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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANLEY, IDAHO, AN IDAHO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ACCEPTING A TRANSFER OF THE VALLEY CREEK PRESERVE FROM THE WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST COMPANY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND STAFF TO TAKE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Wood River Land Trust Company (WRLT) wishes to transfer the real property known as Valley Creek Preserve, legally described in **Exhibit A** (Property), to the City of Stanley (City) for the purpose of a of preserving the Property for resident and anadromous fish habitat and public educational and recreational use; and

WHEREAS, WRLT has \$17,500 in WRLT's Stewardship Fund for the long term monitoring and stewarding of the Property; and

WHEREAS, WRLT and the City have the power and authority under Idaho Code to convey, transfer, acquire, and/or hold real property; and

WHEREAS, the City will adopt, accept, and use the property in accordance with conditions, covenants and restrictions recorded with this Gift Deed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and the City Council of the City, hereby approve the Agreement for Transfer of Real Property (Agreement) substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Agreement.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all other documents and perform all other acts reasonably necessary to effectuate the transfer of the Property to the City.

Section 3. The City will record in Custer County the Gift Deed with its conditions, covenants and restrictions and provide a copy to the Wood River Land Trust Company within 3 business days of Agreement being fully executed.

Section 4. The City will accept \$17,500 for the sole use of implementing the Valley Creek Management Plan attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval.

(Signatures to follow)

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL of the City of Stanley, Idaho, this 2nd day of April, 2026.

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APPROVED BY THE MAYOR of the City of Stanley, Idaho, this 2nd day of April, 2026.

MAYOR:

Steve Botti

The Honorable Mayor, Steve Botti

ATTEST

Kamrah Fake

City Clerk



EXHIBIT A

(Attached)

Exhibit A Resolution 2026-2

Legal Description of Property

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EXHIBIT B

(Attached)

AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY

Effective upon the last party to fully sign this Agreement, Wood River Land Trust Company, ("WRLT"), with an address of 119 East Bullion Street, Hailey, ID 83333, is the fee simple owner of certain real property (the "Property") more particularly described as follows:

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SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH all current taxes, exceptions, easements, uses, rights of way, covenants, conditions and restrictions, and reservations apparent, of view or of record.

City of Stanley, Idaho ("the City") is a municipal corporation, with a mailing address of PO Box 53, Stanley, ID 83278.

WRLT purchased the Property from Valley Creek, LLC with funding from the State of Idaho, Office of the Governor, by and through the Office of Species Conservation, and a donation from the Valley Creek LLC. Restrictions placed on the Property from the Office of Species Conservation dated October 30, 2014 were:

(1) insure that the Property will not be transferred to federal ownership under any circumstances, and that this condition is conveyed by covenant to subsequent title holders of the Property, (2) work with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to insure that the Property has reasonable public access, (3) insure that all property taxes on the Property are paid to Custer County and, (4) in the event the property is transferred or sold, require through covenant, easement, or otherwise that the new owner of the Property continue to adhere to items 1 through 3, above, and continue to benefit resident and anadromous fish species. As a result, for no monetary consideration, but other consideration stated in

this Agreement, WRLT desires to transfer the Property to the City and the City desires to receive title to the Property. To transfer title to the Property, WRLT and the City agree to the terms of this Agreement for Transfer of Real Property (the "Agreement") on conditions set forth in conditions, covenants and restrictions ("CC&Rs").

An amendment was made by the Governor's Office of Species Conservation dated June 30, 2024 that modified restriction (3) as follows: (3) insure that all property taxes assessed for the property are paid to Custer County prior to or on the due date.

Per WRLT's Standards and Practices as a nationally accredited land trust, \$17,500 was transferred into WRLT's Stewardship Fund, per the Stewardship Fund Calculation, for the long-term monitoring and stewarding of the Property, at the time WRLT purchased the Property.

