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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Quotes

"Thank you so much to all the employees at Idaho Public Television who contributed! Please let them all know how much we appreciate the financial assistance! We are so blessed to be part of such a generous and caring public TV family. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thanks for making a difference! Much love, Nancy Tooraen, Louisiana Public Broadcasting" (Louisiana disaster relief donations)



"I just want to thank you for producing this program. I have lived in Idaho since 1971, my husband being transferred to Mountain Home Air Force Base. When it was time to retire the decision was made to stay in Boise. I have been all over the state but it has only been in watching your show that I have been convinced that no mistake was made in that decision. I am almost 78 so some of the adventures are no longer in my reach. However, I can get instant and constant gratification on Channel 4 on a regular basis. Once again, thank you!! Marlys"

Best in Broadcasting Award



The Idaho State Broadcasters Association holds a Best in Broadcasting statewide awards program that shows off the "best of the best" in both TV and radio. Each year in August, the ISBA holds an awards banquet where all the broadcasters from around the state come together to celebrate those who have been awarded the ISBA "Best in Broadcasting."

I'm pleased to announce that IdahoPTV won Best Investigative Report at the Idaho State Broadcasters Association Awards Banquet on Saturday, August 13, for Idaho Reports "Four-Day School Weeks." Congratulations to Seth Ogilvie, Melissa Davlin, Kevin Richert, and Troy Shreve.



In addition, we have won five awards in the Videographer Awards (a national competition).

(Excellence is their first place award and Distinction is their second place award)

Award of Excellence:

Outdoor Idaho "The Frank," Issue
Jay Krajic, Peter Morrill, Jeff Tucker, and Chuck Cathcart

Award of Distinction:	Idaho Reports "Orofino," News Story Seth Ogilvie and Troy Shreve
	Outdoor Idaho "Idaho Headwaters," Documentary Jay Krajic, Peter Morrill, John Crancer, and Aaron Kunz
Honorable Mention:	Outdoor Idaho "Health of our Lakes," Public Affairs Jay Krajic, Pat Metzler, and Chuck Cathcart
	Outdoor Idaho "My Excellent Adventure," Information Jay Krajic, Sauni Symonds, Pat Metzler, and John Crancer

Idaho Public Television Touches Thousands of Lives in Fiscal Year 2016

IdahoPTV Supports Children and Education



14,636 hours of programming for children under the age of 12.

395 K-3 students contributed **entries** for the annual PBS Writers Contest, coming from **63 different communities** and **29 classroom teachers**. **36 students** received a regional certificate for first, second or third place in their grade level. **220 family members and friends** attended celebrations for the regional winner in Boise, Pocatello and Moscow. **9 judges** contributed their time and expertise.

105 third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders took part in Science Trek Overnight Science Camp, sponsored by IdahoPTV and Idaho Museum of Natural History for the 28th year on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello. Students interacted with scientists and witnessed demonstrations that ranged from gases, lasers and aerospace to fossils, reptiles, plants and paleontology.



8,246 people accessed learning objects through Scout/PBS Learning Media.

2,546,590 page views on the Science Trek website; the half-hour science show for elementary students produced **9 new television shows** during the school months.

IdahoPTV Builds Community

55 national and regional awards were received for programs and websites that IdahoPTV produced, including **1 regional Emmy Award**, following the announcement of **6 Emmy nominations**.



31 public events throughout Idaho were attended by a total of **3,972 people**.

58,848 people on Facebook liked these pages: Idaho Public Television (**4,346**); Outdoor Idaho (**51,468**); DIALOGUE (**1,412**); Idaho Reports (**1,622**).

14,266 followers on Twitter signed on for Idaho Public Television (**5,707**), Idaho Reports (**6,785**), and Dialogue (**1,774**).

1,011 subscribers follow Idaho Public Television's YouTube channel.

Idaho Reports published **52 blog posts** and has **13,579 followers**.

5,238,581 page views on the Idaho Public Television website by **1,901,477 visitors**.



634,031 page views on the IdahoPTV online video player.



