

How to Search the Idaho Transportation Photo Collection

There are a number of ways to access information in this database. The first, most direct access point is the search bar on the homepage.

1. Enter search terms into Search bar, press "Enter" or click on the "Search" button.

Terms entered into the search bar from the homepage will identify possible matches across all collections. Similarly, if you click the "Browse All" tab at the top of the homepage, terms entered into the search bar will be applied to each of the 15 individual collections and sub-series.

Refining Your Search

Your search can be refined by entering additional search terms, and each search can be undone by clicking the blue 'x' next to previous search terms, located under the search bar at the top of the results page. In the example below, we've searched for 'bridges,' and then narrowed our results by entering a specific location, in this example, 'bear river.' You'll notice, the first term, 'bridges' returned 4,495 results. The second term, 'bear river' narrowed the results to 29. By clicking the blue 'x' next to 'bear river' you can go back to the results for the first term you entered.

The screenshot shows a search results page for the Idaho Transportation Photo Collection. The search bar at the top contains the terms 'bridges' and 'bear river', with blue 'x' icons next to each term to allow for removal. A red circle highlights the search bar area. Below the search bar, the search results are displayed in a table with columns for Thumbnail, Title, Subject, Description, and Collection. The first result is an index for 'AR24' from the AR24 Idaho Transportation Department. The table lists several other results related to the Bear River Bridge at Preston, including construction sites and historical images from 1954. On the left side of the page, there is a sidebar with a list of collections, some of which are highlighted in yellow, indicating they are included in the search. Below the sidebar, there are options to narrow the search by creator, date, or subject.

Thumbnail	Title	Subject	Description	Collection
	1. "AR24"	Index	Historical Image Collection produced by the Idaho Department of Public Works, Idaho Bureau of Highways, Idaho State Highway Department, and the Idaho Transportation Department.	AR24 Idaho Transportation Department
	Bear River Bridge (U.S. 95)	bridges; road transportation structures; road and roadside elements; rivers; landscapes;	Man leaning on bridge railing	ITD Headquarters Collection
	Bear River Bridge at Preston	construction sites; road transportation structures; bridges; construction workers;	Men standing against a wood frame with a crane in the background.	ITD Headquarters Collection
	Bear River Bridge at Preston (10)	construction sites; road transportation structures; bridges; construction workers;	"Stringer" Bear River Bridge, April 1954.	ITD Headquarters Collection
	Bear River Bridge at Preston (11)	construction sites; road transportation structures; bridges; construction workers;	Bear River Bridge at Preston in April 1954.	ITD Headquarters Collection
	Bear River Bridge at Preston (12)	construction sites; road transportation structures; bridges; construction workers;	Bear River Bridge at Preston in April 1954.	ITD Headquarters Collection

You can also limit your search by un-clicking (deselecting) individual collections in the left column. Collections that are selected – and included in the search – will be highlighted in a yellow box. Collections that are deselected, and therefore not included in the search, will lose the yellow highlight (see example above).

Another way of accessing information in this database can be found below the collections column on the left (see example above). The options available under the "Narrow your search by:" allow you to navigate the materials by creator, date, and/or subject for those collections that have been selected (highlighted in yellow). You can broaden or narrow your search using these access points by selecting or deselecting individual collections.

You can browse the entire database, without using any search terms, by clicking the "Browse All" tab from the homepage - on the results page you will see all of the collections are highlighted. Items are organized alphabetically.

Searching an Individual Collection


If you want to search through an individual collection or sub-series collection, you can single it out by clicking into the collection description from the homepage, and entering your search term in the search bar – your search will be limited to that single collection. You will see, on the left column of your search results, that single collection will be highlighted in yellow. You can add collections to those search results by clicking on additional collections; they will be highlighted in yellow as they are added to the results field. (See examples below)

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U.S. Bureau of Public Roads (MS281)



Kellogg, Idaho - Division Street Bridge Flood Damage

About this collection

This manuscript collection was donated to the Idaho State Archives in 1968 from the United States Bureau of Public Roads (BPR) in Boise, Idaho. It contains records related to Federal Aid Highway Projects in Idaho including reports, maps, schematics, histories, and photographs dating between 1915 and 1961.

