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AGENDA ITEM
Idaho Park and Recreation Quarterly Meeting
November 8-9, 2023
McCall, ID 83638

AGENDA ITEM: Trail of The CdAs At-Large Trails Commission Member

ACTION REQUIRED: **BOARD ACTION REQUIRED**

PRESENTER: David E. White, North Region Manager

PRESENTATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: 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 Interim Trail Agreement.

Three members of the Commission are appointed by the State and shall include the State's Trail Manager, Will Niska. The State also identified David White, North Region Manager, as a member due to his historical knowledge and long-term involvement with the Trail. Three members are appointed by the Tribe and shall include the Tribe's Trail Manager.

The State appoints one at-large member. The at-large member is 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. Morris "Mac" Cavabar, CdA, Idaho is the current at-large member and has done a great job. He has served two plus terms so it is time to appoint a new member.

Staff advertised and accepted applications for IDPR's at-large member. A total of three applications were received and reviewed by staff to determine who would be the best candidate to represent users associated with IDPR's portion of the trail. Region 1 Board Member Chuck Roady, Non-Motorized Trail Coordinator Hailey Brookins, and Operations Division Administrator Troy Elmore assessed and rated the applications without the applicant's names. OM/TOC Park Manager Will Niska and North Region Manager David White utilized the rankings to determine a final recommendation. The application information sheet and the applications are attached for the Board members for review.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends that the Board approve Anna Moody as IDPR's at-large member to serve on the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes Commission for the next two years.

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.

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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 May 1, 2015 to the Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission/Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes State Park Office or IDPR North Region Service Center.

CdA's Old Mission/Trail of the CdAs State Park
31732 S. Mission Rd./P.O. Box 30
Cataldo ID 83810
208-682-3814

IDPR North Region Service Center
2885 Kathleen Ave. Suite 1
Coeur d'Alene ID 83815
208-769-1511

Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation
Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes Commission At-Large Membership Application

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208 691-9169 Wallace Idaho 83873
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1. As a Historic Wallace resident right on the Trail of the Couer d'Alenes and in a profession that promotes and defends the trail for over 30 years, I am inherently in touch with the challenges, needs, benefits and what it takes to keep the Trail as a signature element of Idaho recreation and a prime example of what Idaho State Parks represents.
Have personally ridden the Coeur d'Alene Trail since its inception decades ago, hundreds of time being in touch with his beauty as well as what it means to the towns along its course while seeing firsthand the care and maintenance the trail requires.
As President of the Friends of the Coeur d'Alenes Trail which promotes and markets sustainable trail usage and the passage of pertinent trail info to the public, the Friends has attended commission meetings and worked with the commission as well as trail managers Kathleen D and Will N.
2. Organizations- past/ present president/board member of:
Friends of the Coeur d'Alene Trails
Idaho Recreation & Parks Association
Wallace Chamber of Commerce
North Idaho Travel Alliance
North Idaho Travel Committee
North Idaho Chamber of Commerce
Wallace City Council
Wallace Planning & Zoning Committee
Idaho Travel Council

3. Represent trail user- group and individual

Cycling, trekking, roller blading

Local, in-state and out of state guest usage

4. Priorities- maintenance of the trail protecting its sustainability

Encouraging trail usage for individuals who presently do not view the trail as a recreational nor health improving amenity; "getting people outside."

5. Interest- Club and as a user.

6. Biker, trekker

7. Personal usage 40x/year



Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Trial of the Coeur d' Alenes Trail Commission
At-Large Member Application Form

Name: Paul S. Sala

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Phone#: 208) 682-0170

City: Cataldo State: ID Zip: 83810

Email: paulsala57@gmail.com

1. What knowledge or experience do you have that would contribute to the Commission?

I've helped maintain the trail in the past. I already am familiar with a lot of its governing rules.

2. (Pertinent) natural resource organizations you belong to:

None at this time.

3. As a member of the Commission, you would be representing what type of user?

Everyday uses - biking, walking etc.

4. What, in your opinion, is the highest priority of the Trial of the Coeur d' Alenes and the Commission?

Maintaining a safe place to recreate in N. Idaho. This includes protecting the trail from damage, whether it comes from natural causes or human cause.

5. Is your interest in the Commission through:

☐ Membership in a club or Organization

☐ Commercial

☒ User

☐ Other (Describe):

6. Which modes of transportation do you partake in that are applicable to the Trail of the Coeur d' Alenes?

☒ Biking

☐ Roller Blading

☒ Hiking

☐ Other:

☐ N/A

7. Approximately how often do you utilize the Trail of the Coeur d' Alenes? Almost daily

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Anna Moody
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July 28, 2023

Will Niska, Park Manager
Old Mission/Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes State Park
31732 S Mission Road, Cataldo, Idaho
William.Niska@idpr.idaho.gov

Subject: Application for Member At-Large for Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes Trail Commission.

