

MASTER PLAN



HOMESTEAD

- **Barnyard:** Renovations to the barn and yards are needed. Educational components within the barn, the addition of terraces and improved entrance/exit gates will improve guest experience.
- **Black bears:** Black bears will serve as the marque exhibit and major capital improvement is required.
- **Barn owl, American crow, raccoon, turkey vulture:** A series of smaller exhibits that will transition from a farm to pasture.
- **Idaho Fossil Playground:** The primary play area for the zoo that focuses on the rich fossil history of Idaho.
- **Elk/Mule Deer:** The exhibit will begin the transition from the Homestead to Mountains region.



MOUNTAINS

- **Elk/Mule Deer:** The exhibit will begin the transition from the Homestead to Mountains region. The elk and mule will also be the first of three exhibits which includes a wildlife overpass that demonstrates how to reduce human/wildlife conflict while connecting important wildlife corridors.
- **Small mammals and raptors:** A series of transitional exhibits that include animals found in both the Homestead and Mountain regions.
- **Wolf:** An important apex predator that is re-establishing within Idaho.
- **Woodland Caribou:** The southern Selkirk caribou population, including Idaho is listed as endangered. The exhibit will offer guests unique educational and conservation experiences.
- **Big Horn Sheep:** The exhibit will be located along the south path lava bench and include a wildlife overpass.



ENTRANCE

- Incorporating a firewise demonstration garden.
- ADA compliant path that serpentine through the firewise garden.
- Two story log cabin with entrance and exit, gift shop and snack center.
- Convenient stroller/wagon/wheelchair rentals and water bottle stations.
- Interactive North American river otter exhibit that sets the days excitement.



GRASSLANDS

- **Cougars:** The old coyote exhibit will be renovated for cougars. Due to the cougar's extensive range throughout Idaho they will act as a transition exhibit from the Mountains region to Grasslands region.
- **American Badger/Burrowing Owl:** Two charismatic animals found throughout the grasslands and arid regions of Idaho.
- **Bison/Pronghorn Antelope:** The final exhibit with a wildlife overpass. The exhibit will wrap around the grizzly bear exhibit and create an immersive experience.
- **Grizzly Bears:** Marque zoo exhibit with an amazing view of Scout Mountain.
- **Train Station:** The destination guest amenity for children and adults that travels around the Grasslands and Wetlands Region.



WETLANDS

- **Trumpeter Swans:** In conjunction with USFWS and IDFG the Zoo will house a breeding pair of swans and begin to release the yearlings throughout the Bear Lake Region of Southeast Idaho.
- **Sandhill and Whooping Crane:** In conjunction with USFWS and IDFG the Zoo will begin a conservation program for both Sandhill and Whooping Cranes.
- **Butterfly House:** The butterfly house will focus on educating guests in developing pollinator gardens and focus on Monarch butterfly conservation.
- **Beaver:** A very active exhibit and a species that is of local concern along the Portneuf River.
- **Multiuse Camp:** An excellent revenue generating source that can be used for general public use and educational programs.



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- Is a long-term vision for the Zoo built on the mission of *preserving Intermountain West wildlife and habitat through conservation and education.*
- The plan capitalizes on the natural landscape, varying topography and pristine views found within the 25 acre facility to immerse guests in the beauty of the various Idaho ecosystems.
- Guests will explore and discover the diverse habitats of Idaho and how to live in conjunction with wildlife.
- The proposed vision for Zoo Idaho will be implemented over a 20-year period through collaboration between Zoo Idaho, the City of Pocatello, Zoo Idaho Zoological Society Board, and Zoo Idaho Zoological Society. Funding will be through both public and private sources. The design places efficiency and realistic costs as a priority.
- The master plan takes a long-term approach as to the direction of the development of the Zoo's site, facilities, and physical environment. The plan establishes a bold vision while at the same time offering realistic and feasible steps on how to accomplish the plan. The plan needs to reflect the community it serves, provide opportunities for support, and inclusiveness in the Zoo's success.

