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## Hailey Tree Committee Showcases Arboretum

### Native Plant Society Grant Funds Forty Interpretive Signs

(Hailey, Idaho) – A recent Idaho Native Plant Society grant will pay nearly \$1,000 for the installation of over forty plant interpretive signs within Hailey’s Native Plant Arboretum. These signs will help identify and educate the public about native plant species. Hailey’s Native Plant Arboretum showcases over 50 native tree and plant species. The Arboretum was established in 1996 to celebrate the diverse flora and fauna that are native to Idaho and the Intermountain West.

Hidden in plain sight, the Native Plant Arboretum is located at the corner of Fox Acres Road and State Highway 75, just to the west of the Wood River Trail, directly behind a “Welcome to Hailey Sign”. Last year, during the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Arboretum, a Department of Transportation easement license, which allows use of the ITD Right of Way for the Arboretum, was transferred from the Blaine County Recreation District to the City of Hailey.

The Native Plant Arboretum provides insight into the many native plants that thrive in our ecosystem and serves as inspiration for species that will succeed and benefit the environment within the yards and gardens of the Wood River Valley. The Arboretum includes one of the few Western White Pines in Hailey. The White Pine is Idaho’s State Tree and more commonly found in Northern Idaho.

Another special native plant within the Arboretum is the Syringa, also known as Mock Orange, the Idaho State Flower. Syringa’s fragrant white blossoms open in mid-summer. These native species are adapted to our high desert climate and the Arboretum provides a habitat for birds, pollinators and wildlife.

The Arboretum is maintained largely through volunteer efforts. Interested volunteers may contact the City of Hailey Public Works Department and/or Tree Committee chair.



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