

# ALL IDAHO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

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## ANYTHING AMATEUR RADIO

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## What Happened To the Idaho Sled Dog Challenge?

### IMPORTANT UPDATE:

To all our mushers, fans, supporters, volunteers, and our sponsors!

After careful consideration and assessment, we regret to announce that due to dismal snow levels and unsafe trail conditions, the 100 Mile and 300 Mile races for this year's Idaho Sled Dog Challenge are officially canceled.

We assessed the trails yesterday, and critical safety areas are either down to gravel or have only a few inches of snow, with no solid base to ensure a safe course for our dogs and mushers. Despite tracking weather forecasts closely, we have low confidence that conditions will improve in time to provide a safe trail.

The Warm Lake Stage Race is still under observation with a final decision made by January 15th, and we will keep you updated on any changes or decisions regarding that event. Please do the snow dance that we need!

We want to express our deepest gratitude to our mushers, fans, volunteers, spectators and our wonderful sponsors, who have put in their time, energy, and dedication to make this race possible. Unfortunately, this year, the distance races are just not in the cards.

Wishing you all the very best, and thank you again for your understanding and support.

- Jerry Wortley

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*And here's the article that was run in the McCall paper.*

The 2026 Idaho Sled Dog Challenge 300 and 100-mile races have been canceled due to a lack of snow and unsafe trail conditions, organizers announced on Thursday.

"After careful consideration and assessment, we regret to announce that due to dismal snow levels and unsafe trail conditions, the 100 Mile and 300 Mile races for this year's Idaho Sled Dog Challenge are officially canceled," said race organizer and founder Jerry Wortley.

The long-distance races were scheduled to start Feb. 2.

The Warm Lake Stage Race, however, could still go on if more snowfall arrives.

- "The Warm Lake Stage Race is still under observation with a final decision made by January 15th, and we will keep you updated on any changes or decisions regarding that event," Wortley said.



## 2026 Year of the Club

You are doing so well! What is your club planning? What are individuals in your club planning for this year?

Let's encourage one another by sending a line to the newsletter or writing an article to share. Idaho is eager to hear about your Ham adventures.



Idaho ARRL "One-stop" email address for ALL Idaho Amateur Radio Operators.

