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Henry's Fork Foundation Improves Box Canyon and Riverside Boat Ramps Federal Title II Resource Advisory Committee funds grant to HFF and Island Park Builders Supply donates services for construction

ASHTON, Idaho (March 6, 2010) — With the beginning of this year's fishing season, anglers and guides will find vastly improved boat ramps at both the Box Canyon and Riverside access sites on the Henry's Fork Fork Foundation and Island Park Builders Supply.

The all-new construction includes concrete ramps at both locations and improved parking areas and road access to these key put-ins on the river. The Riverside boat ramp's improved parking highlights a more defined parking area for anglers.

Funding for the improvements was provided by a federal Title II Advisory Committee grant to the <u>Henry's Fork Foundation</u>, with additional assistance provided by the Forest Service and Idaho Fish and Game. Island Park Builders Supply also donated key services for part of the projects. The two boat ramps are located on Caribou-Targhee National Forest lands.

"We are grateful for the amazing collaboration by all of our partners on this project," said Steve Trafton, executive director of the Henry's Fork Foundation. "The upgrades to these boat ramps were an important step in the foundation's continued effort to improve access and protect the river from the use of temporary put-ins, which degrade the banks of the river and contribute to poor water quality issues in the Henry's Fork River."

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The Henry's Fork Foundation (HFF), founded in 1984 and located in Ashton, Idaho, is the only nongovernmental organization (NGO) exclusively dedicated to the protection and restoration of the most biodiverse watershed in the Northern Rockies, the legendary Henry's Fork of the Snake River. Emphasizing sound research, and principles of science-based conservation and "smart growth" land use, the HFF engages in collaborative efforts with both private and governmental stakeholders in the region to promote a diverse agenda designed to preserve the lands, waters, wildlife and fisheries of this threatened national treasure. For more than 25 years, HFF has been the trusted "voice of the river." For more information please visit www.henrysfork.org.

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