents were posted online on October 23, 2025.
10. Public comments: 3 email comments received
 - Ken Leavitt, backcountry homeowner-something needs to be done about the current parking situation at Brush and Francis Wallace, prefers to park at Brush Creek, stated that a trail needs to be established between the lots, has concerns about vehicles being towed or booted, thinks plan will work but will require more monitoring and management, agrees with fee structure.
 - Rachael and Gerry Ikola, Cheap Thrills Rentals-don't like the proposal, will add hardship and expenses to their business, have had 8 trailers in the lot in the past, parking issues are only on holidays and busy weekends, feel that allocation of long-term overnight parking is unfair, not enough time to prepare for changes, proposed map of FW Lot does not show long-term overnight parking, feels that staff have ignored their needs, raises concerns over viability of snowmobile lane to connect parking lots, feels that their concerns have been ignored in this process.
 - Mark Wood, McCall Snowmobile Club Board member, Valley County Grooming Advisory Board member- outlined participation in working group, described make up of working group that included outfitters, homeowners, backcountry business owners and members of the Valley County Grooming Advisory Board, feels that all groups were considered and that proposed changes are acceptable but it will need to be changed over time as issues and conditions change.
11. The surrounding land use and zoning includes open zoning, USFS and IDL parcels, and productive forest and grazing categories.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Star News ad
- Public comments received
- Staff Report published October 23, 2025
- Copy of proposed Ordinance 13,5-1,2,3,4 with draft parking lot maps
- Hearing procedures

END OF STAFF REPORT



Valley County Board of County Commissioners Invites You to a PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of Snowmobile Parking Lot Rules and Fees Title 13, Chapter 5-1,2,3,4

The Valley County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a hearing on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 2:30 pm at the Valley County Courthouse located at 219 North Main Street in Cascade, Idaho.

The purpose of the hearing is to set fees and adopt parking lot regulations for winter parking lots managed by Valley County Parks and Recreation.

Parking lots included in this ordinance include: Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, Green Gate, Lick Creek, and Wellington Snow Park.

This is an Action Item. A Staff Report including more information, maps and public comments, will be posted by 5:00 p.m., October 22, 2025 online at:

www.co.valley.id.us

PUBLIC HEARING

(In-Person)

**October 29,
2025**

2:30 p.m.

**Courthouse
Building
2nd Floor**

**219 North Main
Street Cascade, ID**

You may comment in person, by U.S. Postal Service mail, or by email. Written comments greater than one page must be received at least seven days prior to the public hearing. To be included in the staff report, comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., October 21, 2025.

Direct questions and written comments to:

Dave Bingaman, Valley County Parks and Recreation Director
P.O. Box 1350, Cascade, ID 83611.
Mr. Bingaman can also be reached by telephone at (208) 315-5079 or by email at dbingaman@valleycountyid.gov.

Contact Douglas Miller, Valley County Clerk, at 208-382-7100 if you need special accommodations to participate.

CHAPTER 5

Designated Winter Snowmobile Parking Areas

SECTION:

13-5-1 : Definitions

13-5-2 : Fees Required for Designated Parking Areas

13-5-3: Parking Area Rules

13-5-4: Penalty

13-5-1 : Definitions:

ABANDONED TRAILER: outside the "Long-term permitted parking area", any trailer that does not have the tow vehicle attached, or parked directly in front of it, will be determined as abandoned and in violation and subject to penalties described in 13-5-4.

ANNUAL PASS: parking pass for Valley County Parking areas and recreation sites that can be purchased for vehicles without registered snowmobiles. Annual passes are valid at all Valley County Recreation sites for each calendar year.

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS OPERATORS: owners and/or operators of a commercial business providing services to the public, approved by the state of Idaho, and within/along the groomed snowmobile route of Warren Wagon Road from Francis Wallace Parking Area to the end of said groomed route.

DAY USE: any vehicle that is within the parking lot area of Wellington Snow Park, Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, Lick Creek and Green Gate Parking Lots within the hours of 6 am to 12 am and is idle, or parked, for more than 15 minutes

DAY USE FEE: as identified and described in 13-5-2

DESIGNATED WINTER SNOWMOBILE PARKING AREAS: parking areas that are Valley County operated or owned and are dedicated for the parking of snowmobile recreationists from November 1 through May 31. From June 1 through October 31 these parking areas are governed under Valley County Code Title 13 Chapter 4.

