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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Schweitzer Mountain Resort, I am writing in support of the Pend Oreille Pedalers' proposal to the Idaho State Grant Committee for a grant to fund the Little Sand Creek Watershed - Lower Basin Trail Network buildout. We are strong supporters of this grant application and its focus on creating sustainable trails for our community members, friends and family, and those that travel to Sandpoint to enjoy our beautiful area.

As an organization that takes pride in providing our local community with a year around place to recreate, we have been extremely satisfied with the trail work performed by the Pend Oreille Pedalers on our property. This includes all of the current trails that lie above the proposed project (outside of our ski area boundary), as well as those in the existing Lower Basin Trail Network.

This past summer, we experienced record summer visits from hikers and bikers on our trail network and in the Lower Basin Trail Network. The Lower Basin Trails provide a vital connection from our mountain to the town of Sandpoint and we have seen a noticeable uptick in users of our facilities because of this connectivity.

We believe the new trails will bring increased safety for its users thanks to the directional nature of the proposal as well as the increase in options for users to choose the appropriate trail based on their ability and activity. More trail choices will promote growth in outdoor recreation by allowing access to users that may not have the current skill or fitness level to use the trails currently in the Lower Basin Trail Network.

Schweitzer Mountain Resort is a sponsor of the Pend Oreille Pedalers and will continue to support the efforts they have put forth in building sustainable trails in our community. The proposed Lower Basin Project is an excellent example of the much needed improvements to our community, our mountain and everyone who enjoys experiencing the natural beauty of this region.

Sincerely,

Tom Chasse

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Chasse", with a stylized flourish at the end.

President & CEO  
Schweitzer Mountain Resort