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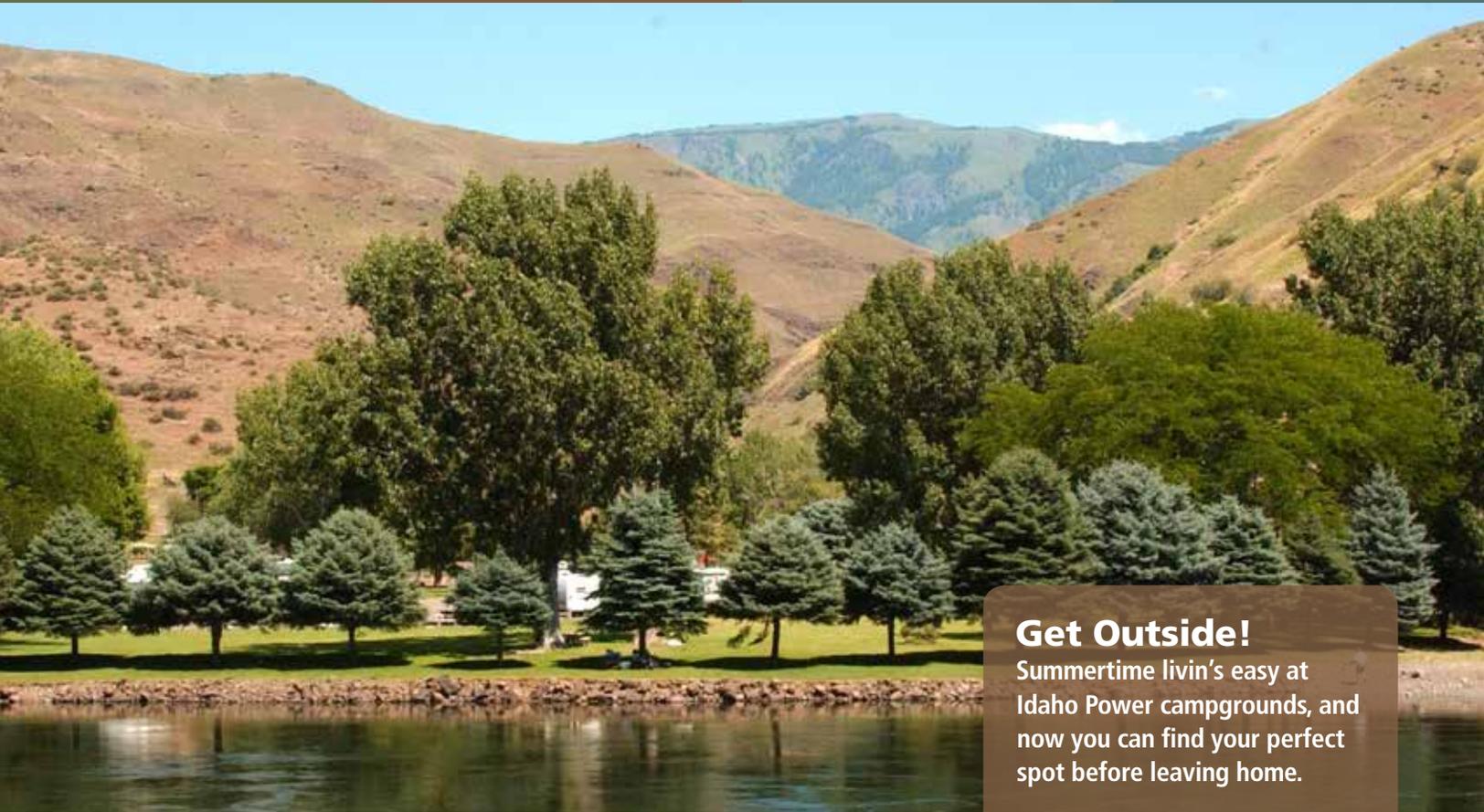
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**Get Outside!**

Summertime livin's easy at Idaho Power campgrounds, and now you can find your perfect spot before leaving home.

## Outdoor Adventure is Just a Click Away at Idaho Power Campgrounds

**A new online reservation system makes it easier to plan your summer camping trip.**

When Gene Paciotti was looking for a spot where his family and a few dozen friends could gather for a spring campout, Idaho Power's new campground reservation system worked like a charm.