The photographs in this collection document Idaho's earliest road construction projects, featuring the historical transition from manual labor to steam engines and then gasoline powered equipment. Many images are of Idaho's natural geography, used by surveyors, before undertaking construction projects. It also highlights many of Idaho's natural disasters over time including floods, blizzards, slides, and washouts.

In 1969 the BPR was decommissioned in favor of a newly organized Idaho Department of Highways (1970), which later became the Idaho Department of Transportation and then finally, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). Materials donated as part of this collection pre-date this institutional transition.

Recent Additions

- Armo-Downey, Bus Stop and Water Fountain (3)
- Victor - Irwin, Bridge Site
- Idaho City - Stanley, Hot Plant
- Idaho City, Idaho - Boarding House
- Idaho City - Stanley, Lumber Truck
- Idaho City - Stanley, Finished Road

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Add or remove other collections to your search:

- MS281 U.S. Bureau of Public Roads
- AR24 Idaho Transportation Department
- District 1
- District 2
- District 3

Narrow your search by:

- Topics
- Creator
- Date (year)

You've searched: MS281 U.S. Bureau of Public Roads

All fields: Bridges ✕ (1842 results)

Sort by: Relevance Display Options

Display: 20

Thumbnail	Title	Topics	Description	Collection
	Harrison, Northerly, Harrison Bridge (07)	construction sites; bridges; truss bridges; construction; construction workers; truss bridges; rivers;	Driving approach piles at Station 36+, (Idaho FAP 29-B, Harrison-Northerly)	MS281 U.S. Bureau of Public Roads
	Harrison, Northerly, Harrison Bridge (09)	construction sites; bridges; truss bridges; construction; railroads; truss bridges; rivers;	Driving approach piles at Station 36+, (Idaho FAP 29-B, Harrison-Northerly)	MS281 U.S. Bureau of Public Roads
	Slippery Creek Bridge - Forms	bridges; construction; construction site; road bridges; road transportation structures;	Station 532, forms for Slippery Creek Bridge. (Idaho FAP 55-B, Whitebird-Lucile, bridges)	MS281 U.S. Bureau of Public Roads
	North Fork Payette, Bridges over North and South Fork of the Payette River	views; bridges; truss bridges; road transportation structures; rivers; landscapes;	Bridge across North Fork of the Payette and bridge across South Fork of same.	MS281 U.S. Bureau of Public Roads
	North Fork Payette, bridges	bridges; bridge approaches; truss bridges; road transportation structures;	View from upstream on south bank.	MS281 U.S. Bureau of Public Roads
	Bridges - Steel Camelback Through Truss Bridge	construction; construction workers; bridges; truss bridges; piers; road transportation structures;	Bridge construction.	MS281 U.S. Bureau of Public Roads

You can browse all the images within individual collections by choosing the desired collection on the homepage, and then clicking the "Browse All" tab from within that collection description. There you will be able to view the entire collection, organized alphabetically.

Using Compound Objects

There are two sub-series in the AR 24 collection, AR 24 Negative Index and Minute Books, which are compound objects; multi-page pdfs that are word-searchable. If your search returns a hit within one of these compound objects, the text window/viewer will call up the first page that contains your search term. The following examples illustrate how to navigate the viewer.

1. Search the Minute Books for "Elk River"

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Minute Books (AR24)

Recent Additions

Receive updates for this collection

1. Record State Highway (1913-1919)

2. Minute Book 17 (1950)

2. Minute Book 16 (1949)

2. Minute Book 15 (1948)

2. Minute Book 14 (1945-1947)

2. Minute Book 13 (1942-1944)

About this collection

These minute books document the creation and subsequent activities of the State Highway Commission, a legal body organized in Idaho in May, 1913. The body was necessary in order to participate in the National Highway Federal Aid program, organized to assist states with the creation of state and national highways. The minutes record details about the state's transportation projects including budgets, timelines, project names, and even contractor bids.

