

United to Protect Our Endowment Lands

Access to the lands in and surrounding McCall is intrinsically woven into the history, culture, and economy of the town and the State of Idaho. Our love for these lands compels us to speak out against the Alec Williams/Trident Holdings LLC proposed swap of 28,000 acres in and around McCall for some unspecified timber lands in Northern Idaho.

The reason these lands have attracted this would-be developer is not only because of their unique beauty but also because Idahoans have worked to preserve the quality of the state and adjacent federal lands and their waters. Generations of local conservation efforts from the advocacy that created Ponderosa Park to the recent regulations protecting Payette Lake have generated a strong land ethic that makes this area a place people want to live. Trident intends to capitalize on all of this. Here are just a few of the problems with Trident’s proposal:

- Trident is proposing a business venture. As stated by Trident, making money for its investors is the company’s primary purpose, not preservation.

- Trident would gain complete control over 28,000 acres, all within the North Fork Payette watershed. These lands extend from three miles south of Upper Payette Lake, on both sides of the North Fork Payette River, along both sides of Payette Lake, then east to where Lake Fork Creek flows into Little Lake, and in a long block going

down the east side of the valley to Paddy Flat Road including Boulder Creek and Boulder Reservoir. This ownership would also give Trident significant leverage over other private lands in the area.

- Contrary to Trident’s statements and fuzzy math, these state lands are producing revenue for the state endowment fund, benefitting public education.

- The inestimable value of the state lands in and around McCall goes far beyond the dollar value of unspecified timber lands up North;

it includes water quality, wildlife habitat, recreation and aesthetic values, all of which generate valuable tourism revenue and tax dollars.

- The Idaho Land Board and Department of Lands recognize that access to state endowment lands provide an abundance of outdoor opportunities to the public that are “part of the fabric of Idaho’s history and culture.” The Land Board also recognized in its 2007 Asset Management Plan that some lands should be kept in perpetuity.

What we need and want, especially for our children and grandchildren, are forests to wander in, cliffs to climb, creek banks to scramble down, wildflowers and berries for the summer, and snow trails to explore in the winter. What we need and demand is protection for wildlife and our precious watershed. Public use of lands fosters love of the land and teaches us how to care for it. This is a most crucial skill for the 21st century.

—Paid By Citizens For Idaho

Join us, the undersigned, in saying NO to Alec Williams/Trident and YES TO WORKING WITH THE LAND BOARD AND STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP A LONG-TERM PLAN FOR THESE IRREPLACEABLE LANDS.

As of July 13th, Trident has postponed its July 21st presentation to the Land Board. Trident claims it wants to gather more public input and perhaps rework its proposal. Trident and its lobbyists will continue talking to individual members of the Land Board and they need to hear our voices, too. The huge response from the public is making an impact, and it is even more important that we keep it up.

The Most Important Way to Participate:
Contact the Land Board and state representatives with your concerns and ideas about how we can protect state lands from privatization.
comments@idl.idaho.gov or <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/contact-us/>

OR, to submit comments in person or via webinar, contact Renee Jacobsen rjacobsen@idl.idaho.gov

Also, sign the Idaho Wildlife Federation’s petition at:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/Olm819zeZk2mKDS8oHrUKA2>

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