Dear Mr. Niska:

Please consider my letter of interest and enclosed application to serve on the Trail Commission for the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. As a skilled leader, civil servant, avid user of the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, and a resident of the Silver Valley, I will bring a service-focus and a collaborative attitude to implement the General Management Principles and Operating Guidelines (GMPOG) for the Trail and Right-of-Way (ROW). I have a keen sense of regional interests, engagement, connections to the Trail/ROW and have significant knowledge of the barrier that the Trail provides in the Bunker Hill Superfund site.

Personally, I am a cycling enthusiast, natural resource conservationist and regular trail user. I use the trail at least weekly and sometimes daily for walking, biking, wildlife viewing, skiing and training my dogs. I also have an Idaho Parks and Recreation Passport with my vehicle since its inception several years back and access our state parks often.

Currently, I serve on councils and committees. I am a Kellogg City Council member since March 2019 with several appointments to city committees. I serve on three Historic Silver Valley Chamber committees and participate in improvement projects with the Silver Valley Economic Development Corporation. I have coordinated with regional organizations, cities, counties, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Lake Management Department on various outreach projects.

Professionally, I have been employed with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality since 2004. My background is in water quality, watershed planning and forest ecology. I have work experience in public health and drinking water compliance, natural resource management, surface water quality, drinking water source protection and State Revolving Loan Fund programs. I am currently the Drinking Water Compliance Supervisor for the Coeur d'Alene regional office. Before working for DEQ, I worked in forestry and fire related positions for the U.S. Forest Service in Montana and for the Idaho Department of Lands. I possess a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Conservation, a Master of Science in Environmental Science & Water Resources, and a graduate certificate in Bioregional Planning and Community Design. I am also a Certified Public Manager®.

If given the opportunity to serve as an At-Large Member of the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes Commission I will commit to the memorandum of understanding and perform at my highest level. My knowledge Skills and abilities provide me as a great fit for this position. My volunteerism, ability to analyze complex problems and convey complex principles in an easily understandable manner, strong financial and budget skills, and work in a regulatory environment will complement the Commission.

If you require additional information or personal references, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Anna Moody



Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

Trial of the Coeur d' Alenes Trail Commission

At-Large Member Application Form

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1. What knowledge or experience do you have that would contribute to the Commission?

My volunteerism, work experience and education outlined in the attached letter provide me with valuable expertise for my contribution to the Commission. Additionally, my strength in collaboration and representing diverse interests will contribute to the Commission. I have knowledge and experience in natural resource management, recreation management, environmental regulations, State of Idaho Rules, and the Bunker Hill Superfund Site. I am elected to the Kellogg City Council, volunteer with the local Historical Silver Valley Chamber of Commerce and activities through the Silver Valley Economic Development Corporation. I am the Drinking Water Compliance Supervisor for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in Coeur d'Alene. I have worked for DEQ since 2004, and have experience working in public health and drinking water compliance, surface water, drinking water source protection, and State Revolving Loan Fund programs. I have a background in water quality, watershed planning and forest ecology. Previous to working for DEQ, I worked in forestry and fire related positions for the U.S. Forest Service in Montana and for the Idaho Department of Lands. I possess a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Conservation, a Master of Science in Environmental Science & Water Resources, and a graduate certificate in Bioregional Planning and Community Design.

2. (Pertinent) natural resource organizations you belong to:

I support the Aldo Leopold Foundation. I am a member of the Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation. I am a member of the American Water Works Association, and a former member of the Society of American Foresters.

3. As a member of the Commission, you would be representing what type of user?

As an At-Large Member of the Commission, I envision representing multiple Trail user-types and interests. Users include those in non winter and winter months. Interests include, but are not limited to cultural, social and economic interests. Users include, but are not limited to recreationists, tourists, cyclists, walkers, wildlife viewers, skiers, snowmobilers, commuters, communities and wildlife. Users are also those property-owners and communities whose properties the Trail and ROW are adjacent to, or those whose ancestral land the old railroad bed bisects.

4. What, in your opinion, is the highest priority of the Trial of the Coeur d' Alenes and the Commission?

In my opinion, the highest priority of the Trail Commission is to oversee implementation of the General Management Principles and Operating Guidelines (GMPOG) of the Trail and ROW for its entirety of the 72 miles from Plummer to Mullan. This must be coordinated with the Commission, State of Idaho and Coeur d'Alene Tribe. In this role the Commission supports the State and Tribal Trail Manager's, while transparently representing multiple users of the Trail and considering interests of landowners near the Trail and ROW.

5. Is your interest in the Commission through:

☐ Membership in a club or Organization

☐ Commercial

☒ User

☒ Other (Describe): Cultural, social and
economic impacts in the region.

6. Which modes of transportation do you partake in that are applicable to the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes?

☒ Biking

☐ Roller Blading

☒ Hiking

☒ Other: Skiing

☐ N/A

7. Approximately how often do you utilize the Trail of the Coeur d' Alenes?

I use the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes at a minimum of weekly, and often every day.

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