



MISSION

Caring for the land and people of the Kaniksu Region, today, tomorrow and forever.

VISION

Each person who walks this land embraces a responsibility to steward its richness and diversity for the benefit of present and future generations.

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AWARDS

National Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT) Award: Multiple-Use Management and Corridor Sharing (2020)

Best of Bonner County:

Best Conservation Group (2020)
2nd Best Summer Camp (2020)
Best Place to Hike, Honorable Mention (2020)

BACKGROUND

ESTABLISHED IN 2002

Serving North Idaho and Northwest Montana

ACCREDITED SINCE 2016

Reaccredited by the Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Commission in 2021

CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

Wildlife Habitat | Working Lands | Wetlands and Water

Climate Resilience | Culturally Significant Lands | Community Access

INITIATIVES

STRATEGIC CONSERVATION (SINCE 2002)

Over 4,000 acres have been protected in partnership with 30+ families and conservation partners across a 3-county area since 2002. Key geographies include the Bull River Valley, the Lake Pend Oreille and Clark Fork River Watershed, and agricultural lands in Bonner and Boundary Counties.

LAKE PEND OREILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (SINCE 2015)

Kaniksu Land Trust collaborates with Lake Pend Oreille School District (LPOSD) to provide immersive outdoor experiences that enrich students' understanding of the natural world and foster a deep connection to the environment. Our programs combine hands-on activities, exploration, and scientific observation to inspire curiosity and learning. By integrating nature education into the school curriculum, we seek to enhance academic achievement, promote environmental stewardship, and instill a lifelong love for nature. We currently provide over 3,500 youth days of programming annually.

CAMP KANIKSU (SINCE 2017)

A nature immersion summer camp experience serving Bonner County youth. Eight weeklong sessions connect children of all ages with the natural world. Affordability, food security, and scholarships are prioritized to assure access for all.

PINE STREET WOODS COMMUNITY FOREST (SINCE 2019)

A 180-acre forest purchased in 2019 for conservation, recreation, and education through a collaborative fundraising effort that raised more than \$2 million dollars. The property now receives over 20,000 visits annually and serves as a hub for recreation partners as well as KLT programs.

PARTNERS

AARP of Idaho
American Farmland Trust
Avista Corporation
Bonner Community Food Bank
Bonner County Historical Society
Bonner Soil & Water Cons. District
Cities of Sandpoint, Dover,
Ponderay & Thompson Falls
Confederated Salish & Kootenai
Tribes
East Bonner County Library
Elder Advocates Geezer Forum
Festival at Sandpoint
Friends of Scotchman Peaks
Wilderness
Heart of the Rockies Initiative
Homeschool Academy
Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts
Idaho Forest Group
Idaho Panhandle Avalanche Center
Idaho State Forestry Contest
Idaho Trails Association
Kalispel Tribe of Indians
Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
Land Trust Alliance
Lake Pend Oreille School District
Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group
Montana State University Extension
Montana Association of Land Trusts
Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks
Mountain Mamas
Natural Resources Conservation
Service
Pend Oreille Arts Council
Pend Oreille Pedalers
Rotary Club of Sandpoint
Sanders County
Sanders County Community
Development Corporation
Sandpoint Farmers' Market
Sandpoint Nordic Club
Sandpoint Waldorf School
Schweitzer Mountain
Schweitzer Mountain Properties
Selkirk Association of Realtors
University of Idaho - Coeur d'Alene
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Forest Service

TRIBAL PARTNERSHIPS (2020)

Recognizing tribal sovereignty and traditional ecological knowledge, we have worked closely with the Kalispel Tribe to incorporate their land management practices, facilitate a "land-back" transaction on Lake Pend Oreille, establish a cultural access easement, and collaborate on the Sand Creek Connections and Lake Pend Oreille Water Trail Projects.

KANIKSU LUMBER (SINCE 2020)

Kaniksu Lumber is an innovative model of sustainability that employs a portable mill purchased in partnership with Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District and provides forest-based education to connect Pine Street Woods users to the land and the community's rich timber heritage.

MONTANA RECREATION ECONOMY (SINCE 2020)

KLT participated in a collaborative effort to revitalize the economy of rural Sanders County through the EPA's Recreation for Rural Economies process in 2020. This collaborative process resulted in the creation of a new position, housed at KLT, to spearhead the work of improving economic vitality by identifying and optimizing the unique outdoor recreation assets of the area.

REWILDING THE PLAYGROUND (SINCE 2020)

This initiative seeks to integrate nature education within traditional school settings, which often lack naturalized green spaces, by working closely with landscape designers, school faculty, administration, and students at 3 public elementary schools to transform playgrounds into wild learning landscapes. This approach has the potential to raise the bar on education in Idaho while also addressing building capacity challenges.

KANIKSU FOLK SCHOOL (SINCE 2021)

Brings together community members from diverse backgrounds in small group settings to learn tangible skills under the guidance of skilled artisan instructors with the goal of enriching lives and fostering an ethic of stewardship through the sharing of traditional crafts and music.

SAVE THE SLED HILL (SINCE 2021)

Located near downtown Sandpoint, the Pine Street Sled Hill holds great historical and recreational significance, having provided wintertime community recreation for over half a century. When the 48-acre parcel was listed for sale in 2021, KLT led a community campaign to raise over \$2 million to secure the property, and the sledding, forever. It reopened to the public in January of 2024.

WORKFORCE HOUSING (SINCE 2022)

An effort to preserve rural open space while enhancing livability for the community, KLT seeks to launch the region's first Community Housing Trust using a visionary approach to conservation that extends beyond traditional boundaries.

SAND CREEK CONNECTIONS (SINCE 2023)

With support from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, this collaborative initiative seeks to establish a community vision for an ecologically rich stream that runs directly through the urban centers of both Sandpoint and Ponderay.

