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July 8, 1981

Mr. Robert Buffington
State Director, Bureau of Land Management
Federal Building
550 West Fort
Boise, Idaho 83724

Dear Mr. Buffington:

The enclosed Management Plan and proposed Site Development graphic represent the course of action for Military Reserve as outlined by the Boise Park Department. Required Department of the Interior forms are also enclosed to facilitate consolidation of the various tracts and lots into a single patent deed.

With the consolidation and receipt of a new patent deed as the objective of this submittal, the Boise Park Department herein formally petitions for a new patent for Military Reserve under the Recreation & Public Purposes Act.

Respectfully submitted,

John Cooper, Director
Boise Park Department

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Enclosures

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

PETITION FOR CLASSIFICATION
A PETITION TO CLASSIFY AND OPEN PUBLIC LANDS
TO ENTRY OR OTHERWISE TO MAKE THEM
AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSITION

NOTICE TO PETITIONER--APPLICANT

Your application (which must be attached hereto) requests the Secretary of the Interior to take an action that is entirely within his discretion. The basis for the Secretary's authority and the policies and procedures

which he has established under that authority, are described in the regulation 43 CFR 2410, 2430, and 2450. A copy of these regulations can be secured from any land office of the Bureau of Land Management.

PETITION

I HEREBY PETITION The Secretary of the Interior to have the lands described in the attached application classified or otherwise made available for entry or disposition pursuant to my application.

I understand that if the Authorized Officer of the Bureau of Land Management does not make the lands available for disposition pursuant to my application, the regulations (43 CFR 2450) are applicable to my case.

July 8, 1981

(Date)

(Signature of Petitioner--Applicant)

John Cooper
Director, Boise Park Department

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 42-R1223

APPLICATION FOR LAND FOR
RECREATION OR PUBLIC PURPOSES

(Act of June 14, 1926, as amended; 43 U.S.C. 869; 869-4)

Date 7/8/81	Time Received 10:30
Serial Number I-17809	

1. Applicant's name and address (include zip code)

Boise City
Park Department
1104 Royal Blvd.
Boise, Idaho 83706

2. Give legal description of lands applied for (include metes and bounds description, if necessary)

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	MERIDIAN
	11 & 12 1 & 2	3.N.	2.E.	Boise-Meridian, Id.
(portions of the four)				

County of Ada State of Idaho Containing 466.12 acres

3a. This application is for Lease Purchase (If Lease, indicate years Deed)

b. Proposed use is Public Recreation Other Public Purposes (If Other Public Purposes, specify)

4. Are three copies of the statement required by 43 CFR 2741.3 attached? Yes No

5. If applicant is State or political subdivision thereof, cite your statutory or other authority to hold land for these purposes Municipal corporation, State of Idaho

6. Have you attached a copy of your authority for filing this application and to perform all acts incident thereto? Yes No (Council resolution)

7. Have you enclosed the required \$10 nonrefundable filing fee? Yes No

8. If land described in this application has not been classified for recreation and/or public purposes pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, consider this application as a petition for such classification.

(Signature of Applicant or Authorized Officer)

