

Part I – Agency Profile

The Idaho State Historical Society is an extraordinary system of cultural and historic resources comprised of the Idaho State Historical Museum, Idaho State Archives, State Historic Preservation Office, and the Historic Sites Program.

The Idaho State Historical Society helps people of all ages explore and appreciate Idaho's rich past, learn more about themselves, and illuminate our state's future.

Mission Statement:

Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) preserves and promotes Idaho's cultural heritage.

Vision:

Our vision is to inspire, enrich and engage all Idahoans by leading the state in preserving, sharing, and using history and cultural resources relevant to today to inform and influence the future.

Values:

Customer Service

- ISHS serves the historical needs of the entire state of Idaho
- ISHS directly supports State, Tribal, City, and County governments
- ISHS directly supports immediate information needs of the public
- ISHS directly supports teachers, students, families, tourists, and researchers
- ISHS responds to the needs of its customers through purposeful program development and assessment

Stewardship

- ISHS collects, preserves, and provides access to archaeological and historical artifacts and archival materials
- ISHS represents a statewide and national perspective and process that increases stewardship of historic buildings and sites
- ISHS sustains multiple sites and purposes in its work

Education

- ISHS teaches essential historical literacy and promotes learning and a historical/research process through public programs
- ISHS models an artifact/archival approach to ideas about people, places, and events
- ISHS uses a participant focus in program development

Professionalism

- ISHS is committed to making history a living resource for the people of Idaho through traditional programming and those that serve social needs
- ISHS is committed to implementing the highest professional practices possible in alignment with national state and local standards

Impact:

The Idaho State Historical Society offers services that are essential to the state on all levels, providing information and understanding to everyone from schoolchildren to members of the upper echelon of state government.

The Idaho State Historical Society is a trusted guide through the state's history and how it has shaped every aspect of our lives - our land, our communities, our government, and our people - while also illuminating how history sheds light on the future.

The Idaho State Historical Society is an active member of the state that engages the community by building on shared experiences and inspires further action and understanding.

The Idaho State Historical Society uses its resources to provide a window to the past for people of all ages, leading to a shared vision for the future.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Idaho Code, Title 67, Chapter 26, states that the Idaho State Historical Society is within the Department of Self-governing Agencies (67-2601).

Idaho Code 67-41 states that the agency's trustees shall:

- Identify, preserve, and protect sites, monuments, and points of interest in Idaho of historic merit (67-4114)
- Protect archaeological and vertebrate paleontological sites and resources on public land (67-4119)
- Govern the agency and administer the powers and duties required to preserve and protect any historical record of the history and culture of Idaho (67-4123). Senate Bill 1011 (2009), passed by the Senate and House and signed into law by the governor April 14, 2009, defines "historical record" as "any record, artifact, object, historical or archaeological site or structure, document, evidence or public or private writing pursuant to the provisions of title 9, Idaho Code, relevant to the history of the state of Idaho"
- Encourage and promote interest in the history of Idaho (67-4126 [2])
- Collect, preserve, and exhibit artifacts and information illustrative of Idaho history, culture and society (67-4126 [3])
- Facilitate the use of Idaho records for official reference and historical research (67-4126 [6])
- Be responsible for records management services for state government (67-4126 [7])
- Accept archival material from governments (67-4126 [8])
- Identify historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural sites, buildings, or districts, and to coordinate activities of local historic preservation commissions (67-4126 [14])
- Serve as the Geographic Names Board of the state (67-4126 [15])

Idaho Code 67-46 gives authority to the agency to carry out the preservation and protection of the state's historic, archaeological, architectural, and cultural heritage resources.

Idaho Code 33-39 provides for the creation of an Idaho Archaeological Survey and designates the State Archaeologist as director.

Idaho Code 27-501 assigns responsibilities to the agency for consultation, determination of appropriate actions, and providing for re-interment of human remains that have been disturbed.

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, assigns responsibility to the state historic preservation officer for administration of the national historic preservation program at the state level.

