

No: 26-  
Date: April 1, 2026

RESOLUTION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SANDPOINT

**TITLE: AGREEMENT WITH INLAND FOREST MANAGEMENT, INC., FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES (CITY AGREEMENT #A26-3900-1)**

WHEREAS: The Little Sand Creek watershed, which lies northwest of the City of Sandpoint, is the community's primary drinking water source, as well as the provider of many other important benefits, and is critical to Sandpoint's well-being;

WHEREAS: Having been consistently acquiring watershed property since 1918, the City is a significant watershed landowner, encompassing ownership of approx. 53% percent of this 7,400-acre area and working alongside other watershed landowners to manage and protect water quality;

WHEREAS: In 1977, the City contracted professional forest management services that included the preparation of a forest management plan, which led to an active timber management program, with timber sales conducted nearly every year under the plan, resulting in an annual harvest target of 375 MBF (thousand board feet);

WHEREAS: In 1988, the timber harvest level was reduced to approximately 250 MBF per year, and, in 1992, the updated forest management plan recommended an integrated resource management approach focused primarily on maintaining high water quality and enhancing forest productivity, with specific steps outlined to achieve this goal, including converting stagnant hemlock stands into vigorous forests, thinning overstocked stands, protecting vegetation in stream protection zones, and minimizing cumulative effects and impacts to water quality and other resources;

WHEREAS: The watershed management plan was most recently updated in 2021 and the timber management plan was updated in 2019;

WHEREAS: On February 26, 2026, the city released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Forest Management Services for the Little Sand Creek Watershed, receiving only one proposal prior to closing time, which was submitted by Inland Forest Management, Inc.; and

WHEREAS: After careful review and evaluation, the city determined Inland Forest Management to be responsive and qualified to perform these services, which include routine watershed inspections, forest management plan development, forest inventory, timber sale layout and administration, hazardous fuel evaluation and logging operation inspection services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Agreement with Inland Forest Management, Inc., for Forest Management Consultant Services (City Agreement #A26-3900-1), in the amount of \$120,000 (estimated at \$40,000 per year) terminating on April 5, 2029 a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: On behalf of the City, the Mayor or authorized designee, as provided in the Procurement Process and Signature Authority Policy for Goods, Services, and Construction, as further outlined in the City of Sandpoint Procurement Policy, is authorized to sign and enter into the above-referenced Agreement.

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Deb Ruehle, Council President

ATTEST:

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Meri Jane Bohn, City Clerk