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Idaho Parks and Recreation
5657 Warm Springs Avenue
Boise, ID 83716

Re: Letter of Support for Pend Oreille Pedalers Recreational Trail Program Proposal

To Whom it May Concern:

Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT) is submitting this letter of support for Pend Oreille Pedalers' (POP) 2021 application to the IDPR Recreational Trail Program for the Lower Basin trail project.

The continued development and maintenance of trails in the Lower Basin provides direct support to many constituents that are served by both POP and KLT. One of our primary objectives at KLT is to break down barriers to outdoor access for all members of our community. We frequently work in partnership with POP towards this missional goal, and in doing so are able to leverage the resources of both organizations to connect more people to nature through thoughtful trail planning, design and implementation.

The Lower Basin trail network is beloved by many residents in the greater Sandpoint area, as validated by trail usage data presented by POP. KLT acknowledges that, by supporting thoughtful design and alternative routes, we are able to welcome a greater number and type of users from bikers and hikers to trail runners and huckleberry pickers while also protecting environmental concerns such as water quality within a municipal watershed. This project also provides a significant benefit to our local economy, bringing people in from other communities to recreate and participate in our thriving region.

KLT welcomes the benefits to local residents and visitors alike of an expanded trail network in the Lower Basin. Thank you for your careful consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Katie Egland Cox

Executive Director