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An Impassioned Approach To Schweitzer's Vibrant Future.

"Our local guests and homeowners have always had an unwavering pride of ownership in Schweitzer. For us to jeopardize that love and trust just doesn't make any sense. We're here to reaffirm and heartily embrace this extremely high level of personal loyalty and attachment."

—Jared Smith, Alterra President & CEO



The welcome addition of Schweitzer to Alterra Mountain Company's family of 17 year-round mountain destinations has brought Schweitzer newfound prominence to the Pacific Northwest ski and outdoor

recreational market. Alterra's portfolio of iconic resorts is highlighted by such brands as Steamboat in Colorado, Palisades Tahoe and Mammoth Mountain in California and Deer Valley in Utah. To get a little more insider information on the significance of this event, we spoke with Alterra's President & CEO, Jared Smith.

What initially piqued your interest in Schweitzer?

JS: Our company's former CEO has a long history with the McCaw family, Schweitzer's owners. He even went to the University of Washington with Mary Kay McCaw. Schweitzer has also been a valued partner in our Ikon Pass program for several years.

Why do you think Schweitzer is a good fit for Alterra?

JS: We wanted to increase our presence in the Pacific Northwest, and Schweitzer is the largest mountain resort in Idaho and Washington. We're very selective about adding resorts. Schweitzer has the key things we require—a great skiing mountain with unique features like tree and bowl skiing, an exceptional operations and customer service team, a delightful neighboring town like Sandpoint plus, with 2,900

acres, plenty of room to expand and enhance the overall guest experience.

What are the main benefits Alterra brings to Schweitzer?

JS: Our philosophy is to always let the individual properties we own do what they do best and only use us for the services, expertise and resources they need to improve and grow further than they could on their own. Our job is not to come in and change everything, but help make it more of what it already is. That includes strategic capabilities, financial assistance and helping support the expansions and enhancements already underway such as new lifts, the new resort portal and upscale amenities like the Humbird and Cambium Spa.

What are your thoughts on Schweitzer's goal to become the finest family recreational community in the Pacific Northwest?

JS: Schweitzer is already well on its way to meeting and exceeding this goal. It has built its reputation for being a wonderful facility for families with its full slate of multi-generational activities and services. The staff has already created a tradition of having a super approachable, welcoming, unpretentious approach to owners and visitors. Especially to families. We're behind that 100%.

How do you see Schweitzer enhancing its position as a four-season community?

JS: Alterra is dedicated to having our mountain communities renowned as year-round destinations. Schweitzer has the tremendous advantage of being blessed with not only a huge mountain with boundless recreational potential, but also an enormous lake that makes it even more attractive. We

have been discussing ideas about how we can take advantage of these incomparable assets to enrich the Schweitzer experience throughout the year.

What will your relationship be with Schweitzer's real estate development group that remains with the previous owners?

JS: Providing Schweitzer's guests with ways to own a home is very beneficial to us. One of the reasons we were so keen on acquiring Schweitzer is that we can concentrate on investing in resort operations while they can focus on creating residential products.

Besides maintaining your core regional market, do more distant markets like Seattle fit into your plans?

JS: Yes. Attracting more visitors from Seattle will give us the added resources to grow the facilities and services at Schweitzer for everybody—locals and newcomers alike. We already have started this effort with amenities, like the Humbird and Cambium Spa, that rival those found in more sophisticated urban areas as well as new lifts and access improvements.

How will employees and the Sandpoint community be affected by Alterra's ownership?

JS: Actually, one of Schweitzer's most valuable and critical assets is its employees. Supporting and improving the lives of our workforce is a high-priority objective we take very seriously. Our company-wide social responsibility program called Forward Stance is making a real impact on our people and the communities in which we work and live. This industry-leading platform addresses vital areas such as mental health, well-being and resilience; equity, diversity and inclusiveness; employee housing and childcare; as well as community services partnerships and philanthropic initiatives. It's quite a task, but we're up to it.

“Change is the only constant in life. It can be exhilarating, challenging or intimidating. We choose exhilarating.”

—Lance Badger, Chief Development Officer, SMP Development.

The recent acquisition of Schweitzer by Alterra from Seattle-based MKM Trust does change a few things.

While the purchase encompasses Schweitzer’s resort operations, the MKM Trust—which has been the owner of Schweitzer for the past 18 years—retains ownership of most of the developable properties. As such, Schweitzer’s former real estate development arm is now a stand-alone MKM Trust owned company: Schweitzer Mountain Properties LLC, dba SMP Development.

Strategically aligned with Alterra and Schweitzer’s operations, SMP Development will focus on enhancing the Schweitzer experience by expanding its year-round residential opportunities that will enable guests to more easily enjoy this natural wonderland whenever they wish and for as long as they wish.

Even though they are under a new name, SMP’s coterie of professionals is the same that over the last three years has helped create such advanced residential and hospitality venues as the Humbird hotel, Crow’s Bench restaurant and lounge, the Cambium spa, the Schralpenhaus employee housing complex in Ponderay and the 5 Needles condominiums—the first new Schweitzer developed

residential product in twenty years.

