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Jason Welker, Executive Director
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Dear Jason,

The Idaho Trails Association is in full support of your 2021 grant application to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, for the completion of the Little Sand Creek Watershed – Lower Basin Trail Network Buildout near Sandpoint, Idaho

In 2020, the Lower Basin trails saw record usage, with many more people seeking outside recreational opportunities. Trail statistics show usage has quadrupled.

The addition of a multi-use uphill trail with a more moderate gradient will increase safety and provide a much better experience for hikers and trail runners. It will reduce uphill and downhill user conflicts, and provide safer route options for hikers, runners and bikers.

The Idaho Trails Association promotes the continued enjoyment of Idaho's hiking trails. The additional trails that would be constructed thru this grant request will provide more needed opportunities for hiking and will help to address the increasing demand for trail recreation by both locals and visitors who come to explore and enjoy our beautiful area. The Idaho Trails Association and our statewide membership support this grant request.

Original signed by Tom Dabrowski

Tom Dabrowski, President