A Google search led him to a reservations page that showed plenty of available sites at Idaho Power's Scout Park just below C.J. Strike Dam. "We booked all these spots back in March," Paciotti said as he was

unpacking the camping gear from his pickup in late April. "We've got 14 spots all together. With families and all, there will be about 50 of us here just enjoying the park."

Three campgrounds at C.J. Strike and four more in Hells Canyon, as well as a handful of day-use picnic shelters, can be reserved with just a few clicks, starting at [idahopower.com](http://idahopower.com). Website visitors can look at "Parks and Campgrounds" under the "Recreation" tab, pick the place they are interested in, then click "Reserve Your Spot." They'll be

taken to our reservation vendor's website to easily set up an account and find a campsite to reserve.

**Plenty to do**

Whether you are planning a week-long campout or just a day trip with the kids, Idaho Power has the ideal campground, park, boat launch or fishing access spot. In fact, we own and manage more than 60 recreational sites from American Falls to Hells Canyon Dam.

Paciotti and his fellow C.J. Strike campers were taking in some early-

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# News Feed

## Shade Tree Project Comes to Twin Falls



Idaho Power's Shade Tree Project recently made its first visit to Twin Falls. Customers from Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Cassia, Lincoln and Minidoka counties could preregister for the program and receive two free trees.

Idaho Power works with community partners to offer free shade trees for energy efficiency — a large shade tree properly placed around a home can save up to 15 percent on energy used to cool a home in the summer.

Sign up on our website to be notified when registration begins for future Shade Tree events in your area!

[idahopower.com/shadetree](http://idahopower.com/shadetree)

## Your Energy. Our Values.

At Idaho Power, we do a lot more than create and deliver electricity. In addition to providing reliable, responsible, fair-priced energy for more than 547,000 customers, our company is dedicated to integrity, safety, respect, environmental stewardship, community engagement and a positive customer experience — today, tomorrow and always.

Visit the Idaho Power YouTube channel to learn more about our company.



[youtube.com/idahopower](http://youtube.com/idahopower)

## Outdoor Adventure *(continued from page 1)*



season sunshine. His co-workers from the Mountain Home Air Force Base brought their families to play cornhole and Wiffle Ball, ride bicycles and grill burgers and hot dogs. A few folks brought boats and fishing poles.

Hiking, geocaching and bird-watching are also popular at Idaho Power parks.

"It's really just about relaxing and letting the kids get out of the house," said Kim Russell, who was setting up lawn chairs while waiting for his wife and children to arrive at C.J. Strike. He skipped buying a 2018 fishing license, anticipating a deployment from the Air Force base later this year, but said he has enjoyed fishing at Idaho Power's parks in the past.

### Fish on!

Fishing and boating are the mainstays at many Idaho Power

parks. The company adds about 120,000 pan-sized rainbow trout to popular fishing spots along the Snake River each year.

Bass, crappie, perch and sturgeon also draw anglers practically year-round. Ron Robinson of Boise made the 90-minute drive to C.J. Strike recently and reeled in a relatively small (2-foot) sturgeon. "Let's see if his big brother's out there somewhere," he said, casting his rig in a long arc from the bank. A lot of fishing is just waiting, but even that is pretty nice on a warm spring day, with a gentle breeze rolling off the water and rustling the cottonwood leaves.

Below Hells Canyon Dam, steelhead and Chinook salmon are the reward for hiking down to the river's edge. Add to that the numerous boat launches up and down the river, and it's easy to see why fishing is such a favored pastime in our area.



### A Commitment to the River

Providing parks, campgrounds and other recreational sites is part of Idaho Power’s commitment to the Snake River and to the communities where we work, live and play. Our licenses to operate hydroelectric dams on the Snake River spell out our obligations to monitor and preserve wildlife habitat and provide recreational opportunities.

“This is an important part of what we do at Idaho Power,” said Fred Noland, the company’s Recreation Supervisor. “We take pride in operating and maintaining these facilities for the public and giving people more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.”

### Last-Minute Camping is Still OK

Even though our new online system makes reserving a campsite easy, some spots remain for impromptu trips. Not all spots can be reserved, and any that haven’t been spoken for can be reserved when you arrive. Campsites at Swan Falls Dam, south of Boise, at Moonshine Mine near Richland, Oregon, and some sites in Hells Canyon, remain first-come, first-served.