35,040 hours of programming broadcast **24 hours a day** across **4 digital channels**, including the main Idaho Channel, delivered free over-the-air from transmitters in Coeur d'Alene, Moscow, Boise, Twin Falls, Pocatello and Idaho Falls — and from **48 translators**.

98.4% of Idaho's population is within our signal coverage area.

In the Community

WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP
EMPOWERING THROUGH KNOWLEDGE
SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2016

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Telling Idaho's Stories

Celebrating women in leadership who inspire and empower young women and girls to be fearless in reaching for their dreams and achieving their fullest potential.

DIALOGUE
Marcia Franklin
Producer/Writer/Host

SCIENCE TREK
Joan Carlin-Hansen
Producer/Writer/Host

IDAHO REPORTS
Melissa Davlin
Producer/Writer/Host

OUTDOOR IDAHO
Sauni Symonds
Producer/Director

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Please join us...

IDAHO PUBLIC TELEVISION'S
Annual Preview Luncheon

See what's new for 2016-17 from PBS programming and the IdahoPTV production team.

Thursday, September 15, 2016
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
(Program begins promptly at 11:40 AM)

Château des Fleurs
at Camille Beckman

176 South Rosebud Lane • Eagle, ID 83616

Lunch provided by Le Coq d'Or Restaurant

Space is limited! RSVP required by September 8 to rsvp@idahoptv.org



On Wednesday, August 24, award-winning freelancer Kris Millgate spoke at a wildlife film fest in Island Park. She showed several video shorts, including Outdoor Idaho “Valley of the Tetons.”



On August 26, host and executive producer Bruce Reichert introduced and showed video clips from the following Outdoor Idaho shows: “A Sawtooth Celebration,” “Idaho’s Salmon,” and “Idaho Headwaters” at the Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association’s 2016 Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series. He also showed a video clip about the newly designated Boulder White Clouds wilderness. There were 100 people in attendance.

For our final 50th anniversary celebration event, Bruce Reichert was a special guest at a free outdoor movie night on August 27 in Stanley. Outdoor Idaho “A Sawtooth Celebration” was shown to the audience.



On August 26, education specialist Cindy Lunte made a presentation and hosted a table at the 2016 Idaho AfterSchool Network Power Up Summit for educators. The presentation highlighted the amazing videos and support materials available for teachers online from PBS and IdahoPTV and the many other educational resources we are offering to children around the state, from live virtual tours of the state Capitol to STEM events. In September, several IdahoPTV staff will attend the National Educational Telecommunications Association conference in Baltimore, MD to learn ways to improve our educational outreach and better serve the needs of Idaho families and teachers.

Our IdahoPTV Productions



—Airs Fridays at 8 p.m., beginning September 16

IdahoPTV’s weekly look at government and politics returns to the airwaves in an expanded fall schedule. Hosts Melissa Davlin and Aaron Kunz look at the impact of legislation in Idaho, as well as talk with citizens from communities around Idaho about the issues impacting their lives.



“Shakespeare’s First Folio”

—Airs Friday, September 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Host Marcia Franklin talks with professor Eric Rasmussen, an expert on Shakespeare, about a current exhibit at Boise State University of a rare Shakespeare First Folio. First published in 1623, the First Folio includes almost all of Shakespeare’s plays. Rasmussen located 232 copies of the book, 72 more than were originally thought to exist.



“Rescuing Refugees”

—Airs Friday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Host Marcia Franklin talks with David Miliband, the president and CEO of the International Rescue Committee, a humanitarian and resettlement agency working in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States. Miliband discusses the causes of recent mass migrations as well as concerns over Syrian refugees and terrorism.



“Computers”

—Airs September 20, 2016, at 2/1 p.m. MT/PT

The computing power in today’s cell phones is much higher than all the processing power of all the computers on the Apollo 11 Lunar Lander that put two men on the moon. Computers can be found in everything from our refrigerator to our car. But how does this amazing technology work? On this month’s Science Trek, host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests will answer students’ questions about computers. She will be joined by Tim Andersen, chair of the Computer Science department at Boise State University, and Flossie Erben, Firmware Program Manager at HP, Inc. X, HP. Viewers will also visit a class at the Discovery Center of Idaho and experience an unexpected way students learn to code.