INFRACTION: A civil public offense which is not punishable by incarceration and for which there is no right to a trial by jury or right to court appointed counsel and which is punishable by only a penalty not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5000) and no imprisonment.

LONG-TERM PERMITTED PARKING AREA: designated area within Francis Wallace and Brush Creek Parking Lots that has been identified by corresponding map diagram that allows the seasonal parking of specific vehicles. One area will accommodate a trailer and a tow vehicle, with a combined total length not to exceed 60 feet, and another area will accommodate single vehicles only. Two (2) trailers set in alignment in one (1) tow-vehicle and trailer parking space may be allowed as long as the total length of the two (2) trailers combined does not exceed 60 feet. . On-site signage and corresponding map diagram will identify these areas.

LONG-TERM PERMITTED PARKING AREA PERMIT USE: prepaid permit that allows a single vehicle or a tow-vehicle and trailer combination to park in designated areas for the duration of the defined "Winter Permit Season". Long Term Permits may be authorized for Commercial Business Operators, Outfitters, and Full time Property/Homeowners on a limited first come first serve basis within the application period of November 1 and November 15 of that Winter Season. Commercial Business Operators will be allowed to purchase up to two (2) permits. Outfitters will be allowed to purchase one (1) permit. Property/Homeowners will be allowed to purchase one (1) permit per property. Parking passes or trailer stickers must be displayed on vehicles and trailers in all Long term Parking areas.

LONG-TERM PERMITTED PARKING FEE: as identified and described in 13-5-3.

OUTFITTER: anyone that uses the parking area to meet customers or clients to facilitate the exchange of rental sleds/equipment, riding techniques, and/or guiding.

OVERNIGHT USE: is determined by any vehicle that is within the parking lot area of Wellington Snow Park, Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, and Green Gate Parking Lots between the hours of 12 am to 6 am.

OVERNIGHT USE FEE: as identified and described in 13-5-2.

OVERNIGHT USE AREA: designated area within Brush Creek, Green Gate, and Wellington Parking Lots that has been identified by corresponding map diagram that allows overnight parking. On-site signage and corresponding map diagram will identify this area. **No overnight parking shall be allowed in the Francis Wallace Lot without a long-term parking permit.**

PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE: The fact that a motor vehicle which is illegally parked under this chapter is registered in the name of a person shall be considered prima facie evidence that such person was in control of the vehicle at the time of such parking.

PROPERTY/HOMEOWNER: owner of improved real property in the Burgdorf, Secesh Meadows, Warren Townsite, and/or South Fork area. Homeowners who are full-time residents may apply for a Long-Term Resident Parking permit.

SEASONAL SHORT TERM PERMITTED PARKING: prepaid permit that allows a tow vehicle and trailer to be parked for more than 2 days, multiple times throughout the permit season.

SEASONAL SHORT TERM PERMITTED PARKING FEE: as identified and described in 13-5-3.

SINGLE VEHICLE PARKING AREA: designated area for only single vehicles without trailers to park. On-site signage and corresponding map diagram will identify this area.

TOW-VEHICLE AND TRAILER PARKING AREA: designated area for only tow-vehicle and trailer combinations to park. On-site signage and corresponding map diagram will identify this area.

WINTER PERMIT SEASON: for the purpose of this ordinance, the "Winter Permit Season" is from November 15 to March 15. During this time, special regulations for overnight parking are in effect

13-5-2: Fees Required for Designated Winter Snowmobile Parking Areas:

- A. All users of Valley County operated or owned Parking shall pay a day use fee, overnight fee, or long-term permitted parking fee as adopted by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, unless specifically stated otherwise.
 1. Day use fee is required of all day-use participants. *(2025-2026 season fee is \$5 per day).* **Tow, or haul, vehicles transporting a snowmobile with an attached current State of Idaho issued snowmobile tag are exempt from day-use fees.**
 2. Overnight parking fee shall be required of **all** overnight users in the Brush Creek, Green Gate, Lick Creek or Wellington lots. *(2025-2026 season fee is \$10 per night and includes day use).* **No overnight parking shall be allowed in the Francis Wallace Lot without a long-term parking permit.**
 3. Long-term permitted and seasonal short term parking permits have limited availability in the Francis Wallace and Brush Creek Parking Lots, and fees shall be determined on an annual basis. Full payment is required before the permit is issued. The permits are available only from the Valley County Parks and Recreation Office.

