



December 11, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Pend Oreille Peddlers grant request for continued trail building within the City of Sandpoint's Little Sand Creek Watershed. Since 2014, I have worked directly with the POP and find it to be an organization that works effectively and professionally on trail building projects. It has a large, dedicated volunteer base that has remained committed to building and maintaining numerous trail projects throughout the region. Sandpoint residents and visitors have benefited tremendously from its work which has significantly improved public access to recreation, community health, economic vitality and overall quality of life in the region. POP has consistently demonstrated its ability to mobilize public support, administer grant funding and deliver results on trail construction and maintenance projects for over a decade.

Funding POP's request will support a trail project in the City's watershed that will enhance one of the region's premier recreational assets. Through partnership with Pend Oreille Peddlers the City hopes to establish itself as a destination location for mountain biking, hiking and other trail uses. Your support will enable a safe and well-designed trail access to the verdant landscape of our watershed. As a destination trail, this will provide an economic benefit for citizens of Sandpoint and surrounding communities. It will also support continued quality of life for all residents and visitors and will promote awareness and respect for our natural environment.

As the Mayor of Sandpoint I am very supportive of the Pend Oreille Peddler's proposed project and I hope that you look favorably upon their application for funding.

Sincerely,

Shelby Rognstad  
Mayor  
City of Sandpoint