In the News

Idaho Statesman

OUTDOORS BLOG

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In Idaho's Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness, 'you don't see anybody'

BY CHADD CRIPE

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Editor's note: Playing Outdoors writer Chadd Cripe last month joined the crew from "Outdoor Idaho" on a journey into the rarely explored Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness. This is the second of a four-part blog series detailing that trip. The third part, about climbing Ryan Peak, will appear in Wednesday's newspaper.

Previously: Part I: 'It's gonna hurt'

Michael Scott, co-owner of White Cloud Outfitters in Challis, arrived this morning (July 24) to pack our gear for the trek to our wilderness base camp. He couldn't drive the road to the trailhead with a horse trailer, so the horses walked 3 miles just to collect our stuff.



Bruce Reichert, right, and Peter Morrill take a break from hiking on our first day in the Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness. Chadd Cripe
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Scott brought seven horses and one mule — five animals to carry our supplies (estimated at 740 pounds), two to carry Scott and assistant Dan Wagner and one to carry a member of our party with foot problems (more on that in the third installment).

Scott needed a one-time permit to operate in the Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness. He operates here most of the year but doesn't have a permit for summer recreation — no one does, he said.

He applied with the U.S. Forest Service three years ago but hasn't received an answer, he said.

Scott hopes to offer trips into the Boulders to reduce congestion in the more popular White Clouds, which is rich with alpine lakes.

"How much nicer is it to disperse use into a place that's not getting it?" he said.

We got a sense of just how little use the Hemingway-Boulders gets — and particularly from the north side — by looking at the check-in sheet at our trailhead.

We were the eighth party to sign the sheet since June 6 — and the first in a week.

"It's some of the wildest country in here," Scott said. "You'll see the trails aren't big highways like what exists over in Little Boulder and Big Boulder (in the White Clouds), where you can't park a vehicle at the trailhead. Here, you don't see anybody. Very, very little use in this area here. That's probably one of the neatest things about it."

The area primarily is used for hunting, Scott said. Peak-baggers and backpackers use it, too, but often start from the Sun Valley side to the south.

“It’s not targeted, I feel, because there’s not a lot of high-mountain lakes in here that really attract the people,” he said. “Your diehard backpackers, they like to come into this kind of country because of the solitude and what it offers in that respect. You’re not with the hordes of Boy Scouts that are over in the lake chains. Everywhere you go on the other side, it’s a lot of people.

“There are places you can get away from people.”

In fact, the only people we saw during our hike to base camp were those in our party — a total of nine — and the two outfitters.

After we all watched the outfitters pack the gear — including a 90-pound cooler — we started the day with a refreshing (positive spin) creek crossing. The water in West Pass Creek was stunningly cold.

After a second creek crossing about a half-mile from the trailhead, I retired my water shoes and switched to hiking shoes. Quickly, we were able to see Glassford Peak — the 11,602-foot behemoth that we discussed climbing on our way to base camp and now have decided likely is out of our reach for this trip.

We’re not alone.

“It looks like it’s right there, but it’s so far back there,” said Betsy Mizell, a community engagement associate for the Idaho Conservation League in Ketchum. “It teases me.”

At 2.4 miles, the trail was washed out by a creek and a large log crossed the trail. Scott removed the log with his crosscut saw (no chainsaws allowed in the wilderness) and the horses marched on.

At 2.7 miles, a wide creek ran through the trail. A well-placed log allowed for a balance-beam crossing for the humans.

At 2.76 miles (and 727 feet of elevation gain), we reached the turn toward the West Pass Creek valley that would be our home for the rest of the trip. The trail wasn’t visible but a cairn (stack of rocks) marked the spot to turn.



Instead of turning, a few of us stayed on the old mining road toward Falling Star Mine. The side trip added less than a mile to our trip and was well worth the effort. An old A-frame building — perhaps used for storage — caught the eye first. But the real treat was the mine entrance. The floor of the tunnel is covered with a thick layer of ice.