▪ **2025-2026 season fees:**

- *Residential tow vehicle and trailer season fee amount is \$300 for a trailer and tow vehicle, \$150 for a vehicle without a trailer per permit.*
- Season Short-Term permits-\$75
- *Commercial tow vehicle with trailer permits are \$300 per permit. Single vehicle without trailer season fee amount is \$150.)*
- *Outfitter long term permit fee is \$300 (tow vehicle and trailer 12x60'). Outfitters may only have one long-term permit each. 2 trailers may be allowed if parked nose to nose in one space.*
- Outfitter annual permit fee is \$300. All Outfitters utilizing Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, Green Gate, Lick Creek or Wellington lots must have an annual permit.

13-5-3: Parking Area Rules:

- A. Francis Wallace Parking Lot shall only allow day use and permitted long term overnight parking in designated areas during the Winter Permitted Season. No short-term overnight parking is allowed.
- B. Brush Creek Parking Area shall allow long-term overnight, seasonal short term overnight, short-term overnight and day-use parking.
- C. Green Gate Parking Area shall allow day-use and short-term overnight parking.
- D. Lick Creek Parking Area shall allow day-use and short-term overnight parking. All users at Lick Creek Parking Area shall purchase a Day Use or Annual Pass.
- E. Wellington Snow Park shall allow day use and short-term overnight parking.
- F. Outfitters may only have two tow vehicle and trailer combinations in the Day Use areas at Francis Wallace Parking Lot. This is in addition to 1 permitted long term space. No additional vehicles will be allowed for day use or overnight parking without prior authorization from the Valley County Grooming Coordinator or Parks and Recreation Director. Other outfitter or employee vehicles are not allowed to be parked in the Francis Wallace Lot. Brush Creek lot may be used for day use Outfitter vehicle overflow. Outfitters staging or parking at Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, Green Gate or Wellington lots must park and stage in a manner that does not impede the flow of vehicles or parking in the lot.
- G. No sub leasing of Long Term Permitted Parking spots will be allowed.
- H. General Parking
 1. Parking is determined by vehicles with or without trailers and allowed in designated areas corresponding to parking lot diagrams and signage at each parking lot and set by policy of Valley County Board of Commissioners or their designee.
 2. Single vehicles shall not park in a "Tow-vehicle and Trailer" space and a "Tow- vehicle and Trailer" shall not park in a single vehicle space.
 3. Day-use parking shall be allowed in identified areas
 4. Overnight parking shall be allowed only in Brush Creek, Green Gate and Wellington Snow Park within the parking lot between the hours of 12 am to 6 am. Overnight parking fees shall apply.

5. Abandoned trailers shall not be allowed outside of long-term parking permit area and trailers without a long-term parking permit located outside designated areas shall be in violation of ordinance. Day use, overnight, and long-term parking areas shall not be used as a storage area for trailers.
 6. Any vehicle creating a hinderance to facilitate reasonable parking and maintenance or that is parked outside of designated parking area guidelines as designated by local signage and parking diagrams, shall be in violation of this ordinance.
- I. Corresponding parking areas mentioned and identified in this ordinance coincide with attached parking lot diagrams and signage at all lots.

13-5-4: PENALTY:

- A. Violators of this ordinance may be fined and/or towed/booted at owner's expense.
- B. Violators of this ordinance that may be towed/booted shall be responsible for towing and impoundment or boot removal fees.
- C. Any violation of this chapter shall be punishable as an infraction and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50) per offense, with an accumulated maximum not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5000) per winter season.
- D. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day a vehicle or trailer remains in violation of this ordinance unless otherwise specifically provided in this code.