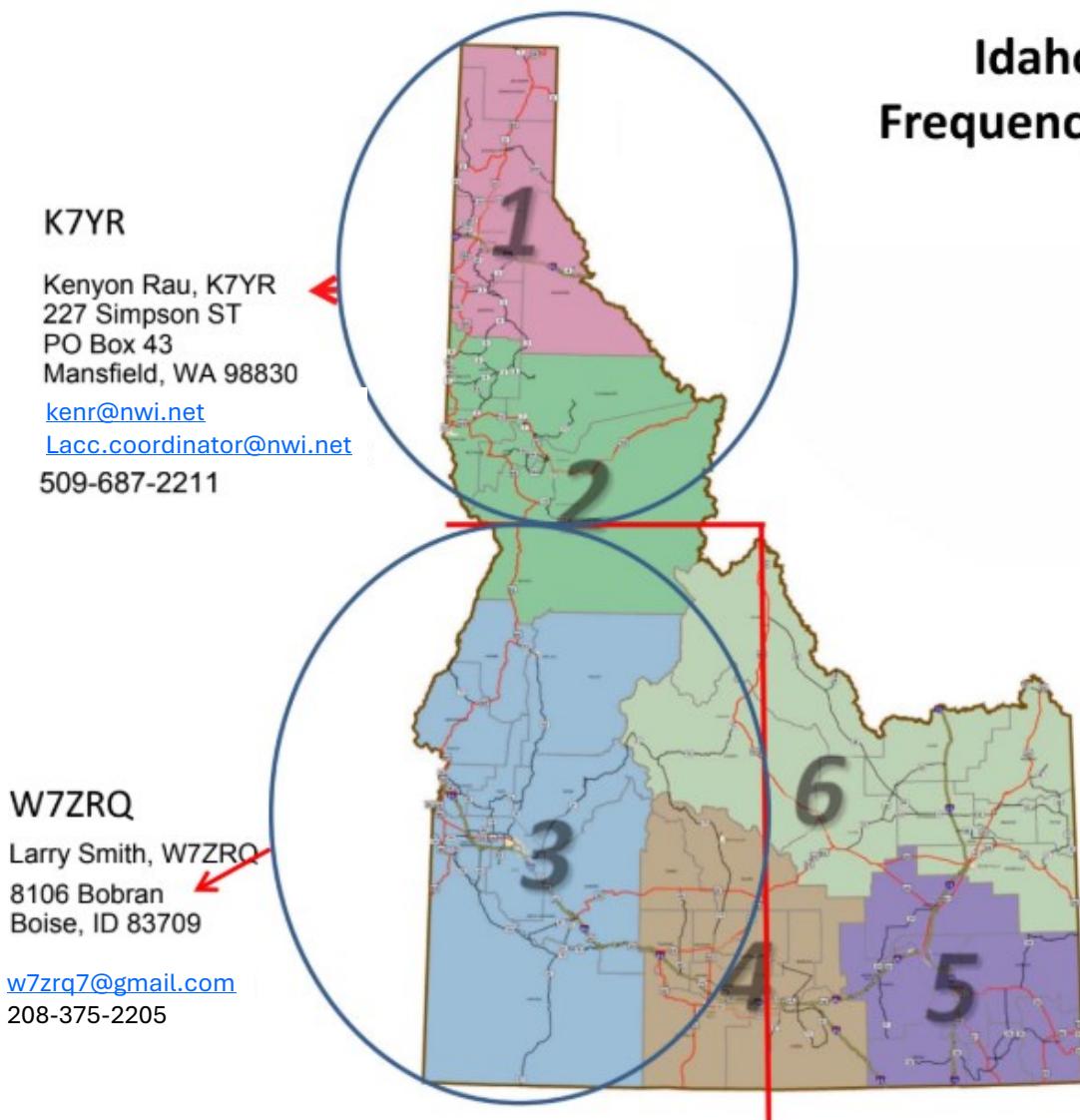
**ALLIDAHOHAMS@gmail.com**

Please send your news, events, activities, and pictures.

Be sure to include recent Silent Keys (SKs)

**Do you have questions or comments? Send them.**

# Idaho Repeater Frequency Coordinators



## Idaho Repeater Frequency Coordination

### Information:

1. Repeater Frequency Coordination is a responsibility of the National Frequency Coordinators Council (NFCC).
2. NFCC is not associated with the ARRL. (This information is presented as a courtesy to Idaho hams).
3. The preceding page is a map of Idaho showing three frequency coordination zones in Idaho. (The shaded areas with numbers 1 through 6 are the ARES "districts" in Idaho).
4. Here is a description of the three Idaho frequency coordination zones:
  - The Northern Zone is coordinated by the Eastern Washington Coordinator, and includes all of Idaho north of an east/west line passing through Grangeville, ID.
  - The Southwestern Zone is that part of Idaho south of Grangeville, and west of a north/south line running through Malta, ID.
  - The Southeastern Zone is that part of Idaho east of a north/south line through Malta, ID.
5. The Northern Zone Coordinator is Ken Rau (K7YR), e-mail: [iacc.coordinator@nwi.net](mailto:iacc.coordinator@nwi.net)
6. The Southwestern Zone Coordinator is Larry Smith (W7ZRQ), e-mail: [smith\\_larrye@hotmail.com](mailto:smith_larrye@hotmail.com)
7. The Southeastern Zone Coordinator is Bliss Wheeler (W7RUG), e-mail: [bmw@ida.net](mailto:bmw@ida.net)
8. If you have questions about repeater coordination, please contact the coordinator for your area.

Do you have an Idaho based Net?  
Drop an email to  
[ALLIDAHOHAMS@gmail.com](mailto:ALLIDAHOHAMS@gmail.com)  
with the day, time, and time zone,  
please.

**Idaho has two time zones!**

## Clearwater Valley Amateur Radio Club

Sundays  
PDT 7:00 PM 145.4900 (no tone)

Continuing to be challenged with noise in the evenings.