John Cooper

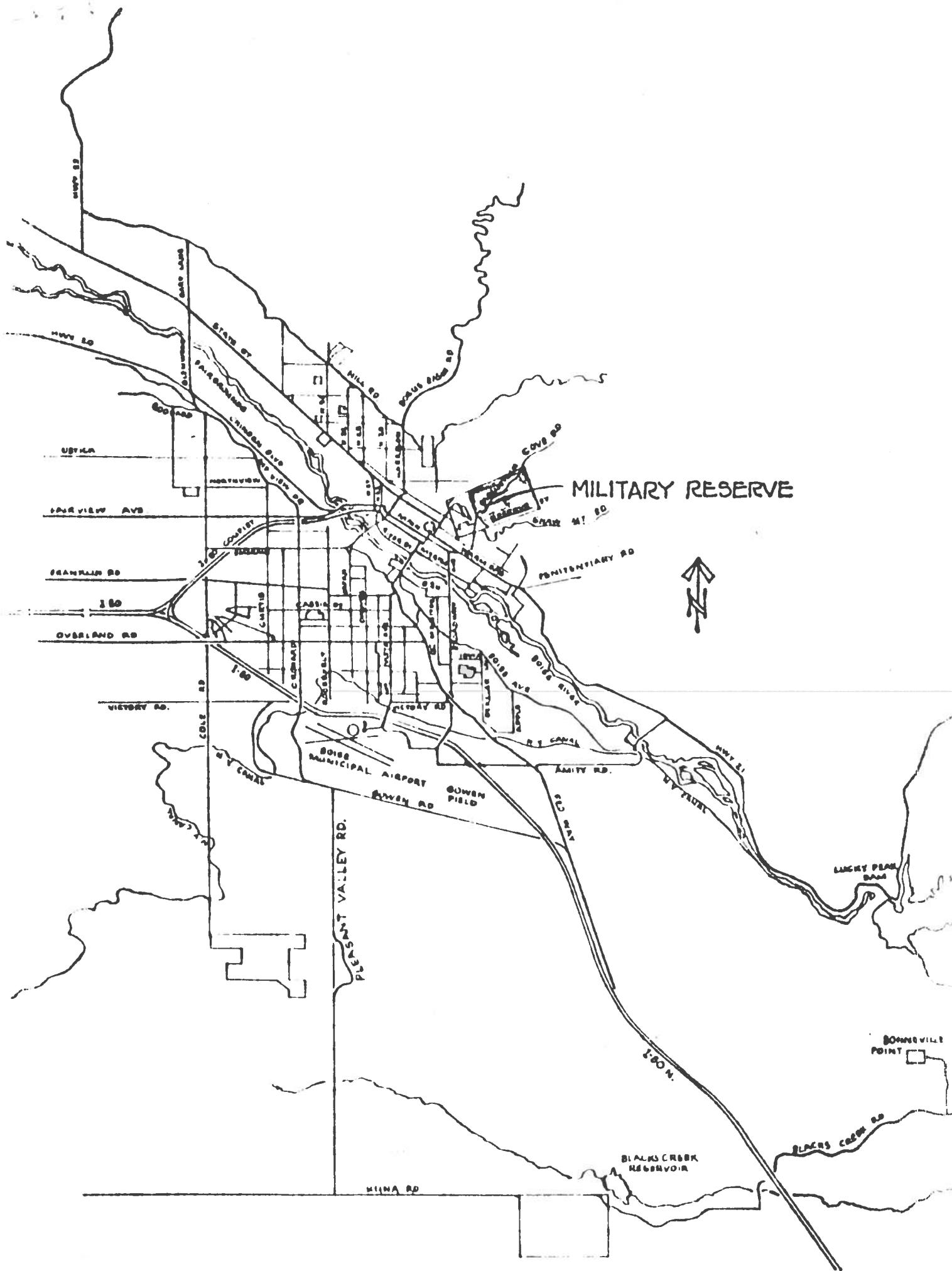
Director, Boise Park Department

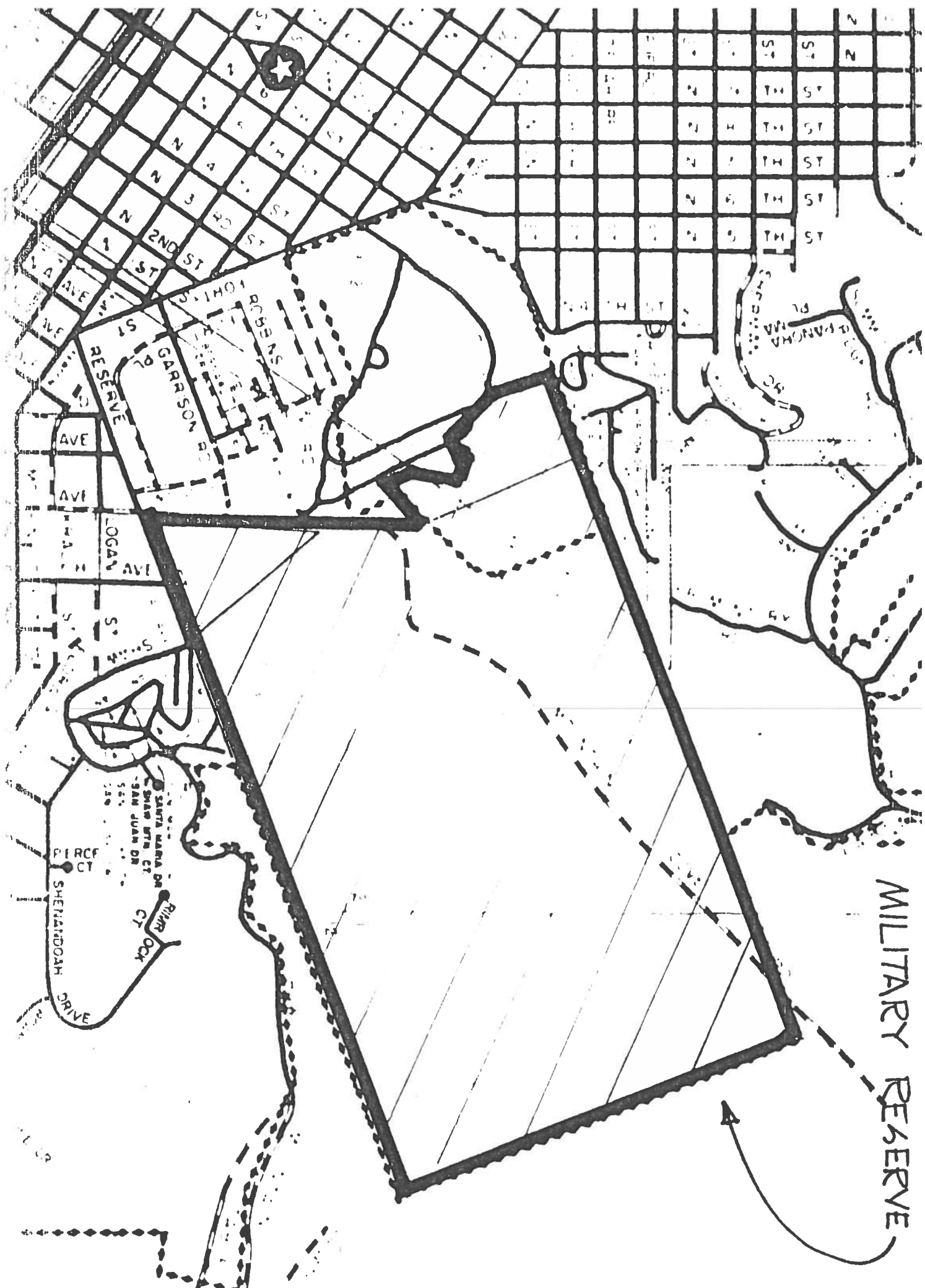
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(Date)

