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Move250 Idaho Launches in Celebration of America's 250th Anniversary: Inviting All Idahoans to Explore, Connect, and Move Together

Boise, ID — In honor of America's 250th anniversary, participating state agencies with the America250 in Idaho Task Force: Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho State Historical Society, the Idaho Transportation Department, and the Idaho Department of Commerce, with Visit Idaho, are proud to announce the launch of Move250 Idaho. This year-long initiative invites participants to log 250 miles of movement across Idaho's remarkable trails, paths, historic highways, scenic byways, and waterways by foot, bike, horseback, car, or other self-powered means, while celebrating our country's shared history and the state's natural beauty.

"Idaho's landscapes and state parks offer endless opportunities for discovery," said Susan Buxton, Director of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. "With Move250 Idaho, we encourage everyone to get outside and explore the places that make Idaho unique. Our state is known for its natural splendor, and Move250 Idaho is a great reason to explore any of Idaho's 30+ state parks over the course of this celebratory year."

In addition to serving as a meaningful way to explore the state, Move250 Idaho also represents an amazing and inspiring collaboration across state agencies as we work together to honor American history. "History becomes relevant and essential when we experience it together," said Idaho State Historical Society Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer Janet Gallimore. "This campaign encourages unity and exploration not only of our state's natural places, but also places with historic significance, such as portions of the Lewis & Clark Trail, the Oregon Trail, or en route to other landmark destinations across the state."

Idaho Transportation Director Scott Stokes reminds us that "Idaho's roads, pathways, and scenic byways serve everyone, including drivers, cyclists, walkers, runners, and horseback riders. Because of that, safety and respect are essential as we enjoy Idaho's transportation network." Idaho is the nation's 14th largest state by total area, covering nearly 84,000 square miles. "With 3,100 miles of navigable whitewater, thirty-one scenic byways, and hundreds of miles of snowmobile routes, bike paths, and backcountry trails, the opportunities for movement are limitless," says Department of Commerce Director Tom Kealey. We invite everyone to spend time this year exploring the natural beauty and welcoming communities that make Idaho truly special. "There's always something new to discover," Kealey adds.

Move250 Idaho features a self-reporting platform where participants track miles and contribute stories to a statewide archive. Community partners and non-profits are invited to submit mileage or destination challenges over the next year to encourage participation in Move250 Idaho, and the America250 in Idaho Task Force welcomes opportunities to partner and support sponsored events and offer unique incentives throughout 2026.

The mileage self-reporting portal is now open at america250.idaho.gov/move250.



About America250 in Idaho:

America250 in Idaho is dedicated to advancing the ideals of the American Revolution—equality, liberty, and justice—through meaningful community engagement that recognizes, appreciates, and commemorates Idaho's journey within America's legacy. Our vision is to celebrate American history and highlight the invaluable contributions of Idahoans to our region, nation, and world. Guided by our core values, we invite all partners and communities to champion the pillars of *celebrate, honor, and recognize*—ensuring that every local initiative reflects the spirit, principles, and ethics of the America250 in Idaho commemoration.

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