

# 2025 Proposed

## **Scope of Work for Trail Maintenance and Construction in the Little Sand Creek Watershed City of Sandpoint**

### **1. Project Overview**

The City of Sandpoint and Pend Oreille Pedalers (POP) seek to perform trail maintenance, construction, restoration, decommissioning and realignment within the Little Sand Creek Watershed. The work aims to improve trail sustainability, reduce erosion, enhance safety and create a positive user experience.

### **2. Scope of Services**

#### **A. Trail Maintenance**

- Removal of deadfall and hazard trees using chainsaws and hand tools.
- Brushing to clear trail corridors to standard width.
- Tread off-sloping and benching to restore proper trail grade and tread width.
- Construction of rolling dips and drainage features for erosion control.
- Jump and berm shaping, re-construction and relocation for rider safety and enjoyment.

#### **B. Trail Construction and Realignment (to be pre-approved by City prior to Work)**

- Realignment of existing segments, as needed, to reduce erosion, improve sightlines and minimize user conflicts.
- Installation and relocation of drainage structures, including culverts, wooden boardwalks and bridges.

#### **C. Trail Restoration and Decommissioning**

- Restoration of damaged trail sections.
- Decommissioning of unnecessary segments, restoring them to natural conditions.
- Erosion control measures, such as water bars and native seeding.

### **3. Equipment to be Used**

- Excavators, Mini dozers, Motorized rock hammers, Motorized wheelbarrows, Chainsaws, Hand tools.

### **4. Performance Standards**

- Work will follow best practices for sustainable trail design and safety standards.
- Environmental impact will be minimized with proper signage for public safety.

### **5. Schedule and Reporting**

- Project timeline will be coordinated with the City of Sandpoint.
- Regular progress reports will include completed tasks, equipment usage and challenges.

## **6. Environmental Protection**

- Compliance with local, state and federal environmental regulations.
- Erosion control and prevention with increased water quality protection measures.
- Protection of sensitive habitats during construction.

## **7. Habitat Restoration & Revegetation**

- **Native Plant Restoration:** Replanting disturbed areas with Douglas Fir, Ponderosa Pine, and native shrubs
- **Soil Stabilization:** Mulching and terracing to prevent erosion
- **Annual Monitoring:** Ensuring revegetation success and making adjustments as needed

## **8. Safety, Education and Risk Management Plan**

- **Trail Signage:** Install clear signage for wayfinding, safety warnings and proper trail use. Audit of existing GPS emergency response locations.
- **Safety Procedures:** All personnel will use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- **Heavy Equipment Safety:** Implement protocols for safe operation of machinery.
- **Public Safety Measures:** Place barriers and signage to keep the public clear of active work zones.
- **Emergency Response:** Communicate procedures and designate emergency contacts for all workers. Support annual access training with Watershed land managers and EMS.
- **Education Outreach:** Provide trail etiquette and safety information through signage and online resources.

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