In September, 1913, the commission identified and prioritized the state's primary transportation needs in consideration of interstate transportation routes that were to make up the National Highway.

1. North and South Highway (from Weiser, ID north to the Canadian border - U.S. 95)
2. Western border to SE border (Old Oregon Trail from Bear Lake to Ontario, OR - U.S. 30/I-86/I-84)
3. A southern junction from McCammon to the Utah state line (I-15)
4. A road north from Twin Falls, towards Hailey, Ketchum, etc. (U.S. 93/S.H. 75)
5. Junction from Spokane Bridge, east to the Montana state line (I-90)
6. A road north from Idaho Falls to the Montana state line. (I-15 North)

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2. Results from the Minute Books sub-series, which is highlighted in yellow in the left hand column. Click on the thumbnail to get to the document viewer.

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- Minute Books
- AR24 Idaho Transportation Department
- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- Show 10 more

You've searched: Minute Books

All fields: Elk River

Sort by: Relevance Display Options

Display: 20

Thumbnail	Title	Topics	Description	Collection
	2. Minute Book 16 (1949)		Idaho State Department of Public Works Record	Minute Books
	2. Minute Book 14 (1945-1947)		Idaho State Department of Public Works Record	Minute Books
	2. Minute Book 11 (1939-1940)		Idaho State Department of Public Works Record	Minute Books
	2. Minute Book 15 (1948)		Idaho State Department of Public Works Record	Minute Books
	2. Minute Book 17 (1950)		Idaho State Department of Public Works Record	Minute Books
	2. Minute Book 08 (1935-1936)		Idaho State Department of Public Works Record	Minute Books
	2. Minute Book 01 (1913-1919)		Idaho State Department of Public Works Record	Minute Books

3. Here, in the document viewer, the search term can be found in the viewer window, along with the number of results found in this document, highlighted in red, just to the right of the search bar. The viewer will automatically take you to the first page of the document that returned a result. Here, it is page 42. You can navigate the search results in a few different ways.

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2. Minute Book 16 (1949)

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OFFICIAL MINUTE
Elk River Highway
Shoshone, Latah & Benewah Counties
Idaho Federal Aid Project No. S-215(2) &
State Aid Project No. 143(7)

I have today executed in duplicate, Contract No. 1384 with Clifton & Applegate, covering the work of constructing the roadbed, drainage structures and a crushed rock surface on 7.064 miles of the Elk River Highway between Clarkia and Bovill, and on 0.650 mile of the Elk River Highway between Crystal Creek and Fernwood, known as Idaho Federal Aid Project No. S-215(2) and State Aid Project No. 143(7) in Shoshone, Latah and Benewah Counties.

The total amount of the contract is \$242,257.35. The contract bond was executed by Will A. Komers, Attorney -in-fact for the General Casualty Company of America and countersigned by R.O. Weisel, Resident Agent at Moscow, Idaho.

Done at Boise, Idaho

Object Description

Title	2. Minute Book 16 (1949)
Description	Idaho State Department of Public Works Record

4. The right-hand column within the viewer will have each page contained within this document. Positive search results are indicated by a red asterisk and a yellow highlight on the page on which the term can be found. You can also navigate the search results by using the "Next" button located next to the page number identifier, at the top of the viewer. Click "Next" to go to the next result, it should automatically direct you to the next result, but you may need to navigate the document manually by using the scroll bar on the right hand column.

The metadata associated with these materials can be found below the viewer window, including identifier (call number), author/creator, date range, subject headings, and image rights, etc.

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Description	Idaho State Department of Public Works Record
Date of Publication (year)	1949
Local institution Identifier	MinuteBook#16_1949
Rights Information	For more information contact the Idaho State Archives
Other Date(s)	1949
Rating	☆☆☆☆☆ Based on 0 rating(s)

Description