

Karl Boyd Brooks Papers, 1986-1996

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Brooks, Karl Boyd
Title	Karl Boyd Brooks Papers
Dates	1986-1996 (inclusive) 1986 1996
Quantity	18.0 linear feet, (36 boxes)
Collection Number	MSS 235
Summary	The Karl Boyd Brooks Papers correspondence, memos, reports, bills, studies, campaign documents, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, photos, and other papers, relating to Brooks' service in the Idaho State Senate (1986-1992), his campaigns for office, and his work as legislative and executive director of the Idaho Conservation League (1993-1995). Among the topics addressed in the files are abortion legislation, Idaho water resources, Idaho rivers, Payette River in particular, forest health, grazing on public lands, Indian gaming, and Democratic Party politics in the 1980s and 1990s.
Repository	Boise State University Library, Special Collections and Archives Special Collections and Archives 1910 University Drive Boise ID 83725 Telephone: 208-426-3958 archives@boisestate.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is available for research.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Karl Boyd Brooks was born in Boise, Idaho, on August 23, 1956. A graduate of the Boise public schools, he earned a bachelors degree in history (Phi Beta Kappa) from Yale University, a masters degree in international relations from the London School of Economics, and a law degree from Harvard. On his return to Boise in 1983, he went to work as a litigator for Boise Cascade Corporation, a forest products company, and stayed with the company for seven years before moving to the law firm of Holland & Hart in 1990. Active in politics, he was elected as a Democrat to the Idaho State Senate in 1986 representing southeast Boise. In the legislature, he quickly earned a reputation as an environmentalist. He was reelected in 1988 and 1990, but did not seek reelection in 1992. In 1993 he left Holland & Hart and went to work for the Idaho Conservation League, the state's largest environmental organization. He served as the organization's executive and legislative director between 1993 and 1996. Brooks then returned to academe, earning a Ph.D. in history from the University of Kansas in 2000. He has been a professor of history and environmental studies at the University of Kansas since then. He is the author of numerous articles and the book *Public Dams, Private Power: The Hells Canyon High Dam Controversy* (University of Washington Press, 2006).

Content Description

The Karl Boyd Brooks Papers document his service in the Idaho State Senate (1986-1992), his work with the Idaho Conservation League (1993-1996), and Idaho politics in general during the 1980s and 1990s. They cover the issues that came before the Idaho legislature during those years, particularly the environment, river protection, abortion, and Indian gaming. Included in the papers are records from Brooks' campaigns for the legislature in 1986, 1988, and 1990, the fullest set being for his initial bid for office in 1986. They reveal a serious, well-organized, campaign by a first-time candidate. Brooks' political papers also document his exploration of bids for higher office. He considered running for the U.S. Senate in both 1990 and 1992 and launched a campaign for Governor in 1994, but ultimately did not enter the primary election for either office. Materials from committees may include Senate bills, House bills, minutes, resolutions, and agendas.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift of Karl Brooks in 2004.

Detailed Description of the Collection

1: Legislative

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	1-6	Legislative Correspondence	1986-1988
2	1-4	Legislative Correspondence	1989-1992
2	5	Legislative Correspondence, Reapportionment	1992
3	1	Investment and Retirement Funds Committee minutes	1987

Container(s)	Description	Dates	
3	2-5	Judiciary and Rules Committee	1987
3	6	Transportation Committee	1987
3	7-8	Judiciary and Rules Committee	1988
3	8	Human Resources Committee	1989
3	9	Judiciary and Rules Committee	1989
3	10	Judiciary and Rules Committee, Local Government and Taxation	1990
4	1	Human Resources Committee	1990
4	2	Judiciary and Rules Committee, Idaho Centennial Legislature	1990
4	3	Human Resources Committee	1991
4	4	Judiciary and Rules Committee	1991
4	5-6	Local Government and Taxation	1991
4	7-9	Judiciary and Rules Committee	1992
4	10-13	Human Resources Committee	1992
5	1-5	Environmental Issues	1987-1992
5	6	Air Quality	1990
5	7-8	Boise Wood Smoke Pollution	1983-1987
5	9-10	Idaho Fish and Game	1988-1992
5	11	Idaho Forest Management Act	
5	12	Ground Water	1989
5	13	INEL	1987-1992