AGREEMENT

The parties incorporate the above recitals and agree, as follows:

1. WRLT shall sign before a notary public and deliver the Gift Deed, in a form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A, to give the Property for no monetary consideration to the City.
2. After receipt of title to the Property, the City shall use the Property in accordance with the CC&Rs attached to this Agreement as Exhibit B, to be recorded in Custer County immediately prior to the Gift Deed, and under the terms of the Valley Creek Management Plan, dated June 8, 2017, attached to this Agreement as Exhibit C.
3. WRLT shall make a one-time deposit of \$17,500 with the City to be used solely for the implementation of the Valley Creek Management Plan, attached as Exhibit C. Such money shall be specifically accounted for as a separate line item on the City's budget. The money deposited by WRLT with the City shall not be used for any other purpose than the direct management of the Property, unless agreed to in writing by WRLT.
4. The City, or any subsequent owner of the Property, shall modify the CC&Rs, attached to this agreement as Exhibit B, and/or the Valley Creek Management Plan, dated June 8, 2017, attached to this Agreement as Exhibit C, only upon first obtaining written approval from WRLT. The Property shall revert to WRLT if the City or any subsequent owner of the Property modifies the CC&Rs and/or the Valley Creek Management Plan, dated June 8, 2017, without first obtaining written WRLT approval. Such reversion shall occur upon receipt by the City or subsequent owner of written notice from the WRLT that this restriction has been violated, and the City or subsequent owner shall take all reasonably necessary actions required to revert the Property to the WRLT, if any. The City and WRLT agree and represent that this restriction is reasonable and necessary to fulfill the intent of the Gift Deed.
5. The City agrees that the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated will not violate or be in conflict with any provision of or laws governing the City; and furthermore, the individuals executing this Agreement on behalf of the City represent and warrant that the City is an existing Idaho governmental entity, and that individual is duly authorized to enter into, execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of The City,

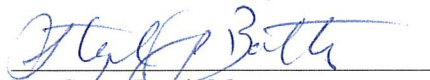
in accordance with that individual's authority or a duly adopted resolution of The City; and that this Agreement is binding upon The City in accordance with its terms and conditions.

6. The parties agree WRLT shall cause the CC&Rs and Gift Deed to be recorded within three (3) business days of the last party to execute this Agreement.
7. The City and WRLT agree that this Agreement is the complete agreement between WRLT and the City, and all attachments to this Agreement are incorporated into the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
8. If any legal action arises between the parties to this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to receive its costs and attorneys' fees incurred in the action, whether litigation is instituted, including costs and fees incurred in appellate or bankruptcy courts.
9. All representations, warranties and obligations of the parties contained in this Agreement shall survive the completion of all transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
10. The Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon all parties' successors in interest.
11. The parties waive the right to make any argument interpreting any ambiguity in the Agreement against WRLT from WRLT having drafted the Agreement and Gift Deed.
12. Any dispute arising out of or related to the Agreement shall be submitted to at least two (2) sessions of mediation of at least two (2) consecutive hours each session by all parties involved in the dispute prior to commencing any litigation. The parties shall use a mediator or mediators acceptable to both parties and bear equally the costs of mediation. Each party involved in the mediation agrees to pay each party's own attorney fees incurred prior to and during a mediation.
13. Any notice to be given or other documents to be delivered to either party by the other may be delivered in person or may be mailed, duly registered or certified, return receipt requested, with postage prepaid, to the parties at the above addresses. Each party may, from time to time, by written notice to the other, designate a different address which shall be substituted for the one specified above. If any notice or other document shall be sent by certified mail, it shall be deemed to have been effectively served or delivered at the time of mailing.

WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST COMPANY

By: Amy Trujillo, Executive Director

CITY OF STANLEY, IDAHO



By: Steve Botti, Mayor

EXHIBIT A

RECORDING REQUESTED BY
AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL
TO:

City of Stanley
PO Box 53
Stanley, ID 83278

(Space Above This Line for Recorder's Use)

GIFT DEED

As long as Grantee uses the below described real property in accordance with conditions, covenants and restrictions recorded with this Gift Deed, WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST COMPANY ("Grantor") conveys, releases, remises and quitclaims to CITY OF STANLEY ("Grantee"), a municipal corporation, with an address of PO Box 53, Stanley, ID 83278, real property, located in Custer County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows:

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto Grantee and to Grantee's heirs and assigns forever, unless the following conditions arise: The Property shall revert to Grantor if, under any current or subsequent ownership, the CC&Rs attached to this Agreement as Exhibit B, or the Valley Creek Management Plan, dated June 8, 2017, attached to this Agreement as Exhibit C, are modified without first obtaining Grantor's written approval. Grantee and Grantor represent that this restriction is reasonable and necessary to fulfill the intent of this Gift Deed.

WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST COMPANY

By: Amy Trujillo, Executive Director

STATE OF IDAHO)
County of _____) ss.

On this day of , before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared Amy Trujillo, known or identified to me to be the Executive Director of WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST COMPANY, an Idaho nonprofit corporation, that executed the foregoing instrument, and who executed the instrument on behalf of that entity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at:

Comm.

Exp.:

EXHIBIT B

RECORDING REQUESTED BY AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST COMPANY
119 E. BULLION STREET
HAILEY, ID 83333

(Space above this line for Custer County Recorder's use only.)

CONDITIONS, COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS, SECTION 4,
TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN,
COUNTY OF CUSTER, IDAHO

WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST COMPANY, an Idaho nonprofit corporation, ("Owner"), makes these CONDITIONS, COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS (referred to as "CC&Rs"). Owner is the fee simple owner of the following described real property in Custer County, Idaho:

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Owner purchased the Property from Valley Creek, LLC, with the intention of preserving the Property for resident and anadromous fish habitat and public educational and recreational use. Owner intends to transfer the Property to the City of Stanley, so is creating the CC&Rs to create a mechanism to preserve the Property for such habitat protection and public use. In addition, Owner is creating the CC&Rs to maintain the Property as owned only by a governmental entity or a nonprofit and Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") section 501(c)(3) corporation or an IRC 509 entity or another entity that falls under a successor to those IRC sections expressly for a park open to the public. As a result, Owner intends to record these CC&Rs in the real property records of Custer County, Idaho, so that the CC&Rs bind burden and become a covenant that runs with and encumbers the Property in perpetuity, as well as Owner's successors in interest.

INCORPORATING THE ABOVE RECITALS, Owner creates CC&Rs encumbering the Property, as follows:

1. The Property shall be maintained only as open without a fee to the public for recreational and educational purposes, protecting resident and anadromous fish species and wildlife, fish and wildlife habitat and access to such habitat. This may include trails and/or boardwalks, as appropriate, to provide public access while protecting natural resources.
2. Non-fee parking areas for the public may be established on the Property along Valley Creek Road for the purposes of accessing and maintaining the Property. Other than parking areas, there shall be no motorized uses on the Property except as necessary for maintenance.
3. No cutting of trees or harvesting of vegetation is permitted on the Property, except for such cutting of vegetation as is required by Owner for maintenance of the Property, or if fallen vegetation extends on to adjacent private property.
4. Owner will retain funding for ongoing management of the Property, which includes security, infrastructure, weed control, signage, and stewardship of the Property's natural resources.
5. The hot spring and any associated uses and structures on the Property may be developed, but only for public purposes and/or public benefit. There shall be no private use or benefit from the hot spring or any associated uses and structures.
6. The Property shall be only owned by a nonprofit and Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") section 501(c)(3) corporation or an entity organized under IRC code 509 or an entity that is organized or qualifies under a successor to either of those IRC sections or a governmental entity.
7. The citizens of the City of Stanley are express third party beneficiaries of the CC&Rs.
8. Miscellaneous Provisions.
 - a. Dispute Resolution. Any dispute arising out of or related to the CC&Rs shall be submitted to at least two (2) sessions of mediation of at least two (2) consecutive hours each session by all parties involved in the dispute prior to commencing any litigation. The parties

shall use a mediator or mediators acceptable to both parties and bear equally the costs of mediation. Each party involved in the mediation agrees to pay each party's own attorney fees incurred prior to and during a mediation.

