

### ➤ **EICC Board as of December 2024**

President: Thierry Legrain; Vice-President: Troy Neu; Treasurer: Jack Brennan; Secretary & Equipment Coordinator: Vernon Phinney; Board Member: Adam Grant, Brenna Miller; CRAG representative: Mike Engle; ISU Climbing Club representative: Bryce Walker

### ➤ **Membership**

As of 12/23/24, our emailing list contains two hundred and twenty-one (221) contacts. Only thirty (30) of those are members who have donated within the past twelve months.

### ➤ **Treasury**

Although donations are down, our treasury remains sound.  
See <https://www.eastidahoclimbers.com> to make a donation.

### ➤ **Activities**

**What a year!** It started off with meetings and discussions about the proposed USFS & NPS Climbing and Fixed anchor regulations. It ended with five volunteers doing two days of work replacing the anchors at the Playground. In between, we cleaned up some crags, sorted and inventoried hardware, climbed & camped at COR, talked with land managers, and took care of waste at the Fins.

#### ▪ *USFS and NPS Proposed Climbing regulation*

In no small part due to your emails and communications, the EXPLORE Act was passed by Congress, and is waiting for the President's signature to become law. When enacted, part of the law will "recognize that recreational climbing (including the use, placement, and maintenance of fixed anchors) is an appropriate use within a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System." Read it here: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/6492/text>

#### ▪ *The Fins*

We continued the WAG bag project in cooperation with the Southern Idaho Climbers Coalition (SICC). Three dispensers were placed in May and removed in November; one at the Corral, one at the Mortal Earth parking lot, and one on the trail to the Headwall. The EICC and SICC jointly provided all the WAG bags, and with volunteers help refilled the dispensers. Hundreds of bags were provided, helping to remove human waste from this fragile environment. Thank you to all the volunteers who help out with this project.

#### ▪ *The Playground*

We gave The Playground some love this year. In May, we cleaned up over 500lbs of trash and in November we replaced all the old anchors. Without volunteers this couldn't be done – thank you.

#### ▪ *Box Canyon*

Anchors on several climbs were updated. Thank you, Jarren for doing the hard work.

#### ▪ *Other activities*

- Donated a prize at the ISU climbing competition.
- Tabled at events throughout the year.

➤ **American Safe Climbing Association (ASCA)**

ASCA donates hardware to the EICC for anchor and route maintenance. Over the years they have provided us with \$1,000s of free material.

Please support them by making a donation at <https://safeclimbing.org/donate>

➤ **Climbing Resource Advisory Group (CRAG)**

The EICC is a board member of CRAG. Mike Engle is our representative on its board. CRAG was formed to help preserve the historical, cultural, recreational and natural resources of Castle Rocks State Park and City of Rocks National Reserve through education, advocacy, and actions.

Check them out at [idahocrag.org](http://idahocrag.org).

➤ **Social Media**

We've been active on FB and Instagram (see links below). We're slowly adding to our website – let us know if you can help or have suggestions on what you'd like to see there.

➤ **2025 Events Calendar (tentative)**

01/14/25 Board meeting, all members welcome

05/10/25 Crag cleanup

09/??/25 Pocatello Pump

10/04/25 EICC Climb & Camp

Please check our website for the latest. We'll also be sending out email reminders.

**Thank you for your help and support in 2024.**

**Happy Climbing and Best Wishes in 2025!**

A crag needs attention?

Concerns, comments, want to volunteer?

**We want to hear from you!**

**Email** [info@eastidahoclimbers.com](mailto:info@eastidahoclimbers.com)

**Website** <https://www.eastidahoclimbers.com>

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/East-Idaho-Climbers-Coalition-163959214521809/>

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