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5	14	Land Use	1988-1989
5	15	Natural Resources	1990-1993
6	1	Outstanding Resource Waters, Middle Fork Salmon River	1991
6	2	Payette Lake Property Ownership	1989-1991
6	3	Salmon	1988-1991
6	4	Salmon Recovery	1992-1993
6	5	Saylor Creek Bombing Range	1992-1993
6	6-10	Water Quality	1987-1992
6	11	Land Management	1990
7	1-2	Idaho Natural and Recreation Rivers Act, S1394	1986-1987
7	3	Idaho Protected Rivers Act, S1467	1988
7	4-5	Comprehensive State Water Planning Bill, S1504	1988
7	6	Water Resources Appropriation, S1566	1988
7	7	Comprehensive State Water Plan, H780	1988
7	8	Boise River Plan	1989-1991
7	9	California Issues	1988-1989
7	10-11	Conservation Groups	1987-1991
7	12	Dworshak Hydropower Project	1989
7	13	Electrical Consumer Protection Act	1986
7	14	Swan Falls Water Rights Agreement	1987
7	15	Federal Regulations	1987-1988

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7	16	Governor's Office	1986-1988
8	1-2	Henrys Fork of the Snake	1986, 1992
8	3-4	Hydroelectric Power	1986-1988
8	5	Idaho Fish and Game	1987
8	6-8	Idaho State Water Plan	1986-1992
8	9	News articles	1988-1990
8	10	Northern Rockies Rover Project	1989-1990
8	11-12	Northwest Power Planning Council	1987-1989
8	13	Notes	1987-1989
8	14	Oregon Waterways	1972, 1985-1988
8	15	Pacific Northwest Rivers Study	1986
8	16	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission	1990
8	17	Payette River	1987-1988
8	18	Power Companies	1987-1988
8	19	Priest River Basin	1990
8	20	Protected Area Policy	1988-1989
8	21	Shoshone-Bannock Reserved Water Rights Settlement	1990
8	22	Snake River	1987
8	23	Water Quality	1989
8	24	Water Resources Board	1988-1989
8	25	Water Rights	1987-1988

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8	26	Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	1989
9	1-10	Payette River Plan	1987-1992
10	1-5	Migratory Water Fowl Stamp	1984-1990
11	1-9	Abortion	1989-1991
12	1-11	Abortion	1978-1990
13	1-3	Abortion	1991-1993
14		Abortion Notebook	
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13	4	1% Initiative	1991
13	5	Associated Taxpayers of Idaho	1986
13	6-7	AIDS	1987-1988
13	8	Library Theft	1991
13	9-10	State Board of Education: Vacancy, John Keiser firing	1991
13	11	State Employee Compensation, HCR 40	1988
13	12	Workers Compensation-Agricultural Appeal	1991-1992
15	1-13	Indian Gaming: Correspondence, legislation, articles	1991-1993
16	1-4	Legislative Scrapbooks	1987

Idaho Conservation League

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17	1-6	Correspondence	1993-1994

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19	1-2	Speech: Sustainable Development Conference	1994
19	3	Speech: Idaho Rivers Symposium	1994
19	4	Speech: Leadership Academy	1994
19	5	Speech: Liberalism Seminar	1994
19	6	Speech: Future of Idaho's Water Resources	1994
19	7	Speech: Idaho Environmental Professionals	1994
19	8	Speech: Idaho Bombing Range debate	1994
19	9	Speech: Wilderness Press Conference	1994
19	10	Article: Forest Health guest opinion Idaho Statesman	1994
19	11	Speech: Forest Health hearings	1994
19	12	Speech: Public Lands class	1994
19	13	Speech: Fire, an Aspect of Forest Health (Idaho Rural Development Council)	1994
19	14	Speech: Endangered Species Act: The Future (Idaho Water Users Association)	1994
19	15	Speech: Public/Private Partnership for Sustainable Use Natural Resources Conference	1995
19	16	Speech: Judaism and Ecology	1995
19	17	Speech: Environmentalism vs. Progress	1995
19	18	Speech: Economic Benefits of Conservation	1995
19	19	Speech: Open Space (Soil and Water Conservation Society)	1995