b. Attorneys Fees and Costs. The prevailing party in any litigation to enforce the CC&Rs shall be entitled to reimbursement from the non-prevailing party of all costs and attorneys' fees, including without limitation attorney fees incurred on appeal or in bankruptcy court.

c. Binding Effect. The CC&Rs shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon Owner and all Owner's successors in interest. The term "Owner" includes all the current Owner's successors in interest.

d. Interpretation. Any third party waives the right to make any argument interpreting any ambiguity in the CC&Rs against Owner because of Owner drafting the CC&Rs.

e. Effective Date. The CC&Rs shall become effective at the time and on the date the CC&Rs are recorded in the real property records of Custer County, Idaho.

WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST COMPANY

By: Amy Trujillo, Executive Director

STATE OF IDAHO) ss.
County of _____)

On this day of , before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared Amy Trujillo, known or identified to me to be the Executive Director of WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST COMPANY, an Idaho nonprofit corporation, that executed the foregoing instrument, and who executed the instrument on behalf of that entity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at:

Comm. Exp.:

VALLEY CREEK PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

June 8, 2017



Prepared by:
Wood River Land Trust
City of Stanley

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Introduction

a. Intent

The intent of this Management Plan is to describe the Valley Creek Preserve, its natural and significant resources and context within the community, and to outline management goals, action items, and timelines. This plan will be implemented by the Wood River Land Trust (“Land Trust”) and partnering organizations, such as the City of Stanley, reviewed on an annual basis, and updated or revised as necessary. This Management Plan is meant to be adaptive and modified over time. This may include adding new information, updating the status of natural resources, revising goals and action items, and updating budgets. Appendix A: Footnotes explains the use of certain terms and language throughout the Management Plan.

b. City of Stanley Agreement

The Land Trust and the City of Stanley signed an Agreement in October 2016 that described how both entities would cooperate in management of the Preserve (Appendix B: Agreement between Wood River Land Trust Company and City of Stanley, Idaho). The agreement term is one year so that funds are not committed prior to the City’s annual budgeting process. As described in the Agreement, both entities will share costs for management, due diligence, and creation of this Management Plan. In years thereafter, the Agreement will specify how the two entities will share management and improvement costs. At some point in the future, the Land Trust may convey the Preserve to the City with appropriate restrictions honoring its acquisition and intent of the grant funding received. As the current landowner, the Land Trust retains decision-making authority that is guided by this Management Plan and its Agreement with the City of Stanley.

c. Community Management Planning Process

In 2016, the Land Trust hired EnviroIssues, a neutral public involvement and facilitation firm, to facilitate two public meetings on Valley Creek Preserve management. The intent was to gather public input during the management planning process so that the Land Trust and City of Stanley could incorporate the community’s vision, as appropriate, in the management for the Preserve. The first meeting was held on August 2, 2016 and the second on September 22, 2016 at the Stanley Community Center. During these meetings, participants commented on draft goal statements and identified potential action items to achieve these goals (Appendix D: Community Management Planning Meeting Summaries). Outcomes of those meetings are incorporated into Section III of this Management Plan as goals and action items under the following plan sections.

d. Goals, General Property Description, and Conservation Values

In 2015, the Land Trust purchased the only remaining tract of relatively undisturbed wet meadow and riparian habitat along Valley Creek within the City of Stanley, the “Valley Creek Preserve” or “Preserve.” Prior to the acquisition, the property consisted of 27 subdivided lots along one mile of Valley Creek. Valley Creek has been designated as critical habitat for Chinook salmon, sockeye salmon, and steelhead (Appendix F, USDA-FS, 2008.) It contains migratory, spawning, and rearing conditions in the main channel, tributaries and off-channel habitat.

