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The annual Latah Fun Run brings out young and old on the Latah Trail, formerly an old railroad grade between Moscow and Troy. Photo: Alan T. Price

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2009



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Boise River Trails Coalition
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Recent Successes

Underground Creek Sees Light of Day

Caldwell's Indian Creek was recently "daylighted" from a 1930s pipeline running underneath the city. The once deserted downtown is again a magnet for residents and visitors who now enjoy a stroll along the creek. The \$9 million restoration has sparked

"Wow! Some people said this was impossible, but in just seven years we went from a vision to a bright, open creek . . ."

- Mayor Garrett Nancolas

downtown revitalization, winning commitments of \$30 million from public/private partnerships.

In partnership with Caldwell, the Army Corps of Engineers and the American Society of Landscape Architects, RTCA spearheaded public participation and facilitated a community workshop on creek restoration and community trails. RTCA artists-in-residence were critical in engaging youth in the project.

Latah Trail Nears the Finish Line

The Latah Trail Foundation had a clear vision for a 12-mile trail on an old railroad grade from Moscow to Troy. RTCA helped the project partners work with University of Idaho graphic design, landscape architect and engineering students to create a trail logo and sketches to show what the trail might look like. Outreach efforts resulted in acquiring the entire trail and raising over \$750,000. Today the popular trail is enjoyed year-long, and the final one-mile section of asphalt will be paved in summer '08.

We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.

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THE RTCA PROGRAM

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provides technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

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Current Projects



Boise River Trail partners are developing a guide and making recommendations for a 65-mile water trail on the Boise River. Photo: Boise River Trails Coalition

1. Boise River Trails

Lead Partner:
Boise River Trails Coalition

This Coalition envisions a connected system of pathways near the Boise River from Lucky Peak Dam to the Snake River that will link to Treasure Valley communities and promote economic development. RTCA is helping the coalition plan routes for bike, pedestrian, equestrian, and water trails. Trail partners include Foundation for Ada and Canyon Trail System, Canyon and Ada Counties, Idaho Parks and Recreation, and the cities of Eagle, Garden City, Star, Middleton, Caldwell, Nampa, Notus, and Parma.

2. Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail

Lead Partner:
Friends of Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail

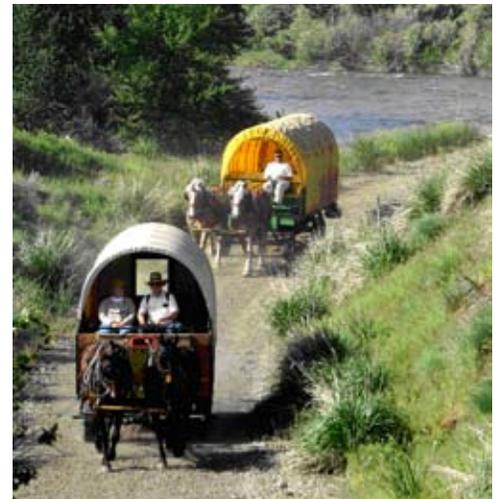
A broad coalition has come together to support creation of a rail-trail along one of the last undeveloped stretches of waterfront on the northwest shoreline of Lake Pend d'Oreille. Scenic views across the lake to the Cabinet Mountains draw residents and visitors to the shore. The proposed trail will help preserve wildlife habitat, provide public access to the waterfront and a critical non-motorized connection between Sandpoint, Ponderay, and Kootenai in a region that is experiencing rapid population growth and development pressure. Several historic

contamination sites are located along the trail corridor, so planning for the trail will be coordinated with DEQ's brownfields assessment and clean-up.

3. Weiser River Trail

Lead Partner:
Friends of the Weiser River Trail

The nationally acclaimed, 85-mile Weiser River Trail, is a rail-trail built and maintained for 10 years by the non-profit Friends Group. Project partners are now starting a second phase, with RTCA assistance, to capitalize on the trail's potential to support recreation, non-motorized transportation, community wellness and the economic vitality of towns along the route.



Wagons and outriders come to the Weiser River Trail for the annual wagon train. Photo: Friends of the Weiser River Trail