

FAQs

North Idaho Land Use Programs



Why is North Idaho changing its land use policy?

Our goal is to keep properties in North Idaho available for recreational access while maintaining them as working forests and managing the costs and risks associated with providing access. Over time, Manulife Investment Management (Manulife) has experienced a growing number of unauthorized activities on the lands we manage. This includes unauthorized trails, drug and alcohol use, unapproved events, illegal collection of forest products, dumping, vandalism, theft, unpermitted fires, damage to roads and wetlands, etc. Licenses for access allow us to gain greater control over these activities and cover related costs while keeping our lands accessible for public enjoyment.

North Idaho lands have multiple access types.

Idaho Large Land Tracts Use: Public non-motorize access allowed. Follow posted signage. See [Idaho Department of Fish & Game](https://www.idfg.idaho.gov/access/large-tracts/north-idaho-group) for more information. [idfg.idaho.gov/access/large-tracts/north-idaho-group](https://www.idfg.idaho.gov/access/large-tracts/north-idaho-group)

Camping on Idaho Large Tracts: Exclusive use of designated camp sites on Idaho Large Tracts from May 1st to November 15th annually. Campsite bids annually.

Exclusive Use License: Licensed land for the use of an individual, hunt club or commercial group. No longer open to the public.

For license terms and conditions, please visit manulifeimlanduse.com.

When will parcels and licenses be available to buy?

Parcels are being added daily. July 1, 2026, bids open.
Campsites are available to view. April 1, 2026, bids open.
Licenses will be available to purchase on our website manulifeimlanduse.com.

What will campsites cost?

Minimum bids vary by campsite, typically beginning at \$1,000 – \$2,000. Bids will be open for 2 weeks, and winners will be notified via email.

What will Exclusive Use licenses cost?

Bid minimums are listed on the website for each Exclusive Use area. Parcels will be awarded to the highest bidder.

Can I still travel through Manulife lands on a County or Forest Service Road?

Yes, public access roads can be driven through. No parking or off roading is permitted. Follow directions on posted signage. Land closures may be implemented each year due to fire or other safety hazards. Please call our information line at (509) 684-0700 to get the latest closure information. Protection of recreationists and our land is of paramount importance to Manulife.

Will land be patrolled to enforce Large Tract violations and trespassing?

Yes. Law enforcement and Manulife security will be monitoring the property.