The Valley Creek Preserve is iconic within Stanley and the Salmon River watershed. It is highly visible, and its scenic and habitat values are treasured by the community. The Preserve's proximity to the Stanley City Hall and Community Center, the Stanley Interpretive and Historical Association, and several hotels and businesses present an opportunity to create a permanent natural area with educational elements that the community and visitors can enjoy. Once acquired and protected, the Land Trust worked with the local community and stakeholders to develop this management plan.

e. Location and Directions

Valley Creek Preserve is located in Stanley off Valley Creek Rd. (Appendix C, Valley Creek Preserve Map). It can be accessed from Valley Creek Rd., off Highway 21 and Highway 75. Valley Creek Rd. is private through the adjacent subdivision.

f. History of Property and Acquisition

The Valley Creek Preserve was historically owned by the Piva family, who farmed and ranched in the Sawtooth Valley. It was deeded to the Sawtooth Land Corporation in 1971, then conveyed to Stanley Sawtooth Estates, and then to Valley Creek, LLC. The Sawtooth Land Corporation platted the property into two subdivisions: Sawtooth Terra Tracts and Valley Creek Tracts, each with its own Covenants and Restrictions. The Stanley Sawtooth Estates also performed platting and survey work during its ownership.

The Hosac family, of Stanley Sawtooth Estates, first contacted the Land Trust in the early 2000's to discuss a conservation transaction. Fourteen years later, the two entities engaged in conversation with the goal of acquiring funding for the Land Trust to acquire undeveloped parcels of land within the two subdivisions that contained wetlands and floodplain habitat essential to the riparian and aquatic ecosystem. The Land Trust received funding from the Snake River Basin Adjudication Habitat Trust Fund via the Governor's Office of Species Conservation and the Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Program for this acquisition (Appendix E: Grant Award Letter). Valley Creek, LLC, made a significant donation in the bargain sale of the property.

The Land Trust's purposes for acquiring the Valley Creek Preserve include preserving anadromous fish habitat, aquatic and riparian areas and open space that provides appropriate public access to the community and visitors.

II. Natural Resources

a. Water Resources

Valley Creek is the most upstream major tributary to the Salmon River, and the drainage contains approximately 200 miles of perennial streams (USDA – FS, 2008). The Valley Creek Preserve is located on the lower end of the Valley Creek drainage, close to where it empties into the Salmon River. Before Valley Creek enters the Preserve, it is joined by Goat, Iron, and Meadow Creeks. The Valley Creek floodway averages 650 feet in width and contains former, current, and developing channels (Appendix F: USDA – FS, 2008). It is a "response" reach where energy is dissipated through meanders and multiple channels. The channels are dynamically stable, and will continue to migrate across the floodplain, if left undisturbed.

There is one Idaho State water right (71-7016) appurtenant to the Preserve for heating and recreation of the hot springs. There is a wooden building enclosing a concrete structure that was used as a private soaking pool.

b. Habitat Types and Biotic Communities

Historically, Valley Creek and its tributaries supported Chinook salmon (*Onchorhynchus tshawytscha*), sockeye salmon (*Onchorhynchus nerka*), steelhead (*Onchorhynchus mykiss*), bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*), westslope cutthroat trout (*Onchorhynchus clarki lewisi*), and other native fish species; more recently however, residential development and irrigation diversions have impacted Valley Creek and its fish populations (Appendix F: USDA-FS, 2008). Between 2010 and 2016, Chinook salmon redds were documented on Valley Creek Preserve annually, and steelhead are also thought to spawn in this reach (IDFG, written comm. and Appendix G. Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Valley Creek Fish Population Information). The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes operate a juvenile screw trap just upstream of the Valley Creek Preserve, and estimated emigration of 39,237 Chinook salmon juveniles (SE 6,904) in 2015 and 8,659 Chinook salmon juveniles (SE 1,874) in 2016. The Tribes also estimated adult escapement of 216-315 Chinook salmon between 2014 and 2016.