Tim Tower, the chief financial officer at Idaho Public Television and a volunteer photographer for this trip, and I walked into the mine about 15 yards or so to take photos. The rock on the side walls was so soft that it crumbled in our hands.

We returned to the trail toward base camp, a 1.4-mile trip with 677 feet of elevation gain (so the total hike from the parking area to base camp was 4.16 miles). Along the way, we were treated to gorgeous views of the impressive, red ridge line that runs along the eastern edge of the Hemingway-Boulders, many small waterfalls in the creek and wildflowers of red, yellow, white, purple and orange. Twice, the trail — which was in surprisingly good shape, perhaps because the horses plowed the way — turned from dirt into a field of stones.

I tried to capture the beauty and grandeur of the area in photographs — but I'm not a good enough photographer for that. The base of the ridge line was one massive field of loose rock (scree).

Our base camp was set up on the opposite side of the creek from the trail, on an incredible, sloping meadow. The creek, losing elevation so fast that there were tiny waterfalls everywhere, rushed past our tents. The valley descended to the northwest, from where we came. To the east was the red, 10,000-foot-plus ridge line. To the west were more jagged, red mountains.

And to the south was West Pass — a 10,060-foot ridge that we know we are going to have to cross at least twice this week.

Base camp is at 8,812 feet.

After we got settled, a small group of us set off into the rock face to the west to explore. We climbed 666 feet in 0.53 miles, fighting through rocks and brush, and discovered an amazing, U-shaped valley we didn't even know was there.

Bruce Reichert, the longtime host of "Outdoor Idaho," was making his first visit to this part of the state.

"The Sawtooths are rugged, but this has a little more spookiness to it," he said as we soaked in the views from high above our base camp. "There's nobody to save your butt. They wouldn't even know how to get here."

Added Peter Morrill, the former general manager of Idaho Public Television and a volunteer videographer on this trip: "You do feel more isolated up here."

Dan King of Boise, a volunteer who has joined several "Outdoor Idaho" trips, also made the spontaneous climb.

"This is the kind of stuff I like — not sitting at camp," King said.

He also is a first-time visitor to this area.

"Gorgeous," he said of our hike. "If I would have known about it, I probably would have been here sooner."

The lack of lakes may keep some away, King said, but the lack of people is a draw for him.

"I try to go where there isn't anybody," he said. "And then you also know they don't have the same photos, because if you pull off the side of the road, everybody's got that one shot. You're not going to do any better than anyone else. This just gives you a different angle that's something that maybe they haven't seen before.

"... I take photos as a hobby. I show my friends — a lot of them appreciate seeing what I do. A lot of them can't get up here, so it's kind of rewarding to show them the beautiful country that we live in."



At dinner, there was much debate about Monday's itinerary. The big issue was how to get video and photos from the top of Ryan Peak, the highest mountain in the Boulders at 11,714 feet, with "good light."

The verdict: We'll begin our climb mid-morning, take our time and leave a couple people behind to get shots near sunset.

For me, it will be the highest peak I've hiked. Can't wait.

For additional stories on this adventure from Chadd Cripe, see:

<http://www.idahostatesman.com/outdoors/playing-outdoors/article93418572.html>

<http://www.idahostatesman.com/outdoors/hiking/article93431787.html>



Castle Peak with Outdoor Idaho

Date of trip: 08/13/2016
 Mileage: 13 Miles
 Elevation Gain: 6000 Feet
 Time: 16 Hours
 Class: 3
 Partners: Carrie, Sauni, Tom, Jay, Zach, Tim
 GPS Track: NA

Peaks Climbed on Trip:							
Peak Name	Elevation	Prominence	Range	Close to	County highpoint	Range highpoint	Map
Castle Peak	11815	4035	White Cloud	Obsidian, Idaho	No	Yes	44.0398, -114.5867
Peak 10405	10405	305	White Cloud	Stanley, Idaho	No	No	44.0195, -114.6060

by Dan Robbins

Trip Report

3 years ago, friends and I climbed Gilmore Peak with the Outdoor Idaho cast for the show "Summit Idaho". I had a great time, the show turned out spectacular, and I really enjoyed hanging out with the producer Sauni and cameraman Jay.