Francis Wallace Parking Areas

- Row 1- Long Term Permitted parking only Single Vehicle
Row 2- Tow Vehicle and Trailer only
Rows 3,4,5- Day Use Tow Vehicle and Trailer only
Rows 6,7, 8- Single Vehicle only(Sled Decks and Cars)

Francis Wallace Fees

\$5-Day Use/No Registered Snowmobile
No unpermitted overnight parking allowed at this site.
Valley County Code: 13-5-1,2,3,4



Brush Creek Parking Designated Areas

Row 1- Long Term Permitted Parking Single Vehicles only

Row 2- Long Term and Seasonal Short Term Permitted Parking: 1 Tow Vehicle and Trailer or 2 Single vehicles(end to end) only

Row 3- Overnight and Day Use Parking

Row 4- Overnight and Day Use Parking

Row 5- Day use parking only

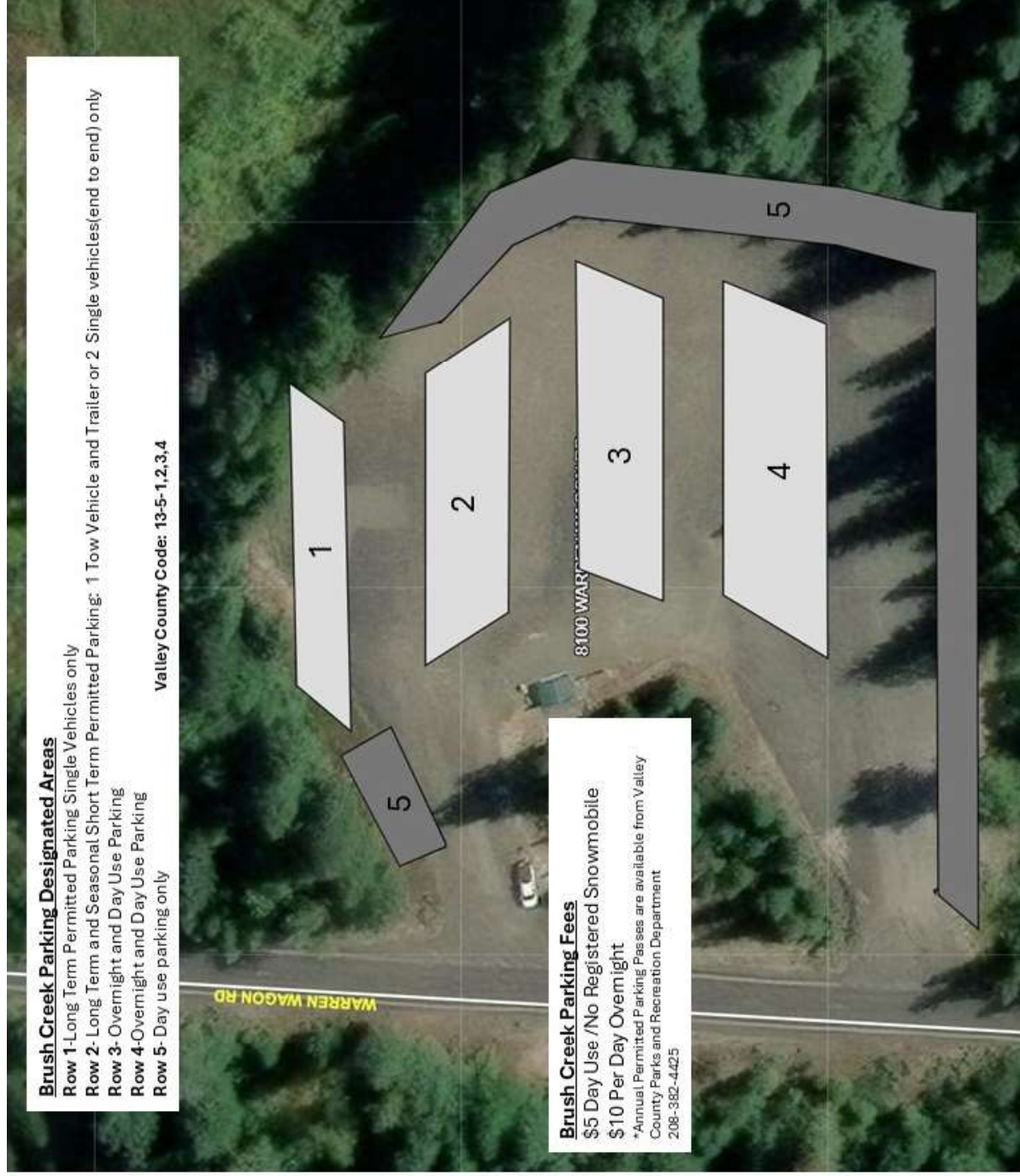
Valley County Code: 13-5-1,2,3,4

Brush Creek Parking Fees

\$5 Day Use /No Registered Snowmobile

\$10 Per Day Overnight

*Annual Permitted Parking Passes are available from Valley
County Parks and Recreation Department
208-382-4425



