

Payette Land Trust

Conserving the rural landscape of West Central Idaho
a nonprofit 501 (c)3 Conservation Organization

Payette Land Trust Board Resolution

Date:11/14/20

Topic: Developing Conservation Easement Protocol with Idaho State Land Board.

Whereas, Payette Land Trust's (PLT) mission is to protect for future generations the scenic, agricultural, ranch, recreational, historic, and wildlife values of the region; and

Whereas, PLT released the Payette River Basin Initiative (Initiative) in June of 2019 as a guiding document relating to PLT actions and projects in the Basin; and

Whereas, the Initiative prioritizes and defines three project areas, one being the Payette Lake Conservation Project; and

Whereas, the Initiative defines an area of concern within one half mile of the high-water mark around the Big Payette Lake (Lake); and

Whereas, PLT believes the entire Lake shore is already significantly developed and increased private development within the remaining undeveloped areas on State Endowment lands will accelerate the degradation of the remaining conservation values; and

Whereas, PLT's preferred strategy is to work with the Idaho State Land Board to develop conservation easement protocol before any further decision on the remaining Endowment Lands located within the area of concern are made; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Payette land Trust will pursue a proposal to Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) for a Conservation Easement on IDL identified "Parcel G", not only to conserve "Parcel G" but to establish protocol for future conservation easements.