

Conservation and Development at McCroskey State Park

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Presentation: The presenters will discuss how ongoing management challenges are being addressed, including the Palouse Prairie remnants near Sublime Point along Skyline Drive and trails. They will also talk about leveraging University of Idaho undergraduate coursework to enhance student learning, while advancing planning and management efforts for Mary Minerva McCroskey State Park. Attendees will be invited to consider next steps for developing collaboration and stewardship capacity at McCroskey State Park in a time of uncertainty and decreasing State appropriations.

Presenters: Nathan Blackburn is a Park Manager with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Dr. Chris Zajchowski and Dr. Mary Engels are faculty members at the University of Idaho in the Department of Natural Resources and Society. They have all been engaged in questions related to the conservation of the remnant Palouse Prairie at Mary Minerva McCroskey State Park. Many undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Idaho have been working on various aspects of conservation as part of courses or in graduate studies.

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