B.O.B. [The Bug Out Bus In Paradise]



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Introduction

Welcome to the Bug Out Bus, a charmingly converted school bus nestled in the serene woods of Paradise Valley, Idaho.

This unique tiny home offers a perfect blend of rustic adventure and modern comfort, ideal for couples, solo travelers, or small groups [up to 4] seeking an off-grid escape.

Step inside to discover a cozy, efficiently designed interior with a warm wooden ceiling and soft lighting that creates an inviting atmosphere.

The galley kitchen is fully equipped for culinary delights, featuring a gas stove, spacious wooden countertops, a sink, microwave, toaster oven, and coffee maker. Ample cabinetry in sleek black and rich red provides storage, while an overhead shelf holds essentials like coffee mugs and glassware.

A barn-style wooden door separating the galley from the restroom, adds a touch of farmhouse charm.

Relax in the living area, where a plush gray futon sofa invites you to unwind while providing additional queen size sleeping facilities. Catch your favorite shows on the large flat-screen TV, or cozy up by the compact electric fireplace. The space flows seamlessly, with thoughtful details like a fold-up wooden table for dining or work, and a vintage pilot chair for reading. Large windows flood the bus with natural light, offering views of the surrounding forest.

Retire to the comfortable bedroom at the rear, boasting a queen-sized bed with soft linens, fluffy pillows, and sheer white curtains for privacy. Wall-mounted sconces provide ambient lighting, perfect for late-night reading.

The spa-like bathroom is a highlight, with tiled floors and vanity for a luxurious feel. Enjoy a refreshing rain shower in the spacious wet room. Adjacent is a clothing closet space and across is a separate vanity area with a vessel sink, mirror, and conventional flushing toilet, plus storage for towels and toiletries.

Outside, the yellow bus exterior retains its classic school bus vibe, parked amid towering pines. The private patio features brick pavers, metal chairs around a bistro table, and a fire pit for evenings under the stars. Mulch landscaping and a wooden fence ensure seclusion, with easy access to hiking trails and Paradise Valley's natural beauty and just 45 minutes to Schweitzer Mountain Resort.

Off-grid ready with propane stove, water heater, and water systems, the Bug Out Bus sleeps up to 2 comfortably (sofa futon converts for extras). Just 3 miles from town amenities. Escape the ordinary—book your bus adventure today!

Parking

We have found parking is best if you pull forward to the left of the planter areas toward the barbecue and back to the front of the bus. But, park where you can and stay off the planted areas.



Initial Entrance

The door has been altered into a single panel that opens out. This allowed us to build and additional step at the entrance. There is a mat outside the door and one at the top of the steps to minimize tracking in debris.



Living/Dining Area

The living area consists of a queen size futon, an electric faux woodstove that serves as a heat source, a popup tv cabinet, and a fold up dining table. Dining chairs are in the bathroom closet. In addition, there are heated mats under the rugs in the Living and Dining areas.








Kitchen

OK, we may have gone a bit overboard on the kitchen. The Kitchen consists of two full sized counters. The right/drivers side holds the sink and coffee maker, the left/passenger side holds a 5-burner propane stove, a microwave oven, and a combination counter top oven. In addition, there is a small refrigerator under the counter near the front of the bus. At the rear of this area are a pair of swinging doors that separate the bathroom from the kitchen area. An important note: These doors must be closed when accessing the undercounter drawers nearest the rear on either side.

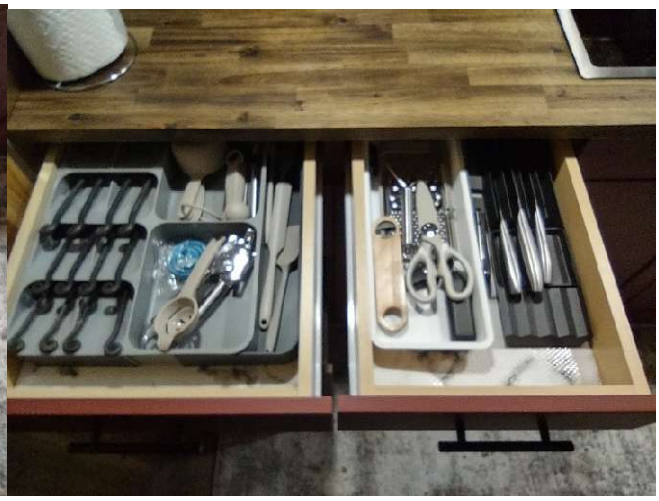






Kitchen [cont.]

