



STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

2110 Ironwood Pkwy  
208-769-1422

Brad Little, Governor  
Jess Byrne, Director

May 5, 2022

Idaho Fish and Game Commission  
c/o Idaho Department of Fish and Game  
600 S. Walnut/ PO Box 25  
Boise ID 83707

**Subject: DEQ Approval of Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Myrtle Creek Preserve**

Dear Commissioners:

The Department of Environmental Quality has considered the proposal to open the Myrtle Creek Preserve to public hunting, fishing, and trapping. Myrtle Creek serves as the primary drinking water source for the City of Bonners Ferry. As such, activities in the watershed should be carefully managed in order to maintain the quality of the City's drinking water source. DEQ does not anticipate any adverse impacts to water quality from the proposed hunting, fishing, and trapping opportunities in the Myrtle Creek Preserve. IDEQ has discussed the proposal with Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and shared a letter of support for the proposal prior to the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Bonners Ferry City Council meeting where the city council also expressed support. IDEQ approves restoring the opportunity for hunting, fishing, and trapping within the boundaries of the Myrtle Creek Game Preserve, subject to the rules and regulations approved by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for hunting in Management Unit 1, and the general regulations approved for fishing and trapping.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan McCracken".

Dan McCracken, P.E.  
*Regional Administrator, IDEQ*