

## Partnerships: Making it better, together.

**CABINET VIEW NATURE AREA.** Located on the Montana/Idaho border, KLT's first public access property provides 75 acres of wetlands and forest with educational signage, a loop trail, benches created in partnership with the *Kalispel Tribe* and a gazebo for gatherings. This land was purchased with the support of *Avista*, and the *North American Wetlands Conservation Act*.

**PINE STREET WOODS.** Purchased in 2019 after a \$2.1 million dollar campaign supported by **USDA Community Forest Program, Equinox Foundation, LOR Foundation, Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation, Idaho Forest Group and countless community members,** Pine Street Woods encompasses 180 acres of land adjacent to our largest population center. It now receives over 20,000 visits annually.

- Forest Management. The Pine Street Woods FMP was developed in partnership with the
   *Kalispel Tribe, Idaho Forest Group*, and other forestry partners. This plan prioritizes forest
   health and resilience, fire safety, and public education.
- Trails. Since March of 2019 over 10 miles of trails have been built in partnerships with *Pend Oreille Pedalers (POP), Sandpoint Nordic Club (SNC), and Idaho Trails Association (ITA)*. POP and SNC also support ongoing maintenance through an MOA.
- Youth Programs. KLT serves 7 area schools in Lake Pend Oreille School District (LPOSD) and
  Sandpoint Waldorf School, offering year-round programs nearly 5 days a week to 850 children
  annually. Similarly, POP served over 110 youth in their bike clinics and SNC taught more than 850
  school children to Nordic ski in partnership with LPOSD, all at Pine Street Woods.
- Establishment/Infrastructure. The 1,920 SF Outdoor Recreation Center at Pine Street Woods was made possible by the *Blue Cross Foundation for Health* in partnership with the *Sandpoint Nordic Club* and through construction support from *Idagon* and *Collin Beggs Timber Framing*. Trails, benches and signage have been created in partnership with *Selkirk Association of Realtors, AARP, Avista*, and *DA Davidson Sandpoint*.

**REWILD THE PLAY-YARD.** Based on research support from *The University of Idaho*, we are now scaling our well-established work with *Lake Pend Oreille School District* by adding district staff capacity and "re-wildling" playgrounds in partnership with the *United Way of North Idaho*.

**SANDERS COUNTY RECREATION ECONOMY.** As a workshop participant in an *Environmental Protection Agency* Recreation Economy for Rural Communities planning workshop, KLT helped develop a strategic

plan focused on growing the recreation economy of rural Sanders County, MT. With support from a *USDA Rural Development Block Grant* awarded to *Sanders County* with support from the *Heart of the Rockies* and the *Sanders County Community Development Corporation*, KLT created a new staff position to accomplish the established goals. This position is also supported by *Mountain Mamas*, an NGO serving Montana and Colorado.

**COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST.** In response to the regional housing crisis, and with a deep desire to protect our rural landscape, KLT is in the early stages of an initiative to develop a Community Housing Trust with support from *Project 7B, Bonner County Housing Agency, Burlington Associates, City of Ponderay, Idagon Homes* and *private investors*.

**KANIKSU LUMBER.** With the need to extract windfall timber at Pine Street Woods, KLT partnered with **Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District** to purchase a portable mill. The **Weyerhauser Foundation** recently awarded a grant to support milling operations, which supply trail building materials and alternative revenue for KLT.

**KANIKSU FOLK SCHOOL.** With the mission of enriching lives and fostering an ethic of stewardship through the sharing of traditional crafts and music, this initiative was launched with support from **350.org** and the **Bonner County Fund for Arts Enhancement**. It has served over 250 adults and has supported over 15 local artisans by providing a living wage for their craft.

**LET'S PICNIC:** A Summer Lunch Program for Kids. After learning that our local school district would pause its free summer lunch program this year, KLT partnered with the *Bonner Community Food Bank, East Bonner County Library and local non-profit Food For Our Children* to bring up to 250 free lunches to community children daily. We have organized week-long volunteer shifts with over 11 community organizations and raised more than \$60,000 to feed local kids.

**SAND CREEK CONNECTIONS.** With support from the *Kalispel Tribe, City of Ponderay, Kinnikinnick* **Native Plant Society, Friends of the Pend d' Oreille Bay Trail, Pend Oreille Pedalers and others,** KLT was awarded a planning grant from the **National Park Service: Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program** to create a plan and vision for a critical corridor along Sand Creek in Sandpoint.

**PLACEMAKING HISTORICAL SIGNAGE PROJECT.** Kaniksu Land Trust and the **Bonner County Historical Society & Museum** were awarded a placemaking grant from **Leadership Sandpoint** to develop a historical and placemaking signage plan that tells the story of place in and around Bonner County.

**DOUBLE UP FARMERS MARKET PROGRAM.** A new partnership with the **Bonner Community Food Bank** and the **Sandpoint Farmers' Market**, supported by a grant from **The Land Trust Alliance**, has allowed expansion of distribution for small farmers by bringing excess food to the food bank to share with their constituents while also creating an ad campaign to increase awareness about the Double Up program for recipients of the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**.