(Title)

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.





MILITARY RESERVE

July 1981

MILITARY RESERVE PARK MASTER PLAN

Military Reserve Park comprises 466.12 acres of natural terrain in the Boise foothills. Located in the northwest sector of the city, the site is part of the former Fort Boise Military Reservation. Within the area, the Fort Boise Military Cemetery is the most famous man-made landmark. Nature, however has provided the area with the convergence of the lower portions of the Freestone and Cottonwood Creeks. From these creek valleys, hill masses rise on moderate to steep slopes to heights of one hundred feet or more. Near-level land is present only on benches adjacent to the creeks, on the tops of the surrounding ridges, and in the sandy creek bottoms. The rugged topography of the site in conjunction with the unstable soil conditions calls for classifying a substantial part of the area as having severe to extremely severe erosion potential. Vegetation is almost totally natural dryland habitat of grasses, sagebrush and bitterbrush on the hills. Aspens, cottonwoods, willows and a sparse to dense shrub environment comprise the wetter lowlands of the stream beds, surrounding random sandy sheltered areas.

The foothills area of the city has had some development in the past adjacent to Military Reserve Park. Over 30 years ago the Aldape Heights and Horizon Drive areas, bordering the south and north of the park respectively, became gradually added other streets like Promotory Road and Claremont Drive. 1973 presented the foothills of Boise with the Foothills East Subdivision, another development in the vicinity south of Military Reserve Park. It was soon followed by planning and/or approval of Phase II of Foothills East, Morning-side Heights, Montevideo, and Northridge. To the north, Thunder Hill and Claremont Subdivisions are being considered for approval by the city and county officials. Increasing densities have and will continue to place more

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stress and emphasis on parks and recreation in the area.

In a public hearing held on March 17, 1976, the overwhelming majority of those attending recommended leaving Military Reserve Park in a naturalistic state. This tended to reflect the initial master plan submitted in 1954 which states ..."we do feel with the existing natural facilities and a little ingenuity on our part, we can have a very fine rustic and woodsy recreation area.". Considering all of the features of the site, and those that bear on the area from outside, it was decided that the best utilization of Military Reserve Park would be as a recreation/conservation area.

The basic management plan for Military Reserve Park consists of removing existing elements that have no further use within the park, upgrading and/or constructing additional facilities for better utilization of the area and to repair and revegetate damaged areas. The construction projects are designed to be compatible with the natural park atmosphere and environment. Parking lots and upgraded roads including the three main roads will have a gravel surface. Vehicles will be restricted from areas other than the main roads and parking areas. Existing roads or trails to be removed will be ripped and contour-terraced where necessary to encourage vegetation to grow. Some trails which may be needed occasionally for access by emergency and maintenance vehicles may be retained but seeded for aesthetic reasons and to reduce erosion. Some existing roads or trails may be retained or re-designed and used as pedestrian or riding trails. Also some new trails may

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be desirable. Further study is required to determine where these should be located. Areas or structures reworked or removed will be repaired and seeded to match their natural surroundings. Natural footbridges over streams will be sturdy but rustic design.

June 1981

BOISE PARK DEPARTMENT
Military Reserve Management Plan

Item	Completion Date	Cost
REMOVAL		
Trespass & undesirable roads	Sept. 1981	\$2,500
Junk & debris (Major)	Aug. 1981	1,300
CONSTRUCTION		
Signage	Regular replacements	250 annually
Traffic barricades	Regular replacements	400 annually
Foot trail construction		
Cottonwood Creek	Sept. 1981	2,400
Eagle Ridge	Aug. 1985	4,200 (est.)
Eagle Ridge Overlook	Sept. 1981	2,200
Central Ridge	Aug. 1986	3,000 (est.)
Mansion Ridge	Dec. 1987	7,500 (est.)
Cemetery Parking Lot	Sept. 1981	3,000
Freestone Creek Parking Lot	Sept. 1981	4,500
Cottonwood & Freestone Creeks concrete ford	Sept. 1981	2,100
Irrigation renovation	Dec. 1983	1,700
VEGETATION		
Erosion control	Regular improvements	Unknown
Add natural plant materials	As Available	Unknown
Off-site road drainage	Dec. 1983	Unknown