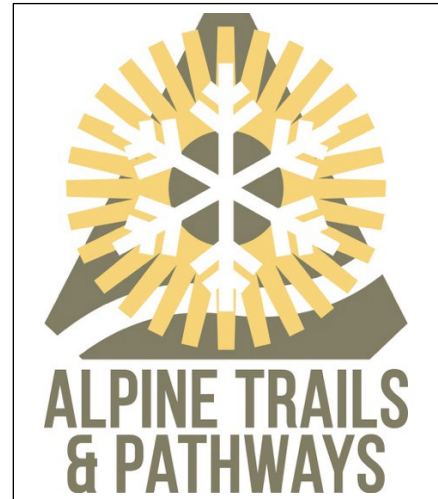


Alpine Trails and Pathways
Alpine, WY

Alpine Travel and Tourism Board

15 March 2025



Dear Alpine Travel and Tourism Board,

Please accept Alpine Trails and Pathways (ATaP) 2025/26 grant application for winter grooming for \$8,000.00. The funds we are requesting will help “Feed the Fun” our residents and visitors enjoy!

For the 25/26 grooming season, ATaP is budgeting \$12,993.75 to hire Bushong XC Grooming to groom our Lakebed trails twice a week from end of December through first week of April. In the 2023/24 season, Bushong was able to groom through first week of April. And this winter, we’re looking at a similar time frame. For the 2025/26 season, we have raised funds to lower our ask. For next winter we’re asking \$8,000.00, 60% of our budgeted cost. Our Lakebed trails attract visitors and locals alike. Our trails give visitors to Alpine another option to fill their vacation days while keeping them close to town. We also offer local and regional users a casual groomed trail network to XC ski, skate, fat bike, snowshoe, skijor, and take their dog for a romp.

However, our Lakebed trails are not the only trails we groom. ATaP volunteers groom the Greys River bench, Snake River Bench, Winter Jubilee trails and up the Greys. By funding this grant application, you will again accomplish a few major tasks for ATaP:

1. The obvious task of relieving fundraising pressure during the winter season. Having funds in place for Bushong next season can allow us to focus on other projects and other grooming. Example: new trail map, trail signage, pre-season course prep, digital interfacing with users, events prep, etc.
2. ATaP can shift grooming funds to purchase new equipment that would not qualify for funding due to state statute. This year we’re looking to purchase a snowmobile trailer that can easily transport our grooming equipment. Having a trailer will protect our equipment and make easy transport from trailhead to trailhead when it’s not possible to snowmobile to each.

Each year, for the last 12 years, ATaP has strived to create a positive trail network environment for our community and visitors. By funding our grant request, Alpine Travel and Tourism can help ATaP take another step toward a quality trail network in Alpine.

Budget:

2025/26 New Winter Rates

Bushong XC Grooming Hourly Rate \$330.00

Average Groom time 1.25 hrs = \$412.50

Grooming twice a week, Wednesday and Saturday, Total Average Weekly = \$825.00

Estimated Grooming season Dec 20 – April 4, 15 weeks. Total \$12,375.00 for 2025/26

Estimated cost increase for 2025/26 Season of 5%, Total Budget for 2025/26 = \$12,993.75

Applicant Organization Name: Alpine Trails and Pathways

Event or Project Name: Lakebed Trail Grooming 25/26 Season

Event or Project Location and Date: Palisades Lakebed, end of County Rd 100

Applicant Address: PO Box 3715 Alpine, WY 83128

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List of organizations Board Members and positions:

Jeremy Larsen – President
Jan Hansen – Vice President
Steve Dwyer – Secretary
Aaron McCormick – At Large
Eric Taft – At Large
Robbie Hagedorn – At Large

Organization Structure: 501©3 Not for Profit

Organization EIN: 85-4262663

Organization W-9 if applicable: n/a

Organization board minutes approving grant Applications: See Attachment A

Amount of funds requested? \$8,000.00

Proposed Cost of Project? \$12,993.75

List of other donors? Previous years; Alpine Travel and Tourism, Alpine Community Fund, Coney Classic Fundraiser, and individual donors.

Describe Project/Event; Purpose, Objective: Funds are to hire Bushong XC Grooming to groom the Lakebed trails from approximately end of December through first week of April, snow depending.

Where will the project/event take place? End of County Road 100 at the ATAP XC Lakebed Trails

Give a timeline with project/event deadlines? Grooming will be from end of December through April 4, snow depending.

What is the expected impact of the project/event? How many tourists will it attract? How will it benefit overnight stays and local business impact? Will there be a benefit to our local population?

Our Lakebed XC trails attract users from the Wasatch Front in Utah to Teton County and across the US. We experience daily Alpine and Star Valley users. Visitors from outside our region, use our trails as one more option for fun while they stay at our local hotels and BnB's. Weekends attract folks from Teton Co, WY, Teton Co, ID, and Bonneville Co, ID. They appreciate our casual atmosphere and acceptance of dogs. Once here, they frequent our restaurants, grocery and gas stations.

How long will your Project/event benefit intended target market? Three months +/-

How will ToATT grant money be used? It will be used to pay Bushong Trail Grooming to groom our Lakebed Trails.

Have you applied for other sources? If so, where? In the past we have applied to Alpine Travel and Tourism and Alpine Community Fund.

Will there be other funds available? If so, how much? Alpine Community Fund no longer exists. Other funding will come from donors and fundraising.

Will there be a need for future funding? If so, explain? Yes, ATAP will continue to raise funds for grooming and organizational expenses on a yearly basis.

Jeremy Larsen
President, Alpine Trails and Pathways