



City of Ketchum

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City Receives \$10,000 to Upgrade Park Irrigation Systems

Expected to Conserve Groundwater from City Wells

KETCHUM, Idaho — The city has received a \$10,000 grant from the Idaho Water Resource Board to conserve groundwater from city wells by upgrading irrigation systems in four city parks.

The upgraded irrigation systems are expected to reduce water use by 20 to 60 percent, saving more than 1 million gallons of water per year now used in the Ketchum Bike Park, the Guy Coles Skate Park, Edelweiss Park and Forest Service Park. The city will provide matching funds of \$20,000.

Upgrades will include installation of “smart clocks,” plus new pipes and sprinkler heads where they are needed to maintain consistent water pressure.

These parks serve more than 2,600 people who permanently reside in Ketchum and another 2,700 people who work in the city, as well as thousands of visitors and second homeowners.

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About the City of Ketchum

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit www.ketchumidaho.org.

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