This week we will switch to the 40m Frequencies for the evening nets. We will evaluate.

See net frequency logo attached.



## Idaho State ARES Nets Thursdays

HF Phone Net  
Primary 3920 kHz LSB  
Alternate 7190 kHz LSB  
Mountain - 0830 / 1930 hrs  
Pacific - 0730 / 1830 hrs

HF Digital Net  
Modem MFSK32 @ 1500  
Primary 3578.5 kHz USB  
Alternate 7108 kHz USB  
Mountain - 2000 hours  
Pacific - 1900 hours

## Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club

Tuesdays

Mountain Time 7 PM

146.76 MHz Tone 100

[Help@K7MVA.org](mailto:Help@K7MVA.org)

## Camas Prairie Amateur Radio Club

Tuesdays

PDT 7:30 PM 146.68 100 MHz



iHeartCraftyThings.com

## 3 Rivers Amateur Radio Club

Tuesdays

PDT 6:30 PM 146.62 88.5

Followed by Simplex Net 146.52

[Info3riversarc@gmail.com](mailto:Info3riversarc@gmail.com)

ANTENNA	COLD	CONTEST
CQCQ	CW	DATA
DXING	FLOWERS	LIBERTIES
LOWERSIDEBAND	METER	MHZ
NET	NEWSLETTER	OVERCAST
RADIO	SLEDDING	SNOW
TOWER	TWOMETER	VERTICAL
WINLINK	WINTER	



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Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

*Solution on page 10*

Expand Your Ham Radio Activities. Here is an article to help you get ready for January's ARRL VHF/UHF and even give you a few ideas for holiday gifts (especially for Techs and new hams). "FT8 in VHF/UHF Contesting" - <http://tiny.cc/vu-ft8>



**Anthony Luscre**

**K8ZT**

ARRL Ohio Section- Youth Coordinator & Education Outreach  
ARRL - The National Association For Amateur Radio™



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2128884758?pwd=RG94eEY2L3FiMEg0U3ZIWhXaEdwdz09>

**Meeting ID: 212 888 4758**

**Passcode: RATPAC**

Watch previous sessions on  
YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/RATPAC](http://www.youtube.com/c/RATPAC)

Check out the list of upcoming  
and past sessions at

[tiny.cc/ratpac\\_list](http://tiny.cc/ratpac_list)

Or view just EmComm-related  
sessions at

[tiny.cc/rpem](http://tiny.cc/rpem)

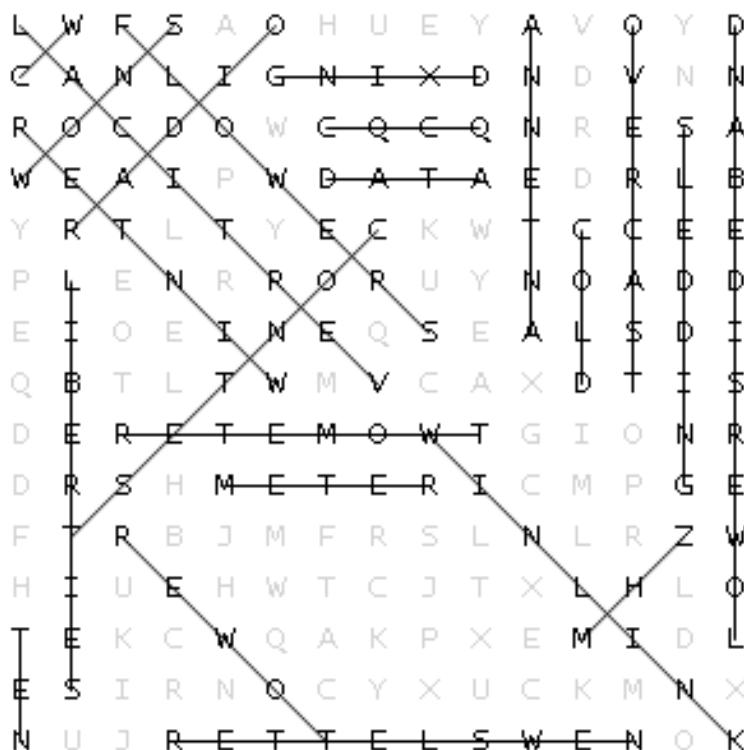
**RATPAC offers free online  
presentations via Zoom for clubs  
upon request. Submit request,  
date & time to**