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
General Fund	2,578,400	2,201,200	2,117,600	2,325,100
Federal Grant	1,125,800	712,000	1,248,200	1,038,400
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,391,700	902,000	785,400	901,400
Records Center				213,600
Total	\$5,095,900	\$3,815,200	\$4,151,200	\$4,478,500
Expenditure	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personnel Costs	2,737,400	2,546,300	2,514,000	2,710,400
Operating Expenditures	1,600,300	1,113,300	1,000,300	1,469,600
Capital Outlay	429,800	133,400	134,200	167,100
Trustee/Benefit Payments	126,700	153,200	111,000	147,300
Total	\$4,894,200	\$3,946,200	\$3,759,500	\$4,494,400

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

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	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Number of public inquiries-research requests served by Idaho State Archives	14,886	15,848	22,547	*8,612
Number of paid visitors to the Historical Museum	21,762	20,619	22,228	31,780
Number of students (K-12) served by educational programs at the Historical Museum	11,776	8,167	8,414	9,680
Number of students participating in Idaho History Day statewide program	1,000	1,250	1,285	1,433
Sponsored Programming - State Museum (First Thursdays, Museum Comes to Life, Brown Bag Lectures, etc. - counted)	13,336	10,863	8,530	15,465
Number of paid visitors to the Old Pen Site	33,423	39,398	42,023	42,825
Sponsored Programming - Old Pen (International Museum Day - Counted)	2,867	1,020	1,913	1,193
SHPO Federal project reviews	1,325	1,548	1,758	1,488
SHPO Record searches completed	366	343	416	393
SHPO Sponsored Programming - Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month (est.)	2,500	2,500	2,597	2,450
Visitation at Franklin, Pierce, and Stricker Sites (est.)	4,000	4,000	4,300	4,300

*Denotes new method of tracking

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY2012	FY2013	Benchmark
Number of daily page views on the Web Site (average time spent 2.5 minutes per user session)	4,282	1,757	1,640	1,812	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year
Number of paid visitors to Historical Museum and Old Penitentiary	55,185	60,017	64,351	74,605	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year
Number of federal projects reviewed for compliance with Section 106 and done within 30 day deadline **	1,325	1,528	1,758	1,488	100% compliance with federal law
Cubic feet of material added to the State Archives	2,750	6,997	4,100	919	In accordance with records retention program standards
Idaho Historical and Archaeological Sites <u>Added</u> to the Sites Inventory	1,927 (1,153) Archeological sites (774) Historic or architectural sites	1,548 (690) Archeological sites (858) Historic or architectural sites	1,566 (784) Archeological Sites (782) Historic or architectural sites	1,843 (1,107) Archeological sites (736) Historic or architectural sites	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year
Idaho Historical and Archaeological Sites <u>Updated</u> in the Sites Inventory	918 (317) Archeological sites (601) Historic or architectural sites	1389 (447) Archeological sites (942) Historic or architectural sites	1190 (847) Archeological Sites (343) Historic or architectural sites	1033 (700) Archeological sites (333) Historic or architectural sites	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year
Funds invested in Preservation programs by Local Jurisdictions through Agency re-granting programs, including Certified Local Governments (CLG); Lewis and Clark; State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB); and Community Enhancement Grant Programs	\$126,700	\$153,200	\$111,000	\$147,300	As required by law or program policy

Get Territorial: Idaho at 150

Governor Otter appointed the ISHS to serve as the lead agency in the commemoration of the state of Idaho's Territorial Sesquicentennial. President Abraham Lincoln created the Idaho Territory on March 4, 1863. The goals of this commemoration include:

- Enhancing our state by helping people of all ages learn and appreciate the territorial roots of contemporary Idaho and create lasting legacies for the future;
- Creating economic opportunities through the development of heritage tourism experiences;
- Empowering Idahoans to learn more about Idaho's heritage and to get involved in their respective communities to commemorate the 150-year milestone.