Green Gate Parking Designated Areas

Area 1- Day Use Only

Area 2- Overnight and Day Use

Green Gate Parking Fees

\$5 Day Use (no registered snowmobile)

\$10 Day Overnight Fee

\$20 Annual Day Pass

*Annual Passes are available from Valley
County Parks and Recreation Department
208-325-4425 Valley County Code 13-5-1,2,3,4



Lick Creek Parking Fees

\$5 Day Use

\$10 Per Day Overnight Use

\$20 Annual Pass

*All users are required to have a parking pass including:

*Annual Passes are available from Valley County Parks and Recreation 208-382-4425

Lick Creek Parking Designated Areas

Area 1 Overnight and Day Use

Area 2 Day Use Only Valley County Code: 13-5-1,2,3,4





Wellington Snowpark Designated Area
Area 1- Day Use Only
Area 2- Overnight Use Only

Wellington Snowpark Fees
\$5 Per Day Use(no registered snowmobiles)
\$10 Per Day Overnight
Valley County Code: 13-5-1,2,3,4

PUBLIC NOTICE

of 48.51 feet on said centerline to a point; Thence on a curve to the left, on said centerline, which curve has a radius of 83.56 feet, a central angle of 90.64 feet, and a long chord which bears N 79° 58' 46" E, a distance of 100.00 feet to a point; Thence a bearing of S 68° 56' 49" E, a distance of 171.75 feet on said centerline to a point on a curve to the left, on said centerline, which curve has a radius of 18.58 feet, a length of 62.22 feet, and a long chord which bears N 79° 58' 46" E, a distance of 58.05 feet to a point; Thence a bearing of N 37° 00' 00" E, a distance of 171.75 feet on said centerline to a point on the Warm Springs right-of-way boundary line. POINT OF ENDING of said centerline.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION VALLEY COUNTY, IDAHO

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16-101, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given:

The election to be held on **Monday, November 4, 2025** at 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Your voting precinct, contact your Valley County Clerk's office or your voter registration on VoteIdaho.gov

LIST OF POLLING PLACES

American Legion
Hall
105 E Mill Street
Cascade ID 83611

Donnelly Bible
Church
159 FW Gestrin St
Donnelly ID 83615

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Contact Douglas Miller, Valley County Clerk, at 208-382-7100 if you need special accommodations to participate.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-2101. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRP WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 11/3/2025. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant. MATHEW WEAVER, Director
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Pursuant to Section 58-104(9a) Idaho Code (Lake Protection Act) and rules of the State Board of Land Commissioners, notice is hereby given Sylvan Beach LLC has made application to permit rip rap shoreline protection on existing bank in Big Payette Lake, Section 539855 Payette Lakefront WS1 SB (2590 Warren Wagon Road), Government Lot 2, Section 28, Town 19 North, Range 3 East, B.M. in Valley County.

Written objections to, or request for a hearing in this matter must be on file with the Idaho Department of Land Use, Payette Lakes Area Office, 555 C Hard Lane, McCall, ID 83638, within thirty (30) days after the first appearance of this notice. Specific information regarding this application may be obtained from the Director, Department of Lands. /S/Dustin T Miller, Director.
Published in The Star-News October 23, 30, 2025.

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**Request for Proposals (RFP) –
of McCall Comprehensive, Transportation, and Design Guidelines**

Valley County Commissioners,

We are writing about the upcoming public hearing for the Snowmobile Parking Lot Ordinance to be heard on October 29th, 2025.

