



THE LAND REVIEW

INSIGHTS ON IDAHO CONSERVATION

Celebrating 26 Years
of Stewardship!

Winter 2019

"Like winds and sunsets, wild things were taken for granted until progress began to do away with them. Now we face the question whether a still higher 'standard of living' is worth its cost in things natural, wild and free." ~ Aldo Leopold

A Message from the desk of the Director

As the year comes to an end, the Payette Land Trust would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year. We don't exist without YOU!



A look back at tremendous decade of growth in Idaho

At the end of 2009 the Dow Jones was approximately 10,500 and the housing market was settling into its bottom. What a difference 10 years makes, current price of the Dow Jones Industrial Average as of December 27, is 28,645.26 and the housing market is stronger than any of us could have imagined.

What does the future hold

In a May 3, 2019 article from KTVB on the population in the Treasure Valley "... One million people here in the next 20 years... COMPASS's population density map from 2010 shows the [Treasure] valley's population at 580,000. Recent data estimates the current valley-wide population at 710,000. The projection for 2040 is over 1 million with 30 to 40 people per acre living in the pockets in Meridian and Boise"



As Boise grows so will the West Central Mountains

Photo from KTVB article May 3, 2019

It is inevitable that we will see the side effects of a booming population in the Boise area. As the Snake River plain builds out, the push will come north up highway 55 and 95. The Payette-, Weiser- and Little- Salmon River basins will feel the pressure. The next 20 years will be a crucial time for us to decide what our mountain communities will become.

One thing I know, we live in a beautiful area with spectacular people who will rise to the challenge of conserving the place we call home.

If you haven't supported the Payette Land Trust in 2019 there is still time, just visit payettelandtrust.org to donate online or send your contribution to 309 E lake St. McCall Id 83638.

If you have supported us, THANK YOU! – Happy New Year