The Valley Creek Preserve contains migratory, spawning, and rearing habitat. Substrate is mainly gravel and cobble, and riparian vegetation includes mature willows, sedges, forbs, and grasses typical of the Salmon River basin. Sedimentation, restricted flow, temperature, physical barriers, and instream structures are existing limiting factors for fish within Valley Creek. These limiting factors are mainly the result of residential development and irrigation diversions upstream. Residential development and irrigation diversions disturb streambanks, increase sedimentation, remove instream structures, create physical barriers, and alter flow regimes.

Other wildlife seen on the property include waterfowl, migratory songbirds, moose, mule deer, and elk.

c. Species of Concern or Indicator Value

There are four fish species of concern that are known to exist in Valley Creek: Chinook salmon, steelhead, bull trout, and sockeye salmon. The Proposed ESA Snake River spring/summer Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Plan identifies the Valley Creek Chinook salmon population within the Upper Salmon River spring/summer Chinook Salmon Major Population Group (NOAA Fisheries, 2016). The Salmon River Steelhead Major Population Group includes the Valley Creek steelhead population. Recovery plans for these four species all support the protection of stream and riparian habitat, floodplains, and wetlands from development and actions that increase erosion and sedimentation.

d. Adjacent Land Use

Valley Creek Preserve is within the City of Stanley and is bordered by residential and commercial development. National Forest System lands administered by the USDA Forest Service (USFS) border the Preserve to the north, and contain the Sawtooth Interpretive Historical Association's museum by special use permit.

III. Management

a. Administration (Safety, Maintenance, and Stewardship)

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EXHIBIT C

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VALLEY CREEK PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Introduction

a. Intent

The intent of this Management Plan is to describe the Valley Creek Preserve, its natural and significant resources and context within the community, and to outline management goals, action items, and timelines. This plan will be implemented by the Wood River Land Trust (“Land Trust”) and partnering organizations, such as the City of Stanley, reviewed on an annual basis, and updated or revised as necessary. This Management Plan is meant to be adaptive and modified over time. This may include adding new information, updating the status of natural resources, revising goals and action items, and updating budgets. Appendix A: Footnotes explains the use of certain terms and language throughout the Management Plan.

b. City of Stanley Agreement

The Land Trust and the City of Stanley signed an Agreement in October 2016 that described how both entities would cooperate in management of the Preserve (Appendix B: Agreement between Wood River Land Trust Company and City of Stanley, Idaho). The agreement term is one year so that funds are not committed prior to the City’s annual budgeting process. As described in the Agreement, both entities will share costs for management, due diligence, and creation of this Management Plan. In years thereafter, the Agreement will specify how the two entities will share management and improvement costs. At some point in the future, the Land Trust may convey the Preserve to the City with appropriate restrictions honoring its acquisition and intent of the grant funding received. As the current landowner, the Land Trust retains decision-making authority that is guided by this Management Plan and its Agreement with the City of Stanley.

c. Community Management Planning Process

In 2016, the Land Trust hired EnviroIssues, a neutral public involvement and facilitation firm, to facilitate two public meetings on Valley Creek Preserve management. The intent was to gather public input during the management planning process so that the Land Trust and City of Stanley could incorporate the community’s vision, as appropriate, in the management for the Preserve. The first meeting was held on August 2, 2016 and the second on September 22, 2016 at the Stanley Community Center. During these meetings, participants commented on draft goal statements and identified potential action items to achieve these goals (Appendix D: Community Management Planning Meeting Summaries). Outcomes of those meetings are incorporated into Section III of this Management Plan as goals and action items under the following plan sections.

d. Goals, General Property Description, and Conservation Values

In 2015, the Land Trust purchased the only remaining tract of relatively undisturbed wet meadow and riparian habitat along Valley Creek within the City of Stanley, the “Valley Creek Preserve” or “Preserve.” Prior to the acquisition, the property consisted of 27 subdivided lots along one mile of Valley Creek. Valley Creek has been designated as critical habitat for Chinook salmon, sockeye salmon, and steelhead (Appendix F. USDA-FS, 2008.) It contains migratory, spawning, and rearing conditions in the main channel, tributaries and off-channel habitat.

