

Sample Letters

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Sample Letter to Governor Kempthorne

Dear Governor Kempthorne:

I would like to take this opportunity to urge your support for creation of a new Idaho state park on Moscow Mountain as part of your visionary Experience Idaho proposal. The future of this unique and beautiful part of Idaho's ecological heritage is in question as the lease between the state and The Nature Conservancy is due to expire at the end of this year. Creating a Moscow Mountain State Park would preserve this valued place forever.

From the lookout site where you can see all of north central Idaho spread out before you to the majestic ancient cedar grove, this land has been special to generations of Idahoans. I know you must hold a place in your heart for it as well as it was the site you and your wife chose for your wedding ceremony.

Sincerely,

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Sample Letter to Robert Meinen, IDPR Director

Dear Director Meinen:

Sometimes, opportunity just has to be seized. Coincident with the announcement by Governor Kempthorne of the Experience Idaho proposal, we heard that The Nature Conservancy would not be renewing their lease for the ancient cedar grove on Moscow Mountain. I am writing you today to ask for your support to include this unique and beautiful part of Idaho's ecological heritage as a new state park in the Experience Idaho package.

There is a long history of attempts to create a park from this land's ancient cedars and magnificent lookout vistas. The original timber sale map from 1957, when Department of Lands was responsible for state parks, clearly shows large areas designated "park". In 1975, Dr. Rex Daubenmeir (WSU) recommended this land be included in the National Park System as a National Natural Landmark. In 1987, Latah County advocates nominated this land for your department's consideration as the state's new Centennial Park. This land and its cathedral-like cedars are special to all who visit them, including Governor Kempthorne and Patricia who chose this site for their wedding ceremony.

We're aware that we are entering this process very late in the development of the Experience Idaho proposal. If we'd known The Nature Conservancy was going to relinquish their lease, throwing the future of this irreplaceable asset into question, we would have approached you sooner.

Sincerely,