



Scope of Work for Little Sand Creek Watershed Trail System

2026–2027 Maintenance and Stewardship Program

Purpose

The purpose of this Scope of Work is to define the trail maintenance, restoration and stewardship activities to be performed by Pend Oreille Pedalers (POP) within the Little Sand Creek Watershed Trail System during the 2026–2027 operating season. Work will be completed by POP professional trail crews and organized community volunteers to ensure the trail system remains safe, sustainable and environmentally responsible while providing high quality recreational opportunities for the public.

Trail System Coverage

Maintenance and restoration activities may occur on the following trails and associated trail corridors:

Trail / Mileage

Shedwater / 2.4m

Cedar Dreams / 1.7m

Big Dipper / .4m

Little Dipper / .1m

Missing Lynx / .9m

E.T. / .8m

Galaxie / .9m

Phone Home / 1.0m

Thunder Cat / .5m

Hucks & Bucks / .8m

Highpoint / 2.8m

Uleda Ridge / 1.4m

Solar Ecstasy / 1.3m

Ziggy / .76m

Upper Freedom to Loam / .57m

Freedom to Loam / .5m

Stardust / .7m

Intergalactic / .73m

Stairway to Heaven / .25m

Total Trail Mileage: Approximately 18.51 miles

Maintenance and Restoration Activities

POP will perform the following maintenance and restoration activities as needed to protect trail infrastructure, improve user safety and enhance long-term trail sustainability:

Vegetation Management

- Cutting back brush and encroaching vegetation within the trail corridor.
- Limbing and pruning overhanging branches to maintain safe trail clearance.
- Maintaining sight lines at trail intersections, corners and other high-use locations.

Trail Corridor Clearing

- Removal of fallen trees, limbs and woody debris.
- Clearing seasonal storm damage.
- Removal of trail obstructions that create safety hazards or impede public access.

Tread Maintenance and Restoration

- Reestablishing trail tread width and outslope.
- Repairing rutting, cupping, berming and tread displacement.
- Restoring trail surfaces damaged by erosion, weather events or user impacts.
- Armoring trail surfaces with rock or other natural materials where necessary to improve durability.
- Repairing trail approaches, landings and transition areas.

Drainage and Erosion Control

- Cleaning, maintaining and reconstructing rolling grade dips, drain crossings and other drainage features.
- Addressing erosion issues that threaten trail sustainability or watershed resources.
- Stabilizing disturbed soils and implementing erosion-control measures where necessary.

Trail Infrastructure

- Inspection and minor maintenance of existing trail structures and features.
- Repair or replacement of signs, markers and trail identification features as approved by the City.
- Maintenance of trail entrances, junctions and access points.

Resource Protection

- Restoration of unauthorized resource damage.
- Rehabilitation of user-created social trails when identified and approved.
- Protection of watershed resources through implementation of best management practices.
- Conducting all work in a manner that minimizes impacts to soil, vegetation, wildlife habitat and water quality.

Volunteer Stewardship Program

POP will organize and supervise community volunteer trail workdays throughout the operating season. Volunteer activities may include:

- Vegetation management.
- Drainage maintenance.
- Trail tread repairs.
- Corridor clearing.
- Resource restoration projects.
- Stewardship education and outreach.

All volunteers will be supervised by qualified POP personnel and provided with appropriate safety briefings, tools and work assignments.

POP Responsibilities

POP shall:

1. Develop annual maintenance and work plans based on trail conditions and available resources.
2. Provide trained crew leaders and qualified supervision for all maintenance activities.
3. Supply tools, equipment and materials necessary to complete authorized work.
4. Maintain appropriate insurance coverage as required under the MOU and License Agreement.
5. Implement industry accepted trail construction and maintenance standards and best management practices.
6. Maintain records of maintenance activities, volunteer participation and accomplishments.
7. Coordinate major maintenance needs or trail closures with the City of Sandpoint.

8. Immediately report significant safety hazards, storm damage or resource concerns to the City.

Reporting

POP shall provide the City of Sandpoint with an annual summary report that includes:

- Trail maintenance activities completed.
- Total crew and volunteer hours contributed.
- Miles of trail maintained or restored.
- Major repairs completed.
- Resource protection accomplishments.
- Recommendations for future maintenance priorities and capital improvements.

Term

This Scope of Work shall remain in effect for the 2026–2027 operating season and may be amended by mutual agreement between the City of Sandpoint and Pend Oreille Pedalers.