[Ratpac.plan@gmail.com](mailto:Ratpac.plan@gmail.com)



## Upcoming RATPAC Presentations

Dec 17, 2025	NO RATPAC- HOLIDAYS
Dec 24, 2025	NO RATPAC- CHRISTMAS
Dec 31, 2025	NO RATPAC NEW YEARS
<u>Jan 07, 2026</u>	Winter Field Day
<u>Jan 14, 2026</u>	FreeDV- Radio Autoencoder (RADE) Technology
<u>Jan 21, 2026</u>	The "New" DX Marathon Program
<u>Jan 28, 2026</u>	DLARC: updates from your favorite free online ham radio library
<u>Feb 04, 2026</u>	What's in Your Information Go Kit (IGK)?
<u>Feb 11, 2026</u>	AREDN Networking Software Update
<u>Feb 18, 2026</u>	Ham Radio Supports the Chicago Marathon
<u>Feb 25, 2026</u>	Using Commercial Broadcast Gear for Amateur Radio
<u>Mar 04, 2026</u>	Marine coast station KPH (or) Marconi Point to Point
<u>Mar 11, 2026</u>	Andy's Ham Radio Linux



## Weather Related Links

[Https://www.cocorahs.org/](https://www.cocorahs.org/)

### CoCoRaHS

<https://radar.weather.gov/?set->

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### National Weather Radar

[Https://www.weather.gov/mso](https://www.weather.gov/mso)

### NWS Forecast Office Missoula, MT

[Https://www.weather.gov/otx/#](https://www.weather.gov/otx/#)

### NWS Forecast Office Spokane, WA

[Https://www.weather.gov/](https://www.weather.gov/)

### National NOAA

[Https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/](https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/)

### Climate Prediction Center

Have Southern Idaho weather links—send them in.

[Https://511.idaho.gov/#:Alerts](https://511.idaho.gov/#:Alerts)

### Idaho 511

[Http://kamiahweather.com/](http://kamiahweather.com/)

### Kamiah weather

[Https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ens/](https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ens/)

### USGS Earthquake Notification Service

[Https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/](https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/)

### Space Weather Prediction Center

[Https://www.lightningmaps.org/#m=ses;t=3;s=0;o=0;b=0.00;ts=0;y=45.3506;x=-](https://www.lightningmaps.org/#m=ses;t=3;s=0;o=0;b=0.00;ts=0;y=45.3506;x=-)

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### Lighting Maps

Don Gardner W7PJ  
Clearwater County office of  
Emergency Management

Congratulations to  
[Bob Kesson K7CGA](#)

And

[David Enos KF6QAG](#)

for reaching the Idaho Winlink Wednesday Net Century Club by checking in 100 times. We now have 30 who have reached this level. We have others who will soon be able to join this club. Keep checking in and you too can reach 100.

Don Gardner,  
Net Control

Wednesday WinLink Check-in

The current assignment can be found  
at:

[Winlink Wednesdays of Idaho](#)



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[Winlink Express | Winlink Global Radio Email](#)

Join the Net

[Winlinkofidaho.blogspot.com](#)

## **Idaho ARRL Calendar**

To send an item for the Idaho ARRL Calendar on the web site...

<https://www.idahoarrl.info/eventsform.html>

To send a Silent Key announcement, the web page explains how...

<https://www.idahoarrl.info/skreport.html>

To Update a repeater in your area...

<https://www.idahoarrl.info/RepeaterForm.html>

To make a suggestion to the Idaho ARRL team...

<https://www.idahoarrl.info/suggestions.html>

Need help getting your Club organized. Here is the information on the Ham Club Online web site. This is a site where you can get your club organized.

<https://www.hamclubonline.com/>

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