

## RP 267 – Idaho Historic Highway Context Study

- Project Description:

Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is responsible for planning, building, and maintaining a statewide system of highways. ITD must comply with environmental and historic preservation laws and regulations, most notably Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and the Transportation Act of 1966 as amended and reauthorized. One requirement of these laws and regulations is to consider possible effects of ITD's activities on historic properties, which are defined as buildings, sites, objects, structures, and districts that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). ITD currently addresses small segments of highways on a project-by-project basis, an approach that is inefficient, outdated, and unsustainable. The purpose of this project is to develop a resource with information about the historical context of Idaho's state highways that can be used in evaluating the historic significance and integrity of individual highways or highway segments throughout Idaho for use in assessing NRHP eligibility.
- Project Objectives:

The objectives of this project Include:

  1. To complete a comprehensive history of the state's transportation networks that will assist in meeting the requirements of NHPA Section 106 compliance.
  2. To resolve errors and omissions in existing documentation utilized by ITD and Idaho SHPO regarding Idaho's historic roads and highways.
  3. To create a resource that enables efficient completion of NHPA Section 106 consultation for FHWA, LHTAC, and ITD projects, thus reducing the costs and time required for successful environmental clearance and project delivery.
  4. To provide an easily-accessible central reference that serves both ITD regulatory compliance needs and offers a valuable resource to citizens of Idaho
- Estimated Completion Date: August 31, 2019
- Budget: \$159,100
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