Numerous state agencies, tribes, and local government entities participated through a customizing toolkit and branding materials produced by the ISHS. The March 4, 2013 Capitol Steps ceremonial event was superbly successful and engaged legislative and judicial branches of government, featured Governor and First Lady Otter, and further involved tribal leaders, Consul of Mexico in Boise, office of Mayor Bieter, students, re-enactors, the Idaho National Guard, Lincoln scholars, state agencies, and media sponsors including KTVB Newsgroup and Idaho Public Television.

March 4, 2013 activities, including the Capitol Steps ceremony and the opening of *Essential Idaho: 150 Things that Make the Gem State Unique* exhibition at the Idaho State Historical Museum, served over 2,000 people in attendance, earned \$355,000 of media coverage, and reached 1.9 million people in Idaho, Utah, and Washington through a variety of media stories.

ISHS Legacy Projects of the Idaho at 150 initiative

To foster a more meaningful exploration of our history and create a permanent legacy of Idaho's territorial sesquicentennial, ISHS raised private funds for and delivered several projects in FY 2013, and will complete multi-year projects in FY 2014 and beyond.

Merle W. Wells Research Center:

ISHS dedicated the "Merle W. Wells Research Center" at State Archives. Wells, who died in 2000, began his career as a volunteer with ISHS in the 1940s, joined the staff in 1956, and retired in 1986. During that time he established the State Archives, State Historic Preservation Office, and the state highway historical marker program. The decision to name the facility during Idaho at 150 was especially appropriate, for no historian has written more about Idaho's territorial period.

Essential Idaho: 150 Things That Make The Gem State Unique exhibition:

This special exhibit at the State Historical Museum features 150 items nominated by organizations and individuals across Idaho representing Idaho's diverse landscape, remarkable people, and fascinating history. The exhibition opened to the public on March 5, 2013.

Ida Visits 150 Years of Idaho History children's book:

In partnership with First Lady Lori Otter, the ISHS and Foundation for Idaho History researched, planned, and produced a special sesquicentennial book, as part of the "Ida" series of children's books. This book will be released in the fall of 2013.

Idaho Landscapes publication:

In partnership with Idaho State University and the University of Idaho, the Idaho State Historical Society produced a special issue of the journal entitled *Idaho: 1863* which focused on Idaho history during territorial times.

Abraham: Lincoln's Legacy for Idaho:

This unique exhibition, located at the State Archives, emphasizes and celebrates the Lincoln connection to Idaho. The 1,200-square-foot exhibit illuminates Abraham Lincoln's impact on the development of Idaho and the west and features the most comprehensive collection of books, documents, images, and artifacts related to this topic. The exhibition opens in November 2013.

Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month:

This statewide educational outreach program is offered annually each May through partnerships with libraries, historical societies, museums, schools, government agencies, and private companies. Thousands of Idahoans learn about Idaho's cultural heritage through programs about archaeological and historical sites, historic architecture, preservation, and landscapes which have been discovered and recorded throughout Idaho. In 2013, over 2,500 Idahoans learned about the territorial era of Idaho through statewide programming.

Bear River Massacre National Historic Landmark:

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has received a Historic Battlefield Protection Grant to review and understand remaining archaeological signature of the site and establish a local community advocacy group.

150 Years of Idaho Fashion online exhibition:

This unique online exhibition will showcase clothing and textiles from the past 150 years from the rich collection of the ISHS. This web-based project will provide the ultimate opportunity for a world-wide audience to learn how the collection intersects with Idaho history.

Idaho Territory, 1863-1890 traveling exhibition:

With funding assistance from the Idaho Humanities Council, ISHS developed an easily transportable traveling exhibit that discusses the political foundations of territorial Idaho and how the politics of the territorial era continue to shape Idaho today. The exhibit is available for use in schools, libraries, museums, malls—virtually wherever people gather. To facilitate greater use, the Society produced two exhibits, both alike, so they can be traveling in different parts of the state simultaneously.

Newspaper Digitization program:

The Idaho State Archives has received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to digitize 100,000 page views of Idaho territorial-era newspapers.

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