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Boise River Park Phase II Continues to Deliver as Whitewater Features Are Refined

Recent enhancements continue to improve performance and user experience across Boise's premier urban whitewater park.

Boise, ID, June 18, 2026— Recent enhancements at Boise River Park Phase II continue to improve the overall performance and user experience within Boise's urban whitewater park. McMillen served as the design-build lead for both the original project and subsequent updates, delivering integrated engineering design and construction of the park's in-river whitewater features.

Leveraging multidisciplinary expertise and self-performed construction capabilities, McMillen executed a complex scope that included diversion structures, engineered wave features, chutes and instream elements designed to enhance recreational opportunities while maintaining hydraulic performance, environmental stewardship and public safety.

Execution of the project required a high level of precision and coordination within an active river system. Construction was carefully planned around seasonal work windows and supported by comprehensive dewatering, permitting and environmental compliance efforts. McMillen also led stakeholder and regulatory coordination, advancing the project from concept through completion while balancing recreation, habitat considerations and water management objectives.

Since opening to the public in 2019, Boise River Park has become a recreational destination and defining feature of the city's river corridor. Continued refinements, particularly at the "expert wave," reflect an ongoing commitment to optimizing performance as conditions and user needs evolve. This recent news story highlights how these improvements are being embraced by the community, further elevating the experience for surfers, kayakers and spectators alike: [Expert wave on phase two of Boise Whitewater Park continues to improve.](#)



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