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19	20	Speech: Conflict Resolution (Range Management Society)	1995
19	20	Speech: Idaho Environmental Professionals	1996
19	22	Speech: Public Land Heist, Idaho Ag Summit	1996
19	23	Speech: Ad Hoc Conservation Politics Task Force	1996
19	24	Speech: Wood River Earth Day	1996
20	1-4	Conservation politics and policy	1994-1995
20	5-7	Forest health	1993-1994
20	8-9	Forests: Logging	1993-1995
21	1-3	Grazing: BLM Reform	1993-1995
21	4	Legislative issues	1995
21	5	Owyhee bombing range/Owyhee Canyonlands	1992-1994
21	6	Public lands: Defense and attacks	1993-1995
21	7-8	Public trust repeal (HB794)/elimination (HB274)	1995-1996
22	1-2	Salmon and dams	1993-1995
22	3-7	War on the West	1992-1995
22	8-11	Wise Use movement/Radical Right	1993-1995
23	1	Andrus, Cecil D.	1994
23	2	Boise Cascade Corporation: George Harad speech	1995
23	3	Boise Grove Hotel construction: Ground contamination	1996
23	4	Bruneau Snail controversy	1995
23	5	Cascade Reservoir Association, Spruce Creek timber sale	1994

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23	6	Economics of wilderness	1993-1994
23	7	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality	1995
23	8	Idaho Department of Water Quality	1996
23	9	Idaho Legislature: Environmental voting record	1993-1996
23	10	Northwest Earth Institute, Dick Roy	1994
23	11	Butch Otter fundraising	1994
23	12	Wilderness in Idaho	1993-1994
23	13	ICL report: Management of Idaho's State Endowment Lands	1992
23	14	ICL report: Sustainable Economics, a Transition for Idaho's Rural Communities	1993
23	15	ICL report: The State of Idaho's Environmental Economy	1994
23	16	Wilderness Act trip to Washington	1994
24	1	Natural Resources News	1996
24	2	Press releases	1993-1995
24	3-9	News clippings	1993-1996
25	1	Executive Director transition	1994
25	2	Karl Brooks work reports	1994
25	3-7	Board of Directors meetings	1993-1995
25	8-9	Staff retreat and planning	1995
25	10	Strategic Plan	1994
25	11	Legislative report/strategic planning	1996

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25	12	Lobbying efforts	1996
25	13	Personnel policies	

Politics

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26	1	Political clippings	1986-1991
26	2-17	State Senate campaign	1986
27	1-4	State Senate campaign	1986
27	5-9	State Senate campaign	1988
27	10-13	State Senate campaign	1990
28	1	U.S. Senate candidacy consideration	1990
28	2	Idaho Attorney General candidacy consideration	1990
28	3	U.S. Senate candidacy consideration	1992
28	4-12	1994 Gubernatorial campaign	1992-1993
29	1-10	Politics: Idaho	1986-1991
30	1-2	Politics: Idaho	1992
30	3	Larry Jackson nomination to Tax Commission	1987-1988
30	4-7	Legislative authority/Idaho Senate	1990
30	8-12	Politics: Ada County	1988-1992
30	13	Boise City mayoral contest (Tracy Andrus)	1990
31	1	Democratic Study Group (Idaho)	1988-1989

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31	2	Senate Democratic Cuacus	1988
31	3	Gay rights	1992-1993
31	4	Albert Gore Presidential campaign	1987-1988
31	5	Orval Hansen	1974
31	6	Gulf War	
31	7	Legislative voting records, 1979-1987	
31	8-9	Voter analyses	1986-1992
31	10-15	J.D. Williams Congressional campaign	1992
32	1-5	Idaho politics clippings	1986-1992
33-34		Scrapbooks, State Senate campaigns and Idaho politics	1986-1989
34		Fundraiser guest book	1990
34		Calendar	1992
34		T-shirts	
34		Video: Gary Glenn's 1986 Right to Work debate	1986
34		Video: Karl Brooks 30 second television spot	1986
34		Video: Karl Brooks/Cheryl Schwartz debate	1988

Personal Papers

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
35	1	Resumes	
35	2	Daily journal	1986

Container(s)	Description	Dates
35 3	Legal brief: Phillips v. U.S.A.	1993
35 4	Legal brief: Teply v. Lincoln	1993
35 5	Idaho Commission for National and Community Service Appointment	1994
35 6-7	Holland and Hart Business Development/Indian gaming litigation	1993
35 8	Career transition	1993
35 9	Jennifer (daughter)	1994
36	Photographs: campaign, hiking/camping, Europe trips, family	

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Abortion--Law and legislation--Idaho.
 Conservation of natural resources--Idaho
 Democratic Party (Idaho)
 Gambling on Indian reservations
 Grazing
 Grazing--Environmental aspects
 Idaho Conservation League.
 Idaho. Legislature. Senate
 Idaho--Politics and government--20th century
 Payette River (Idaho)
 Political campaigns--Idaho
 Rivers--Idaho
 Water resources development--Idaho

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