



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho is blessed with outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the great outdoors, enjoying our natural splendors in the company of family and friends old and new; and

WHEREAS, our kids today spend an average of ten hours a day in front of a screen and outdoor activity is touted by many leading health organizations as a remedy to the adverse effects caused by our increasing inactivity; and

WHEREAS, diverse Great Outdoors Month events including National Trails Day, National Get Outdoors Day, The Great Outdoors Month, National Day of Service, the Great American Campout, Kids to Parks Day and more help connect citizens of all ages to healthy fun outdoors; and

WHEREAS, other events during Great Outdoors Month such as National Fishing and Boating Week and National Marina Day provide all of us – especially our children – with exciting opportunities for recreation on the great waters of our state; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month, promoting activities including biking, swimming, hiking, climbing, paddling, fishing, hunting, boating and many more activities help us enjoy the physically and mentally healthful benefits of outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, enjoyment of the great outdoors enables us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserving and protecting our air, water, wildlife and lands, and contributing to conservation efforts through various licenses, taxes and fees; and

WHEREAS, recreationists are among the most active volunteers in Idaho, working on trails and in visitor centers and campgrounds, on ski slopes and removing invasive species, organizing outdoor programs and events and restoring habitat; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of outdoor recreation is large and growing, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures nationally and estimated at \$6.3 billion in Idaho, supporting some 65,000 jobs here; and

WHEREAS, many of our important cultural and historic events and traditions are linked to places in our state which are parts of national, state and local park systems; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries and recreationists making outdoor recreation opportunities available, and adds such new and needed features as improved trails through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim June 2015 to be

## **GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH**

in Idaho, and urge all citizens and visitors from other states and other lands to explore and enjoy, protect and conserve Idaho's great outdoors.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fifth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY

