

# Please add your voice-

## before Monday, March 1st

The Idaho Department of Lands is drafting a plan for the McCall area endowment lands, called the Payette Endowment Lands Strategy.(PELS)

### What the PELS is:

The PELS lays out a 20-year plan to sell, lease or trade endowment lands in the McCall area, including some of the public's most treasured places (the cliffs, Cougar Island) without any consideration of the health of Payette Lake.

### We advocate that the PELS SHOULD:

- Benefit Idahoans, not out-of-state investors! Maintain public access in perpetuity and prevent growing economic divisions in our community.
- Provide a comprehensive plan. Develop a broad set of goals for land preservation, uses, and development.
- Protect Payette Lake: our source of drinking water, economic health, and the heart of our town. Our elected officials have this duty under the public trust doctrine.
- Prohibit a wholesale disposition of endowment lands! It would not be in the long-term interest of the beneficiaries or the public.
- Develop new sources of revenue. Fill revenue gaps through conservation and recreation solutions.
- Balance long-term costs against anticipated revenues, when considering transactions on endowment lands.
- Align endowment lands with the realities and needs of the 21st century. The Land Board and IDL should fully exercise their discretion to accomplish this.
- Create a stakeholder advisory committee, to develop a robust plan and a template for endowment lands throughout the state.

***For PELA's detailed analysis of the IDL's draft Payette Endowment Lands Strategy visit [pelamccall.com](http://pelamccall.com)***

To submit your comments to Department of Lands visit [idl.idaho.gov/submit-a-comment/](http://idl.idaho.gov/submit-a-comment/). Deadline is March 1