The Valley Creek Preserve is iconic within Stanley and the Salmon River watershed. It is highly visible, and its scenic and habitat values are treasured by the community. The Preserve's proximity to the Stanley City Hall and Community Center, the Stanley Interpretive and Historical Association, and several hotels and businesses present an opportunity to create a permanent natural area with educational elements that the community and visitors can enjoy. Once acquired and protected, the Land Trust worked with the local community and stakeholders to develop this management plan.

e. Location and Directions

Valley Creek Preserve is located in Stanley off Valley Creek Rd. (Appendix C, Valley Creek Preserve Map). It can be accessed from Valley Creek Rd., off Highway 21 and Highway 75. Valley Creek Rd. is private through the adjacent subdivision.

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The Valley Creek Preserve was historically owned by the Piva family, who farmed and ranched in the Sawtooth Valley. It was deeded to the Sawtooth Land Corporation in 1971, then conveyed to Stanley Sawtooth Estates, and then to Valley Creek, LLC. The Sawtooth Land Corporation platted the property into two subdivisions: Sawtooth Terra Tracts and Valley Creek Tracts, each with its own Covenants and Restrictions. The Stanley Sawtooth Estates also performed platting and survey work during its ownership.

The Hosac family, of Stanley Sawtooth Estates, first contacted the Land Trust in the early 2000's to discuss a conservation transaction. Fourteen years later, the two entities engaged in conversation with the goal of acquiring funding for the Land Trust to acquire undeveloped parcels of land within the two subdivisions that contained wetlands and floodplain habitat essential to the riparian and aquatic ecosystem. The Land Trust received funding from the Snake River Basin Adjudication Habitat Trust Fund via the Governor's Office of Species Conservation and the Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Program for this acquisition (Appendix E: Grant Award Letter). Valley Creek, LLC, made a significant donation in the bargain sale of the property.

The Land Trust's purposes for acquiring the Valley Creek Preserve include preserving anadromous fish habitat, aquatic and riparian areas and open space that provides appropriate public access to the community and visitors.

II. Natural Resources

a. Water Resources

Valley Creek is the most upstream major tributary to the Salmon River, and the drainage contains approximately 200 miles of perennial streams (USDA – FS, 2008). The Valley Creek Preserve is located on the lower end of the Valley Creek drainage, close to where it empties into the Salmon River. Before Valley Creek enters the Preserve, it is joined by Goat, Iron, and Meadow Creeks. The Valley Creek floodway averages 650 feet in width and contains former, current, and developing channels (Appendix F: USDA – FS, 2008). It is a "response" reach where energy is dissipated through meanders and multiple channels. The channels are dynamically stable, and will continue to migrate across the floodplain, if left undisturbed.

There is one Idaho State water right (71-7016) appurtenant to the Preserve for heating and recreation of the hot springs. There is a wooden building enclosing a concrete structure that was used as a private soaking pool.

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Historically, Valley Creek and its tributaries supported Chinook salmon (*Onchorhynchus tshawytscha*), sockeye salmon (*Onchorhynchus nerka*), steelhead (*Onchorhynchus mykiss*), bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*), westslope cutthroat trout (*Onchorhynchus clarki lewisi*), and other native fish species; more recently however, residential development and irrigation diversions have impacted Valley Creek and its fish populations (Appendix F: USDA-FS, 2008). Between 2010 and 2016, Chinook salmon redds were documented on Valley Creek Preserve annually, and steelhead are also thought to spawn in this reach (IDFG, written comm. and Appendix G. Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Valley Creek Fish Population Information). The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes operate a juvenile screw trap just upstream of the Valley Creek Preserve, and estimated emigration of 39,237 Chinook salmon juveniles (SE 6,904) in 2015 and 8,659 Chinook salmon juveniles (SE 1,874) in 2016. The Tribes also estimated adult escapement of 216-315 Chinook salmon between 2014 and 2016.

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