

Sandpoint RV Campground

- 21 sites
- Available May - October
- Sandpoint took ownership in 2021 after land swap with hotel owners
- \$109,000 revenue in 2023
- \$79,000 revenue in 2024 (five spots were closed for half the season due to hazard trees in railroad RoW)
- 2nd largest revenue source for parks capital improvements after moorage



Current Conditions

- Gravel surface
- No facilities
- 110v power & water
- No sewer hookups
- No landscaping
- Poor accessibility
- No "camp host" site
- Poor connectivity to rest of park
- Lacking in accessibility



RV Park Fund Grant

- **RV Fund:** Focused on upgrading RV Campground facilities.
- RV Campground generates \$79,000-\$109,000 annually for Parks Capital Improvement Fund.
- **Planned Upgrades:**
 - Restrooms, electrical systems, potential sewer connections.
 - Wi-Fi, ADA-compliant access, landscaping, way-finding enhancements.
- **Impact:** Enhanced visitor experience, increased revenue, improved accessibility.

City Beach Boat Launch – Current Conditions

- Concrete apron in poor shape, no access to water from eastern ramp
- Log boom, wood-decked, decades old and in rough shape
- Water at winter pool = low draft, in need of dredging for guaranteed boater



Waterways Improvement Fund Grant

- **Waterway Improvement Fund (WIF):** Dedicated to enhancing the boat launch for year-round access and emergency response.
- Boat launch supports recreational use and emergency response, especially vital due to anticipated low-water conditions.
- **Planned Upgrades:**
 - Dredging, extending concrete apron, adding dock for emergency watercraft.
 - Year-round access for recreational and emergency use.
- **Impact:** Supports tourism, economic growth, and

Economic and Community Benefits

Economic Growth:

- Boating tourism contributes significantly to local economy—26,000 watercraft inspections in 2024, many from out-of-state visitors.
- RV Campground provides affordable accommodation to a unique class of interstate and international visitors, who bring provide valuable spending to local economy.

Community Value:

- Improved facilities reinforce Sandpoint as a premier recreation destination.
- Enhancements align with City goals for safety, accessibility, and sustainability
- RV Campground reservation fees form 2nd largest

Conclusion

Investing in City Beach Park through these grants ensures critical infrastructure improvements, enhances visitor experience, and supports Sandpoint's long-term economic and recreational goals.

- **Council Action:** Approve resolution to authorize staff to apply for IDPR RV Fund and WIF grants.
- **Timeline:** Planning and design in 2025

