

No: 26-  
Date: March 4, 2026

RESOLUTION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SANDPOINT

**TITLE: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO WESTERN STATES FIRE MANAGERS WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) GRANT PROGRAM FOR LITTLE SAND CREEK WATERSHED FIRE MITIGATION FUNDING**

WHEREAS: At the November 5, 2025, City Council meeting, City Forester Erik Bush and Elynn Reirson of Inland Forest Management (IFM) presented information on fire mitigation opportunities and funding options within the Little Sand Creek Watershed;

WHEREAS: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has offered \$50,000 to the City of Sandpoint to support planning and implementation of a shaded fuel break within the watershed, with final funding requirements and project details currently being coordinated with IFM and USFWS and a landowner agreement to be presented to City Council at a future meeting;

WHEREAS: Staff also presented information on November 5 regarding the Western States Fire Managers Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) grant opportunity, administered by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL);

WHEREAS: The intent of submitting a proposal for this grant would be development of a project with IDL assistance to create a fuel break protecting Little Sand Creek water quality and the watershed at large; and

WHEREAS: If the City's proposal is selected, staff will work with the Idaho Department of Lands grants team to further develop the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: City staff is hereby authorized and directed to submit an application to Western States Fire Managers Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Grant Program for Little Sand Creek Watershed Fire Mitigation Funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to sign and submit the application and any necessary accompanying materials.

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Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Hayley Keys, Deputy City Clerk