Originally, we had this big, long spiel about why this matter is so important to our family and our business, or why it's so important to the County's Tourism Economy, but the fact of the matter is that we are tired. Tired of fighting for our right to do business, for our right to make a living to support our family, and for the right to build something for ourselves. We can understand that people are passionate about their hobbies, but this is not a hobby to us, it's a lifetime of work, investments, our kid's future, and our retirement as we put our entire life savings into our business, so failure is not an option. Yet on the other hand you come to a point where you must weigh what is important in this life, and ask yourself, do you want to keep your sanity and be broke, or continue to hit your head against a wall? It used to be that working hard, being honest, not breaking the law, and living a good clean life was enough. Ensuring you give back to people you care about, being a good neighbor, and helping your community would deliver everything you needed. Yet with growth, comes more regulation, differing political views, passionate people set on securing the future they feel is right. A world where everyone looks out for themselves, instead of weighing the needs of others and coming up with workable solutions. The assumption we get most often when dealing with officials of late is that all business owners are rich, they can foot the bill for improving everything they want to see happen within the area. Yet there comes a point when you can't give anymore without going broke. The rising costs of doing business has eaten up most of the profits. With that said, we cannot foot the bill Mr. Bingaman's dreams and offer full circle shuttle services for guests wanting to recreate in the backcountry.

Not only are we responsible for over 2200 guest's safety during the winter season, but for our employee's wellbeing as well. So, you could say that yes, we have more at stake than just getting a close parking spot to the trailhead where we can park to go have some fun.

Our frustration is the fact that Francis Wallace Parking lot is only packed on Holidays, and the remainder of the time it's $\frac{3}{4}$ empty. So, to ruin lives and businesses over a few weekends, seems extremely harsh to us. Our top issue's with the current proposal is:

- The lack of communication, not getting answers to our questions, and the lack of empathy and understanding from Mr. Bingaman is probably the most difficult part of this entire process. He doesn't want to listen, nor cares about what we need. We understand that there needs to be compromise, but he has his mind set on what he wants and won't budge.

- We've always had approx. 8 trailers a day in Francis Wallace along with 4 to 5 vehicles as we have 48 snowmobiles we rent to the public. We were willing to work with the County by reducing this amount to 2 long term overnight parking spots, both 60ft long in Francis Wallace, and 2 trailers a day in day-use in Francis Wallace, and we will put our overflow either on the road or in Brush Creek. Yet, this was not good enough for Mr. Bingaman. Having 2 spots saves us tons of labor and time as its 1.5 hour round trip to town and back with loading/unloading sleds, and we can only haul 4 snowmobiles per trip due to the size of our current trailers. Majority of our sleds go out at 9am and there is not enough work for more full-time employees or people that want to work a split shift with a 4-hour brake mid-day.
- Backcountry Business's get 2 long term overnight spots, and only 1 business out of the 4 needs 2 as far as I'm aware, so that is 3 wasted spots that are not even necessary. I asked Mr. Bingaman if he asked each of them as to what they needed, and he did not respond.
- The proposed Map is not in correlation with what is written in the proposed code as it doesn't show any long-term overnight parking spots in Francis Wallace. So, which is wrong? Does it mean no long-term parking in Francis Wallace at all, or just a few and the rest are moved to Brush creek?
- Mr. Bingaman proposes that we park our trailers tongue to tongue. Now if we were an average person, I would say this is not possible. And if it is then I would like to take the class on how to do this. I could see doing this with boat trailers as they are light, and 1 to 2 people could drag it and move it around. Snowmobile trailers on the other hand are heavy and cannot be moved this way. Luckily, we could bring out a forklift or skid steer to accomplish this task, but an average person doesn't have this ability. This is not something that can be accomplished daily and would need to happen before the snow files.
- Overnight cabin rental guests required to park in Brush Creek.... So overnight cabin rentals make up about ¼ I would say of our business. It's a minimum of a ½ mile trek between Brush Creek and Francis Wallace. So, I want you to imagine packing up your family with all your pots, pans, food, bedding, clothes and drive to Francis Wallace to drop your gear off at your rental sled/pack sled, and family, then drive your car a ½ mile down the road to park in Brush Creek and then hike the half mile back to Francis Wallace on slick, heavily traveled road so you can proceed to your

cabin. After spending a weekend and spending a ton of money for the experience, you come back to Francis Wallace from the Backcountry, drop your rental sled off at Francis Wallace and hike to Brush Creek to get your car to drive back to Francis Wallace to get your gear and family. Yet when you arrive at your car, and it's buried from 3ft of fresh snow or from the snowplow and no one is around to help you dig out, with no cellphone service what do you think is going to happen then? You guessed it, they hike back to Francis Wallace and ask us for help or call a tow company. Now we have very unhappy guests, and rental companies will take the brunt of it, yet we can't help them as our hands are tied.

