

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
TRAIL OF THE COEUR D'ALENES
TRAIL COMMISSION INFORMATION SHEET

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (“State” or “IDPR”) and the Coeur d’Alene Tribe, Lake Management Department (“Tribe” or “TLMD”) (collectively the “Parties”) entered into an “Agreement” to establish a long-term cooperative partnership between the State and the Tribe with respect to ownership, management and operation of the Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes Right-of-Way (“ROW”) and Trail.

As a part of this agreement the Parties established a six-member Trail Commission (“Commission”). In establishing the Commission, the Parties’ intent is to ensure that all aspects of the development, funding, management and operation of the entire ROW and Trail are coordinated across the Parties separate and joint management areas, consistent with implementation of the Consent Decree, CITU and the Agreement.

Three members of the Commission are appointed by the State and shall include the State’s Trail Manager. Three members are appointed by the Tribe and shall include the Tribe’s Trail Manager.

The State plans to appoint one at-large member. Minimum qualifications are:

1. Shall reside in the State of Idaho.
2. Shall actively participate in Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes activities.
3. Shall be willing to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to serve for the term of the appointment.
4. Shall, if a member of an organization or club, report back to that organization or club on the activities and actions of the committee, and solicit input and suggestions to be brought to the full committee.

DUTIES:

The Trail Commission shall, as necessary, review, modify and adapt the General Management Principles and Operating Guidelines to meet the management and operating requirements of the Parties. Changes may include, but are not limited to, design standards for public access, permitted uses and fees, interpretation, promotion of economic benefits, support for appropriate cultural and historical values and other matters which affect the overall character of the Trail and ROW.

In addition to overseeing the General Management Principles and Operating Guidelines, the specific duties and responsibilities of the Commission shall include the following:

1. Coordinate efforts between the Parties to ensure consistency with the single-trail management concept and encourage cost savings and efficiency with respect to budgets for personnel and administration, leasing, general operation, training and maintenance of the Trail/ROW;

2. Oversee management of the Trail/ROW to ensure protection of public health and the environment;
3. Foster recreational and economic development opportunities in the area;
4. Promote and protect important cultural and historical values associated with the Trail/ROW;
5. Review UPRR's activities and the Parties' oversight and management activities to ensure performance by UPRR of its Trail/ROW maintenance and repair obligations pursuant to the Consent Decree;
6. Coordinate efforts between the Parties to seek and secure additional funding for development, operation, maintenance and repair of the Trail and ROW; and
7. Consider input from the public regarding ROW and Trail management issues as set forth in Part VI.B of the State/Tribe Agreement.

The Parties will also utilize the Commission to collaborate on numerous other matters associated with operation and management of the Trail/ROW. For example, by combining efforts at fundraising, the Parties will work in good faith through the Trail Commission to secure additional resources for development, operation and maintenance in the form of user fees, federal assistance (rivers, trail, transportation and conservation programs), technical assistance, private donations and volunteer work.

A quorum of the Commission shall exist when not less than four members are present and those four members consist of two State and two Tribe representatives. The Commission will operate by consensus of those members present. A consensus of the Commission requires that, for any proposed decision, no member present at a meeting votes in opposition.

MEETINGS AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

The Trail Commission will meet not less than bi-annually in the Spring and Fall and as necessary for effective oversight of the management and operation of the Trail/ROW. Adequate notice of the time and meeting place shall be provided to the public prior to such meetings. The bi-annual meetings shall provide an opportunity for public input and comment.

In addition to bi-annual meetings, the Trail Commission may also meet formally or informally from time to time, including meetings with individual communities connected via the Trail, individuals or groups of adjacent residents and landowners, local governments, as well as other interest groups and/or members of the general public to provide information and solicit input.

The Trail Commission will also engage in a range of outreach activities. This may include involving the public in general matters of trail development, implementing strategies for minimizing conflicts which may arise between user groups, resolving concerns of adjacent landowners and leaseholders with respect to matters such as public health and safety, developing and coordinating adopt-a-trail volunteers and community watch groups, supporting economic development opportunities, promoting historical and cultural values associated with the Trail/ROW and developing programs for encouraging health and fitness through recreational use of the Trail/ROW.

The Parties intend to provide direct, meaningful and timely opportunities for the public and stakeholders to access staff and management of the TLMD and IDPR, thereby ensuring that decisions regarding management and operation of the Trail/ROW are informed by a broad consideration of views and are widely supported.

TERM LENGTH:

The at-large member will be approved by IDPR’s Board and will serve a term of two (2) years. No Commission at-large member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Individuals interested in becoming an at-large member must complete an application and return it by August 1, 2023 to the Coeur d’Alene’s Old Mission/Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes State Park Office or IDPR North Region Service Center.

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208-682-3814

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