Summer rates are in effect through October. Most Hells Canyon RV sites are \$16 per night (\$10 for tent spaces), and campgrounds at C.J. Strike are \$8–10 depending on the location. Prices listed do not include taxes. Camping at Swan Falls and Moonshine Mine is free.

▶ [idahopower.com/recreation](http://idahopower.com/recreation)

## Steelhead Start Long Journey to the Pacific Ocean

Spring marks the start of steelhead migration from Idaho Power’s Niagara Springs fish hatchery.

Earlier this year, about 1.8 million young steelhead, called smolts, were vacuumed from the concrete raceways at the hatchery south of Wendell into Idaho Power’s gleaming tankers of water. Some went to the Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam. Others traveled to the Pahsimeroi and Little Salmon rivers. Their parents had been caught a year earlier in Idaho Power’s Hells Canyon or Pahsimeroi fish traps.

The tanker trip is the easy part. After being released from the tankers into the river, these 6- to 8-inch-long fish begin a journey of 500-plus miles to the Pacific Ocean. Along the way, they face predators, dams and other obstacles. Survivors will spend a year or two in the ocean, growing into the prized game fish that draw thousands of anglers to Idaho rivers in the fall and winter.

“Our steelhead and Chinook salmon rearing program is an incredible thing to be a part of at Idaho Power,” said Travis Long, Hatchery Facilities Coordinator. “When asked what I do for a living, I constantly hear, ‘I didn’t know the power company raises fish. Why would they do that?’ This turns into a conversation about our steelhead and salmon hatchery program. It’s always fun to see people’s reactions.”

Some of the adult steelhead that aren’t caught by anglers will be captured in Idaho Power traps below Hells Canyon Dam and near our

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Watch a video showing this year’s smolts beginning their journey to the ocean on the Idaho Power YouTube channel.

# Long Journey

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Pahsimeroi hatchery. These adults will be spawned, and their fertilized eggs taken to Niagara Springs Hatchery to begin the cycle again.

Niagara Springs provides a perfect environment for raising steelhead because it has clean water flowing from the canyon wall at a constant, year-round temperature of 58 degrees. The hatchery was rebuilt in 2013 and is one of the largest steelhead rearing facilities in Idaho.

The fish begin their lives indoors, emerging from their eggs and growing into finger-length fry in large blue vats under the watchful eyes of Idaho Department of Fish and Game employees. After several months, the fish are moved outside.

Niagara Springs is one of four Idaho Power hatcheries that are part of our company's stewardship of the Snake River. Overall, 6 million steelhead and Chinook salmon are raised and released each year. Our fish program mitigates for the loss of steelhead and salmon runs associated with construction of the Hells Canyon Complex, which forms the backbone of Idaho Power's low-cost, low-carbon energy portfolio.

"Idaho Power's hatcheries provide significant fishing opportunities for sportsman in Idaho and Oregon," Long said. "Our steelhead and Chinook salmon make an incredible journey to the ocean and back to begin the life cycle all over again. It's a cool program to be part of and witness each year."



## From The Electric Kitchen

June 2018

### Side Dish

#### Asian Brown Rice Edamame Slaw

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| 2 cups cooked brown rice                               | ½ cup cashews, coarsely chopped            |
| 1 cup shelled edamame<br>(can use thawed from frozen*) | ½ ripe avocado, diced                      |
| ¼ cup minced red onion                                 | ¼ cup Asian ginger<br>vinaigrette dressing |
| 1 cup shredded cabbage                                 | Fresh chives, chopped                      |
| ½ cup chopped cucumber                                 |  |

\*To thaw edamame, place in a colander under cold, running water until ready to eat.

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients and toss with vinaigrette. Garnish with fresh chives. Makes 8 servings.

#### Dietary information per serving:

Calories: **165**  
Fat: **7.4 g**  
Carbohydrate: **21 g**  
Protein: **6 g**  
Sodium: **118 mg**  
Potassium: **370 mg**  
Fiber: **3.5 g**  
Cholesterol: **0 mg**

**Connections** is published monthly to inform our customers about services we provide, programs we offer and industry issues impacting our service area in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. Our goal is to engage and inspire you to learn more about Idaho Power and how we are working together to meet your energy needs today and tomorrow.

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Recipes are selected for nutritional value and low energy use in preparation. They are approved by Registered Dietitian Erin Green from the Central District Health Department in Boise.