

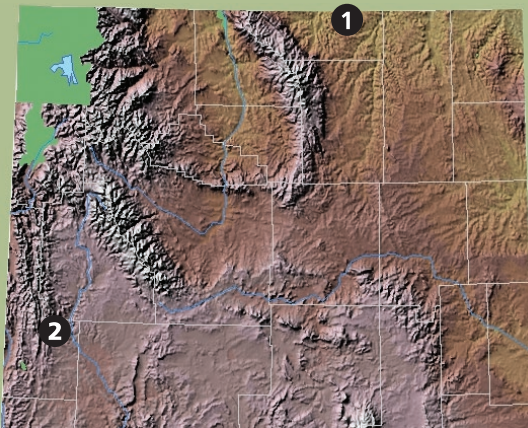


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Soldier Ridge Trail Trudge, Sheridan, WY. Photo: NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2013



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CURRENT PROJECTS

- Sheridan Trails**
Sheridan Community Land Trust
- Town of Bear River Parks and Trail Concept Plan**
Town of Bear River

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The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is looking for new opportunities to work with communities in Wyoming. We can work with towns, counties, non-profits, and other agencies that want to collaboratively strive towards creating great outdoor recreation and conservation projects for the people of Wyoming.

Recent Successes

Sheridan Volunteers Break-in a New Trail

On July 28, 2012, the Sheridan Community Land Trust (SCLT), with support from RTCA, hosted Sheridan's first "Trail Trudge," a trail-pioneering and community educational event. Participants broke-in yet-to-be-constructed segments of the 5-mile Soldier Ridge Trail, while learning about SCLT and RTCA's work to develop non-motorized trails outside of city limits. RTCA assisted

"We couldn't do any of our proposed trail work without the support of RTCA. We appreciate your partnership, interest in our mission and ultimately your commitment to our community and to the generations that will follow."

- Colin Betzler, Sheridan Community Land Trust

with event planning, logistics, outreach, and educational materials. The event was a huge success, attracting over 140 community members for the day-long affair. Along with Soldier Ridge, progress has been made this year in exploring the feasibility of a Tongue River water trail, and in constructing a 4-mile trail through state, federal, and private lands to the Kleeburn Recreation Area.

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ABOUT US

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.

We're Here For You.

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



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2012 Nationwide Partnership Success

2,154 Miles of Trail Developed

1,074 Miles of River Conserved

70,385 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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Current Projects

1. Sheridan Trails

Project Partner: Sheridan Community Land Trust

NPS Contact: Gary Weiner

Location: Sheridan, Wyoming

Project Goal

Develop 9 miles of land-based trail and a water trail in and around the city of Sheridan, WY.

NPS Role

Work with project partners to determine the feasibility of trail creation and potential alignments, explore the potential for a water trail along the Tongue River, and provide assistance with fundraising.

2. Town of Bear River Parks and Trail Concept Plan

Project Partner: Town of Bear River

NPS Contact: Marcy DeMillion

Location: Bear River, Wyoming

Project Goal

Identify ways to stabilize the banks of the Bear River to prevent flooding of homes within City limits and provide a connection between five parks located along the river. Develop a concept plan for the five parks which total over 50 acres. The plan may include wildlife habitat and conservation elements.

NPS Role

Assist in determining partners interested in river bank stabilization and compile a list of funding sources available for implementation. Work with the City to develop a trail and park committee, facilitate public participation meetings, and complete a park concept plan.



Town of Bear River founders preserved over 50 acres of parkland along the Bear River.

Illustration: NPS

Recent Successes cont.

While the City of Sheridan has a well-developed urban trail system, there is a glaring lack of recreation options for those interested in longer runs, walks, bikes, and horseback rides in close proximity to town, due to the private nature of land ownership in this area. These trails represent a unique opportunity for public recreation within close proximity to town without having to get in a car.