

Mission Statement

Conservation and Education

Zoo Idaho is dedicated to preserving intermountain west wildlife and habitat through conservation and education.

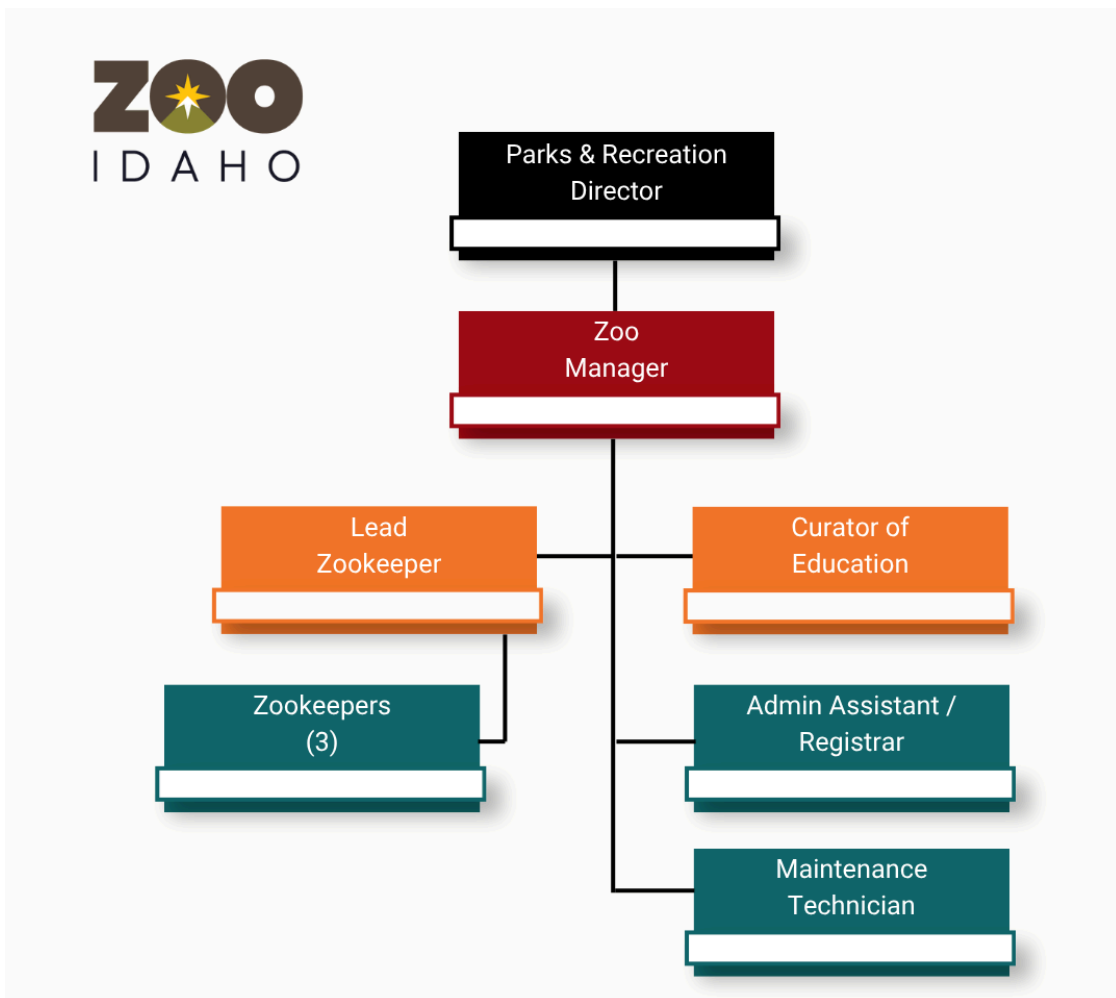
Rehabilitation of Non-releasable Wildlife

The zoo provides a home for non-releasable wildlife that would otherwise struggle to thrive in the wild.

Partnership with Idaho Fish and Game

The collaboration with Idaho Fish and Game ensures that Zoo Idaho is aligned with state wildlife management efforts, contributing to the overall well-being of Idaho's wildlife.

Department Organization



About the Department

In 2016, the former Pocatello Zoo, also known as the Ross Park Zoo, officially became Zoo Idaho. The name reflects the zoo's identity as an indigenous species zoo, which houses numerous orphaned or injured animals from the region who would thrive in the wild. Zoo Idaho is truly a zoo for the animals of Idaho. Zoo Idaho is also partnering with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and multiple zoos across the U.S. on a trumpeter swan reintroduction program.

With fewer animal sightings reported at Yellowstone Park, Zoo Idaho offers patrons a chance to see the animals they didn't see at Yellowstone including bears, bison, deer, elk, cougars, coyotes, eagles, owls, and more. Patrons especially enjoy the close encounters they can have with the zoo's grizzly bear, Shoni who exhibits many natural behaviors in her expansive setting.