Fast forward to this year and Sauni contacted me and asked if I would be interested in leading a trip up Castle Peak for a show called "Beyond the White Clouds" about the new Boulder-White Cloud wilderness area. I had previously done Castle Peak in 2002, but let her know I was interested.

We bounced around dates, but settled on a 4 day trip starting August 11th and ending August 15th.

She again let me choose my crew. Since my wife has been into climbing recently, I asked her. I then reached out to a few friends not on the previous show. Both accepted.

Instead of carrying heavy packs and eating dehydrated meals, Sauni arranged for horses to carry in our gear and they would provide beer and prepackaged meals. Dang, this is sounding great!

So we set off on August 11th to hike into Chamberlain Basin with just our day packs.

Just before the trip, 2 friends cancelled for important family issues. Luckily Tom Cox could make it on short notice (thanks Tom!). That left Carrie and me for the trip in, with Tom meeting us at the lake the next day.

We headed out around 1pm on Thursday, with the plan to hike to Washington Lake, hit the "splattski" cutoff over the ridge and then drop into Chamberlain Basin and hike to Lake 9197 (Lower Chamberlain Lake).

The crew for this trip was Zach and Jay (videographers), Tim (tripod carrier and still photographer), and Sauni the producer.

Once we got to Fourth of July Lake, we started filming. In 3 years, I had forgotten the filming routine. It basically goes like... let the crew setup, hike a few minutes, stop, let the crew go ahead a few minutes, let the crew setup... you get the idea.

I had also forgotten about being mic'd up, how the camera is in your face, etc... The process was all new to my wife and she was curious why I didn't explain to her in detail how she'd be doing close-ups and being asked questions - sorry dear :-)

We eventually made it up and over the steep gully and started dropping into Chamberlain Basin. In the grassy meadow below, we saw 5 mountain goats. My wife got to check that off her list and was very thrilled!

The crew filmed the goats and then caught up to us as we dropped to our home for the next 4 days. Sure enough our gear was there for us and we quickly setup tents and then ate a wonderful meal and enjoyed a beer before heading off to bed.

The next day Carrie and I were on our own as the crew interviewed a wilderness ranger, an ICL employee, and our horsepacker (for a different show). Later they would interview me about Castle Peak and then film Carrie fishing. A great low-key day before the big climb of Castle on Saturday. Tom arrived late Friday to finish off the hiking team.

With fires in the area, we just hoped for decent skies for the climb, but we dawned to perfectly blue skies on Saturday, just like they had been on Thursday and Friday.

The going was slow with the film crew... not because they couldn't move fast, but because they captured nearly every step up the peak we took.

Eventually we reached the final 400 feet of tough scrambling. Tom, Carrie and I climbed up it as they filmed below, then the crew brought the gear up and passed us to setup on top. Once we summited, they did interviews of all 3 of us, captured the views, and then we took dozens of group photos.

It was an awesome day. I was thrilled the whole crew made it to the top. Jay is still a stud, climbing up difficult class 3 terrain with a camera in one hand and a large pack on. The haze held off until late afternoon, so we climbed in clear skies most of the day.

We eventually descended with the camera put up now. Once off the steep section, I could relax a bit. Then once we hit the final 800 feet of descent it was almost laughable watching people slip and slide down the scree. I guess I laughed too hard, as they started rooting for me to fall. I almost did, but a pirouette saved face for me (to Jay's disappointment).

That night the beers and dinner tasted especially great and hanging out with the crew was awesome (hearing the stories of old episodes and the back office politics).

On Sunday, half the group hiked out on the trail, but three of us (Jay, Carrie, and myself) hit Peak 10405 and dropped into Washington Creek from there.

We met the others at Washington Lake and then headed out to the trailhead.

My wife and I both agreed that this one of our favorite trips to date. The people, the scenery, the food, the climb - all of it!

Getting There

Fourth of July trailhead located 15 miles south of Stanley off of Idaho 75 (turn east). Follow the gravel road (suitable for sedans) to the end of the road (about 15 miles). There is a large area for parking, toilets, etc. at the end of the road.