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## Navigable Waters

Idaho's public trust lands are the lands submerged below the ordinary high water mark of navigable streams and rivers within the State. Title to these lands is held in trust and is administered for the public benefit rather than for a specific beneficiary.

### Where are Idaho's navigable waters?

- [List of Idaho Navigable Lakes and Rivers](#) (pdf)

This list of navigable lakes and rivers in Idaho is not exclusive. At any time, the State of Idaho may determine through court action or some other means that additional lakes and rivers will be declared navigable for title purposes.

The authority to conclusively determine navigability rests with the State Board of Land Commissioners and ultimately with the courts. However, Department employees may determine the location of the ordinary high water mark along public trust lands.



### Lake Protection Act

We administer the Idaho Lake Protection Act and regulate encroachments and activities on, in, or above the navigable lakes of the State of Idaho. Encroachments are anything permanently fixed to the lakebed or natural features of the lakebed (such as rocks). Examples of navigational and non navigational encroachments permitted by the IDL include docks, marinas, bridges, utility lines, mooring buoys, and float homes.

[Visit the Lake Protection page here.](#)

### Riverbed Administration

Additionally, the IDL administers ownership of public trust lands along navigable rivers by processing land disclaimers and issuing easements and riverbed leases for commodities such as sand and gravel.

[Visit the Riverbeds page here.](#)

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### Additional Information

- [Public Trust Doctrine](#)
- [Rules for Riverbed Leasing](#)
- [Rules for Easements on state owned submerged lands](#)
- [Rules regarding leases on state owned submerged lands](#)
- [Lake Protection Act](#)  
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## LAKES CONSIDERED NAVIGABLE FOR STATE TITLE PURPOSES

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>AUTHORITY FOR DESIGNATION</u>
1.	Alturas Lake	Blaine	State
2.	Anderson Lake	Kootenai	State
3.	Bear Lake	Bear Lake	State, Coast Guard
4.	Beaver Lake	Bonner	State
5.	Bell's Lake	Benewah	State
6.	Benewah Lake	Benewah	State
7.	Black Lake	Kootenai	State
8.	Blue Lake	Bonner	State
9.	Blue Lake	Kootenai	State
10.	Bonner Lake	Boundary	State
11.	Boulder Lake	Valley	State
12.	Box Lake	Valley	State
13.	Brush Lake	Boundary	State
14.	Cave Lake	Kootenai	State
15.	Chase Lake	Bonner	State
16.	Chatcolet Lake	Benewah	State, Coast Guard
17.	Cocolalla Lake	Bonner	State
18.	Coeur d'Alene Lake	Kootenai	State, Coast Guard
19.	Fernan Lake	Kootenai	State, Coast Guard
20.	Fish Lake	Clearwater	State
21.	Glidden Lake	Shoshone	State
22.	Granite Lake	Bonner	State
23.	Granite Lake	Valley	State
24.	Hauser Lake	Kootenai	State
25.	Hayden Lake	Kootenai	State
26.	Henry's Lake	Fremont	State
27.	Hidden Lake	Kootenai	State, Coast Guard
28.	Kelso Lake	Bonner	State
29.	Killarney Lake	Kootenai	State
30.	Louie Lake	Valley	State
31.	Medicine Lake	Kootenai	State
32.	Mirror Lake	Bonner	State
33.	Mud Lake	Jefferson	State
34.	Payette Lake	Valley	State
35.	Payette Lake, Little	Valley	State
36.	Payette Lake, Upper	Valley	State
37.	Pend Oreille Lake	Bonner	State, Coast Guard, Federal Court (194 Fed. Rep. 643, 600 F. Supp. 802), State Court (54 Idaho 700)
38.	Perkins Lake	Blaine	State
39.	Perkins Lake	Boundary	State
40.	Priest Lake	Bonner	State
41.	Priest Lake, Upper	Bonner	State

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>AUTHORITY FOR DESIGNATION</u>
42.	Redfish Lake	Custer	State
43.	Redfish Lake, Little	Custer	State
44.	Riordan Lake	Valley	State
45.	Robinson Lake	Boundary	State
46.	Rose Lake	Kootenai	State
47.	Round Lake	Benewah	State
48.	Round Lake	Bonner	State
49.	Samuels Lake	Bonner	State
50.	Sheppard Lake	Bonner	State
51.	Spirit Lake	Kootenai	State
52.	Stanley Lake	Custer	State
53.	Stevens Lake, Upper	Shoshone	State
54.	Stevens Lake, Lower	Shoshone	State
55.	Swan Lake	Kootenai	State
56.	Thompson Lake	Kootenai	State
57.	Turtle Lake	Benewah	State
58.	Twin Lake, Lower	Kootenai	State
59.	Twin Lake, Upper	Kootenai	State
60.	Warm Lake	Valley	State
61.	Williams Lake	Lemhi	State

## RIVERS CONSIDERED NAVIGABLE

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF NAVIGABILITY</u>	<u>SECTION (B.M.)</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1.	Blackfoot	Title	E boundary T3S, R38E	State
2.	Boise	Title	All	State, State Court (94 Idaho 121)
3.	Boise, Middle Fork	Title	Through T5N, R8E	State
4.	Boise, North Fork	Title	Through T5N, R7E	State
5.	Boise, South Fork	Title	Through T3N, R11E	State
6.	Buffalo	Title	Through S21, T13N, R44E	State
7.	Clark Fork	Title	All	State, Coast Guard (to a entrance into point 4 miles above Pend Oreille Lake)
8.	Clearwater	Title	All	State, Coast Guard, State Court (29 Idaho 401, 438)
9.	Clearwater, Middle Fork	Title	All	State
10.	Clearwater, North Fork	Title	Through T40N, R7E	State, Coast Guard (upstream to Beaver Creek)
11.	Coeur d'Alene	Title, R/W	Through T51N, R3E	State, State Court (12 Idaho 723)
12.	Eagle Creek	Right-of-Way		State Court (20 Idaho 695)
13.	Kootenai	Title	All	State, Coast Guard (from Canadian border to Bonners Ferry)
14.	Lochsa	Title	Through T33N, R7E	State
15.	Moyie	Title	All	State, Federal Court (157 Supp. 931)
16.	Pack	Title	Downstream from NPRR bridge to its mouth	Coast Guard
17.	Payette	Title	All	State
18.	Payette, N Fork	Title	To Payette Lake	State
19.	Payette, S Fork	Title	Through T9N, R9E	State
20.	Pend Oreille	Title	All	State, Coast Guard
21.	Priest	Title	All	State
22.	Pritchard Creek	Right-of-Way		State Court (20 Idaho 695)
23.	St. Joe	Title	Through T45N, R7E (mouth to hwy. bridge 3/4 mile east of St. Joe City)	State, Coast Guard
24.	St. Maries	Title	Through S9, T45N, R2W	State
25.	Salmon	Title	Through T10N, R13E	State, State Court (26 Idaho 745, 99 Idaho 793)
26.	Salmon, Middle Fork	Title	Through S12, T14N, R9E	State
27.	Salmon, South Fork	Title	Through T20N, R6E	State
28.	Selway	Title	Through T32N, R7E	State
29.	Silver Creek	Right-of-Way		State Court (96 Idaho 360)
30.	Snake	Title, R/W	All	State, Coast Guard (Idaho-Washington border to Guffy Dam Site), Federal Court (227 US 229), State Court (29 Idaho 438)
31.	Snake, Henry's Fork	Title	All	State
32.	Spokane	Title	Cd'A Lake to Post Falls Dam	State, Federal Court (775 F.2d 305)