- For 1 we don't have ability to shuttle them back and forth, nor would it be worth it to hire the staff to work for 1.5 hours to drive the Suburban from Town to shuttle them from 1 lot to the other.
- We can't have a 3rd vehicle in Francis Wallace to even do so, and our trucks are not big enough to transport people around as they are full of tools, fuel tanks, rescue, and safety equipment.
- Thirdly, our commercial vehicle policy does not cover us for transporting people.
- Fourth, our company liability would drop us if we allowed our guests to ride snowmobiles on a road with moving vehicle traffic. Seeing how there is only a few insurance companies in the Country that offer snowmobile rental coverage, it's not like you can just find another carrier. Not to mention the wear and tear on our machines and pack-sleds.
- Fifth, it's extremely dangerous to send inexperienced riders into oncoming traffic on slick roads! It's dangerous for anyone. One day I was driving out to the parking lot, and it was a busy day with cars lined up on the left side of the road and a family with small kids on their own private sleds were traveling from Brush Creek to Francis Wallace and a kid swerved his machine out into the road right in front of me. Luckily, I was driving slowly, and I have really good tires, but if it had been slick or if someone wasn't paying attention the ordeal would have been awful. Now imagine adding foot traffic into the mix with snowmobiles and cars.....

We put together a proposal and sent it to Mr. Bingaman as to what we felt was the right path forward now and into the future. We are there 7 days a week and feel as though we have a good understanding of the needs for all party's concerned. If you have the time or inclination, you should take a look at it. We understand the long-term goal, but upsetting an

apple cart all at once is never a good idea as it will cause mayhem. It's better to take steps with gradual change as it takes time to educate and direct people to where you want and need them to go, it does not happen overnight. This also gives business's time to make plans far in advance and they can decide to make capital investments in order to transition or just decide it's not worth it. Business's typically plan large capital investments in a 2 to 5 year time frame, it's not something small business can decide at a drop of a hat to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to appease a County's Staff Members whim.

Regardless, we do appreciate your time, thought, and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rachael & Gerry Ikola

Business Owners – Cheap Thrills Rentals

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To Honorable Valley County Commissioners,

As a representative of the McCall Snowmobile Club to the Valley County Grooming Advisory Board, I had the opportunity to participate in most of the meetings pertaining to the proposed ordinance "Snowmobile Parking Lot Rules and Fees Title 13, Chapter 5-1,2,3,4.

The participating members of the work group were originally derived from "participants at large" attending the Groomer Advisory meeting whether they be actual members of the Groomer Advisory Board or just concerned citizens. The local snowmobile rental companies were invited as was any concerned property or business owner in the Burgdorf, Secesh, and Warren Area. Granted, some property owners might not have been contacted but most were for the original meeting.

At the end of the first meeting the next meeting date was determined so as to fit most participant's schedule. At the end of each meeting the next meeting was scheduled in the same fashion. There was not a set meeting schedule so if someone did not attend they would not be aware of the next meeting time and place. It did end up with a strong core group of 7 or 8 folks that represented McCall and Donnelly snowmobile clubs, Valley County Groomer Advisory Board, Valley County Recreation group, Valley County Recreation Department, and backcountry businesses and property owners.

In general, I felt that the group working on this proposed ordinance took into consideration and prioritized the participants in a favorable manner. First priority, the snowmobile rental companies as they are probably the best ambassadors to the sport of snowmobiling. Second priority, the backcountry businesses as they are what are probably the main reason a majority of folks want to use the parking lots of Francis Wallace and Brush Creek. They create a "destination" which is extremely attractive. Third priority, the general public of snowmobile owners and enthusiasts that want to enjoy the simple act of going snowmobiling. They want, and deserve, the opportunity to enjoy the sport since they are the ones that originally initiated the need for the parking lots many years ago. Fourth priority, the property owners of the backcountry that enjoy spending a duration winter time at their residences.