The red counter drawers contain plates and flatware.

The black counter drawers and cabinets contain cook ware.



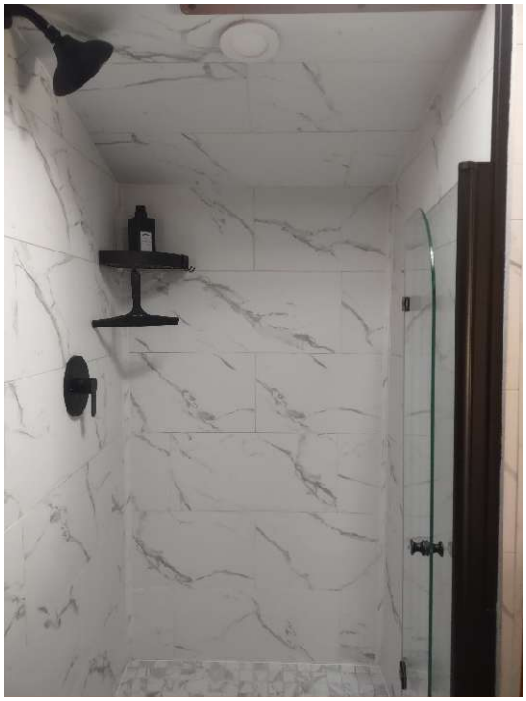


Bathroom/Closet Area

Directly behind the swinging doors are a closet on the left [including extra bedding for the futon] and a vanity on the right.



Past the closet is the shower, across from the shower is the toilet. The toilet has a multifunction flush feature however, we recommend you use the full flush function [both buttons] after each use to help with drainage. The shower and toilet have red privacy curtains if you desire.





Bathroom/Closet Area [cont.]

There is an exhaust fan built into the bus escape hatch. A black knob opens and closes the vent manually. A small white button will turn the fan on and off.




<-Fan button

Please use this when showering or cooking and please be sure to turn it off and close the vent when not needed.

Bedroom

Past the bathroom is the bedroom. The queen size bed takes up pretty much the whole area. There is an overhead light with a switch behind the headboard and two wall sconce light with individual switches.



We had a rooster. He is happy in rooster heaven.



Switches and Remotes

There are numerous switches and remotes located throughout the bus.

The Living Area remotes can be found in a black basket on the futon side of the refrigerator.

These remotes operate the television cabinet, Fireplace and the ROKU tv. All ROKU Controllers are in guest mode and will automatically reset if you choose.

To raise the cabinet, press the number 1. To lower press the number 2.



This remote operates the electric fireplace.



Inside the door on the passenger side wall, there is a bank of two switches low and behind the futon. The switch nearest the door operates a small external light on the outside of the bus. The other switch operates two overhead recessed lights and has the dimmer and halo function. The heated floor mat controller for the living area is just below this switch on the floor.



Nearly all recessed light switches include a slide dimmer on the right and a halo option. The halo option is achieved by turning the switch on, then off and on again within a few seconds. This works as a toggle from full light to halo and back.



Below is an example of the recessed lights in regular and halo mode.



There is a switch behind the futon near the kitchen counter that operates the reading lights above the futon.



There are two GFI outlets. These protect all outlets on their respective side.

One on the driver's side behind the vanity sink:



And one in the kitchen behind the combo oven.



External Amenities

There are several external amenities that deserve mention.

Charcoal Barbecue with Iron table and chairs – Weather permitting.[Fire starter, charcoal under the barbecue cover in tote]



Burn Pit



Mechanical Overview

This is a functioning bus with full hookup and mobile amenities. This bus is equipped with waste water tanks and a freshwater tank. The waste water is drained directly into a septic system so please do not flush non-septic compatible items through the toilet or down the drain.