Departmental Goals

- Completion of the North American badger exhibit and raptor complex and the renovation of the cougar exhibit.
- Education programing 12 months out of the year.
- Install a shaded pavilion rest area next to the grizzly exhibit.

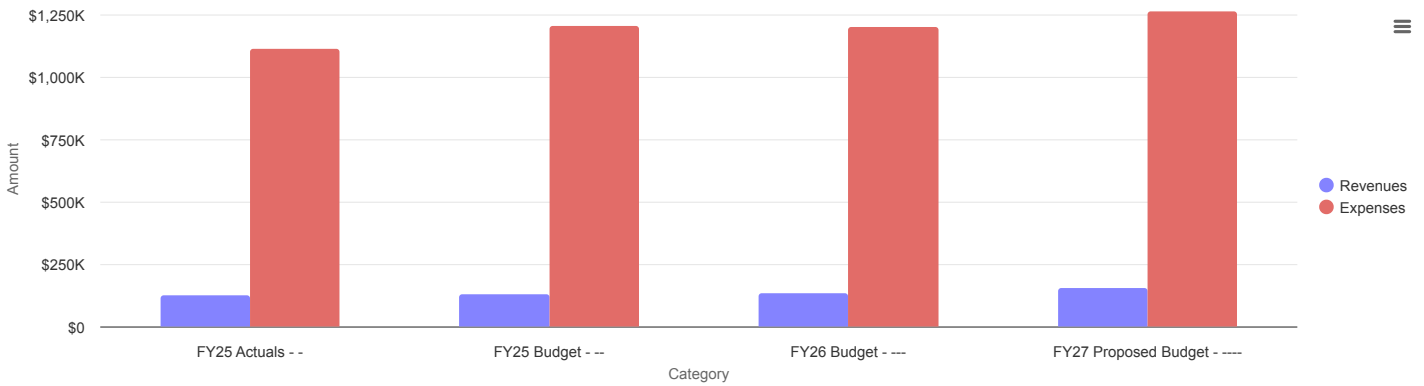
FY2027 Projects/Needs

- Black bear exhibit
- Path replacement/repair
- Guest shade rest areas
- SUV or minivan for Education Programming

Personnel

In Fund 004, we have budgeted for a 10% increase to seasonal fund line 10-03 and variable fund line 10-04.

Revenues vs Expenditures



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Revenues vs Expenditures Detail

	FY25 ACTUALS	FY25 BUDGET	FY26 BUDGET	FY27 PROPOSED BUDGET
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Revenues				
325-99-00 - Other	-	\$955	\$984	\$0
335-02-00 - Education Fees	\$10,748	\$14,558	\$14,995	\$14,995
381-03-00 - Admissions	\$77,015	\$88,285	\$90,934	\$90,000
381-04-00 - Vending Machines	\$659	\$0	\$0	\$700
381-06-00 - Concessions	\$24,930	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
382-40-00 - Donations	\$398	\$6,408	\$6,600	\$2,000
385-99-00 - Misc Revenue/Other	\$372	\$10,286	\$10,595	\$10,595
386-05-00 - Zoological Society Fees	\$8,091	\$10,609	\$10,927	\$10,927
392-05-00 - Sale of City Property	\$3,573	\$0	\$0	\$0
393-99-00 - Nonreciprocal	\$1,038	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES TOTAL	\$126,823	\$131,101	\$135,035	\$154,217
Expenses				
Salaries	\$496,816	\$535,858	\$557,569	\$588,967
Salary Related Expenses	\$207,836	\$246,227	\$236,082	\$281,907
Operations and Maintenance	\$101,549	\$88,447	\$89,552	\$89,552
Supplies and Materials	\$124,228	\$130,456	\$134,370	\$134,370
Professional and Contracted Services	\$98,532	\$90,876	\$46,737	\$46,737
Debt Service	\$3,978	\$3,742	\$3,854	\$3,854
Capital Outlay	-	\$25,750	\$25,000	\$25,000
Internal Services	\$69,972	\$73,110	\$98,514	\$83,946
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,678	\$2,678	\$0	\$0
Other	\$7,504	\$8,343	\$8,593	\$8,593
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$1,113,093	\$1,205,487	\$1,200,271	\$1,262,926
Rev - Exp	-\$986,270	-\$1,074,386	-\$1,065,236	-\$1,108,709

FTE Filled Positions

Position Name	1303
Allocated FTE Count	
ZOO REGISTRAR/ADMIN ASSISTANT	1
ZOO MANAGER	1
LEAD ZOOKEEPER	1
ZOO CURATOR OF EDUCATION	1
ZOO MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1
ZOO KEEPER	3
ALLOCATED FTE COUNT	8

FTE Vacant Positions

Position Name	
Allocated FTE Count	
ALLOCATED FTE COUNT	0

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