With the large numbers that can be experienced in these parking lots it is evident that some sort of organized layout was required to make parking available for all participants. Besides the organized layout, it was determined that there was a need for rules that would be enforceable by sheriff's deputies so as to maintain said organized layout.

Granted, being that there is 9/10 of a mile difference between Francis Wallace and Brush Creek Lots, it is sometimes tough to maintain a snow floor for snowmobiles to ride on to get to the trailhead at Francis Wallace.

In general, the group that put this proposal together feels quite comfortable with the proposed verbiage and layout. As time goes on there will definitely be some changes to improve it, which is understandable. thanks,

Mark Wood

McCall Area Snowmobile Club-Board Member

Valley County Grooming Advisory Board-Board Member

10-20-2025

Dave Bingaman and the Valley County Commissioners

I will not be able to attend in person your October 29th meeting to discuss the winter parking plan. However, I would appreciate it if you would take the time to read my comments.

- I have been snowmobiling to the South Fork of the Salmon River, Warren, and Secesh Meadows since 1980. Back then the parking area was where the current North Beach Day use area on WWR is currently at. Many of the snowmobilers had to park along the road, as the most vehicles and trailers you could get in the lot was around 8.
- We built a cabin in Secesh Meadows in 2005 and enjoy spending extended overnight usage during the wintertime.
- I am retiring at the end of 2025, and we are hoping to spend even more time at our cabin in the winter.
- I agree that something needs to be done about the parking situation in the Francis Wallace and Brush Creek parking lots.
- It is a wonder that there have not been more angry altercations than there are, I have witnessed individuals all but throwing punches because of parking issues.
- We would prefer to park at Brush Creek as it is “normally” not so crowded. However, a couple of times we parked at Brush Creek and when we returned there was no snow on the WWR, and we had to ride on pavement and in turn had to replace the hifax on our snowmobiles and the runners on our cargo sled.
- What if:
 - WWR does not have snow between Francis Wallace and Brush Creek, I have considered unloading the snowmobiles and gear at the Francis Wallis trail head and then moving our pickup and trailer to Brush Creek, I would prefer not to walk back to the trail head, but that may be the only options other than trying to find a ride.
 - Brush Creek is full in the overnight parking lot; should we to move toward Francis Wallace and park on the west side of WWR. This is not ideal when parking overnight.
 - Someone’s vehicle is towed, because there are no options to park in the designated area for overnight and they park in another spot, and they have an emergency and end up at the parking lot with no way to get medical attention.
- I believe the plan will work as long as the rules are enforced. I know this is not easy when recreationalist are coming and going night and day. But any good plan requires someone to execute the rules.

If the plan is adopted, I intend to pay the \$75, and hope that there is an overnight parking spot in Brush Creek and there is snow on WWR to the trail head.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Procedures for: CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING

Beginning of Meeting – One Time Only

EXPLANATION OF HEARING PROCEDURES BY CHAIRMAN AT BEGINNING OF MEETING

- State the Date and Time
- Roll Call of Commissioners
- Read the Order of Items on the Agenda
- Explain each Agenda Item will go through the process of a Staff Report, Presentation by Applicant, Testimony of Proponents, Testimony of Opponents, Applicants Rebuttal, Deliberations, & Decision (*unless more information is needed*)
- If testifying come forward to microphone and give Name and Address for the record.
- Potential for Time Limit of 3 Minutes

Procedure for: Each Agenda Item

- ☐ ANNOUNCE THE ITEM (C.U.P. _____)
- ☐ OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING
- ☐ Ask if anyone has had **ex parte contact** or if anyone has a **conflict of interest**.
- ☐ STAFF REPORT
 - Written Correspondence
 - Questions for Staff
- ☐ PRESENTATION BY APPLICANT
- ☐ TESTIMONY OF PROPONENTS (Name and Address)
- ☐ TESTIMONY OF UNCOMMITTED (Name and Address)
- ☐ TESTIMONY OF OPPONENTS (Name and Address)
- ☐ REBUTTAL BY THE APPLICANT (If new information is provided – must reopen for other testimony.)
- ☐ CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING for Deliberations
- ☐ DEVELOP REASONED DECISIONS
- ☐ Inform public that there will be a **10 day appeal period** in which anyone can appeal the decision of the Commission to the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 3.04.12 Appeals of the Valley County Land Use and Development Ordinance.