POWER

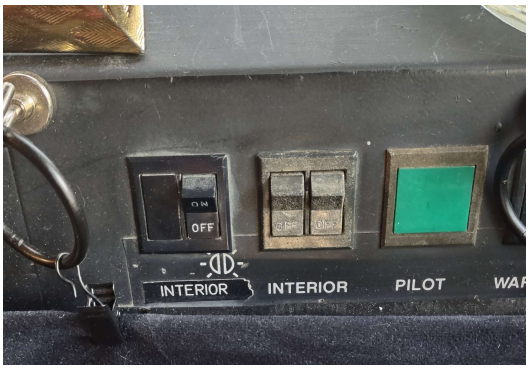
While parked, the bus and appliances mostly run on 110v. There are a few 12 v appliances that include;

The water heater [propane and 12 volts].

The freshwater pump. [not needed due to current hookup]

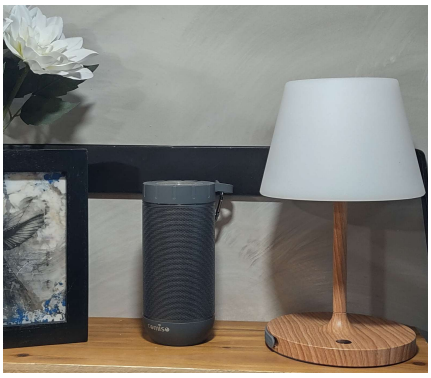
Diesel Parking Heater.

There is stock 12v bus lighting operated from the Drivers Panel to the left of the drive seat [see photo]



In addition, there are several rechargeable lanterns as shown:

Kitchen



Bathroom



Closet



Heating

There are two small space heaters that are normally sufficient when managed.

There is a faux fireplace with a 1500w heater element with manual or remote control.



There is a diesel parking heater. The control is affixed to the slatted wall just to the left of the microwave oven and operates the diesel heater.



Operation is such:

There are four buttons to the right of the screen.

Up and Down buttons with applicable arrows. Between those buttons is the “On” button on the right and the “M” button on the left next to the display.

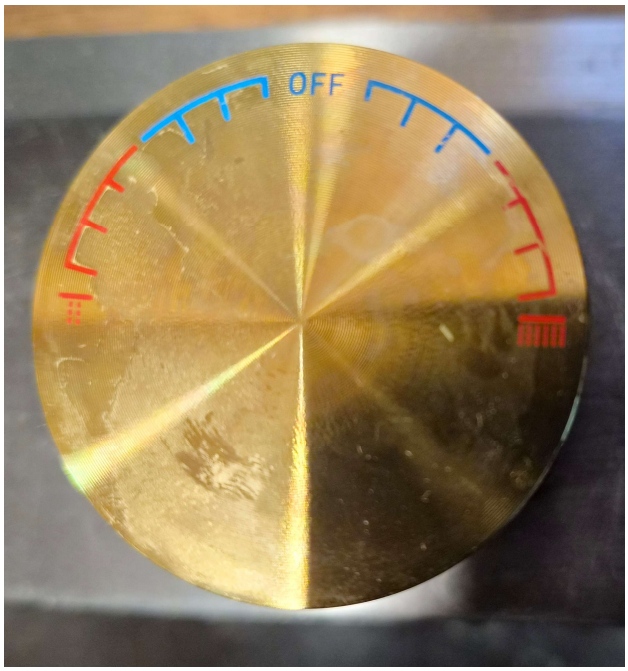
To turn on/off, press and and release the on button. Press again to turn off. The default temp is set to 68. The M button will allow you to turn up the power and alter the temp.

Hot Water

The tank-less hot water is on 12 volts and heats with propane. It runs on demand so if you need hot water, turn the faucet all the way to hot and wait until hot water flows, then turn it down to the desired mix.

Kitchen Sink

The brass knob controls water to both the waterfall and the main spout. To get hot water, turn the knob all the way left or right until hot water flows from your desired outlet. Then turn the nob back to fine tune the temperature.



Heated floors

There are two heated floor mats in the living area and kitchen. The living area will run for a few hours and cycle off. The kitchen will run off the thermostat.

Kitchen Floor Heater Thermostat



Living Area Floor Heater Thermostat



Weather Changes

Once the high temperatures reach 80, we will have a small Window AC Unit installed in the living area.

Once the lows drop below 50 we will have a heated blanket on the bed.