In the coming year we plan on bringing to market an exclusive slopeside homesite neighborhood, Crystal View, and the innovative Ascent Smart Space Studio lodge. We’re also working towards completing the master plan for the new Ridge neighborhood. Assisting Alterra, SMP will participate in the visioning, planning and placemaking of Schweitzer Creek Village, Schweitzer’s reimagined entry portal, as well as new retail, dining and experiential amenities in partnership with Alterra.

Looking ahead, we’re committed to creating a new generation of residential products that:

- Accommodate a diversity of family compositions, lifestyles and seasonal usage.
- Maximize ski-in/ski-out, bike-in/bike-out, hike-in/hike-out residential neighborhoods that facilitate four-season use.
- Include features such as outdoor amenities plus flexible spaces for entertaining, guest visits, remote working and family times together.

SMP’s overall goal is to support the vibrancy and overall appeal of Schweitzer without changing the heart of what owners and guests love about it.



ALL NEWS IS GOOD NEWS AT SCHWEITZER

This winter’s biggest news, of course, is the acquisition of Schweitzer by Alterra Mountain Company. We asked Tom Chasse, Schweitzer’s President and COO, what this ownership change means to Schweitzer.

“In a word—support. The keystone advantage of becoming a member of

Advanced employee education from “Alterra U” will help expand the skills and knowledge of our staff, which translates to better service to our guests. Especially important to us is Alterra’s philosophy of insisting each of their properties has its own culture. They want to foster whatever is unique to each

the Alterra family is our access to their vast resources and extensive expertise. The knowledge and experience they accumulated by overseeing 17 mountain properties will be invaluable to us. They maintain a set of specific councils—peer groups we can call on to discuss challenges and get new ideas in areas such as ski terrain expansion, food and beverage venues, and even lodging. No matter what we ask them about, chances are they have been there, done that, as the saying goes.



Taking an inaugural ride on the new Creekside Express Quad are Schweitzer Marketing and Events Director Sean Mirus and President and COO Tom Chasse.

resort. They, along with us, are committed to the authentic Schweitzer offering real, genuine outdoor experiences that has given us the reputation of the ideal family-friendly recreational community in the Pacific Northwest.

Alterra’s resources will help us accelerate our current and future expansion initiatives. For example, this winter we will debut our new Creekside Express Chairlift that will give our guests an even faster trip up the mountain from our base area. This high-speed detachable quad will make it easier for beginner skiers and riders to load and unload. This is the first phase of

They also will help us become more efficient in our operations. They will provide us with not only enhanced tools, but also the benefits of their huge buying power—from insurance to equipment to consumables.

For our employees, Alterra will provide new growth opportunities and training.

our reimagined guest arrival facility called Schweitzer Creek Village. One of the largest infrastructure projects in Schweitzer’s history, when completed, it will enable us to amplify our family activity focus while adding a new 1,400-space parking lot, a new day lodge and more beginner and intermediate terrain.”



Feel Good, Do Better.

Schweitzer's Cambium Spa has quickly gained renown for its innovative approach to luxurious self-care. As *Trending Northwest's* Bailey Bowerman puts it: "Sabrina Wright and her team of wellness experts have been reshaping how we all think of the spa experience."

Winter-weather athletes—downhillers, Nordic fans and fat-tire snow bikers—retreat to Cambium to recharge, revitalize and refresh body and spirit. Far beyond the typical spa offerings, Cambium's unique range of treatments and therapies has been thoughtfully crafted to prime your body for optimal performance—then to help with recovery and revitalization so you can do more.

Rev up for a slope session with one of Cambium's yoga classes to lubricate joints and tissues... or with a percussion massage to alleviate tension and improve your range of motion on the mountain... or try kinesio taping to hold proper anatomical alignment in your ski boots. It's all about being more flexible, mobile and stable, with the ultimate goal of skiing more—and with more joy.

Après ski reboot treatments at Cambium "have nothing to do with fireplaces and hot toddies," jokes Manager Sabrina. "After skiing, you may feel like the Tin Man with joints that are rusty and stiff. Our tailored techniques keep you skiing comfortably and enjoyably rather than gritting your teeth and plowing through."

Slip out of those stiff ski boots and into a foot soak of essential oils and sea salt, while recovering with a soothing sound bath and Cambium's signature sole therapy massage. Fight inflammation in a Halo sauna session. Soothe sore legs with compression pants that help to increase fascia fluidity and reduce swelling. Innovative technologies toward an old-fashioned goal: a pain-free, great night's sleep. Plus, renewed energy for the next day's adventures.

"Our focus is on the root causes of physical limitations and pain," Sabrina explains. "We say: Feel good, do better."

Visit: [Schweitzer.com/to-do/cambium-spa/](https://www.schweitzer.com/to-do/cambium-spa/)

Introducing The Ridge.

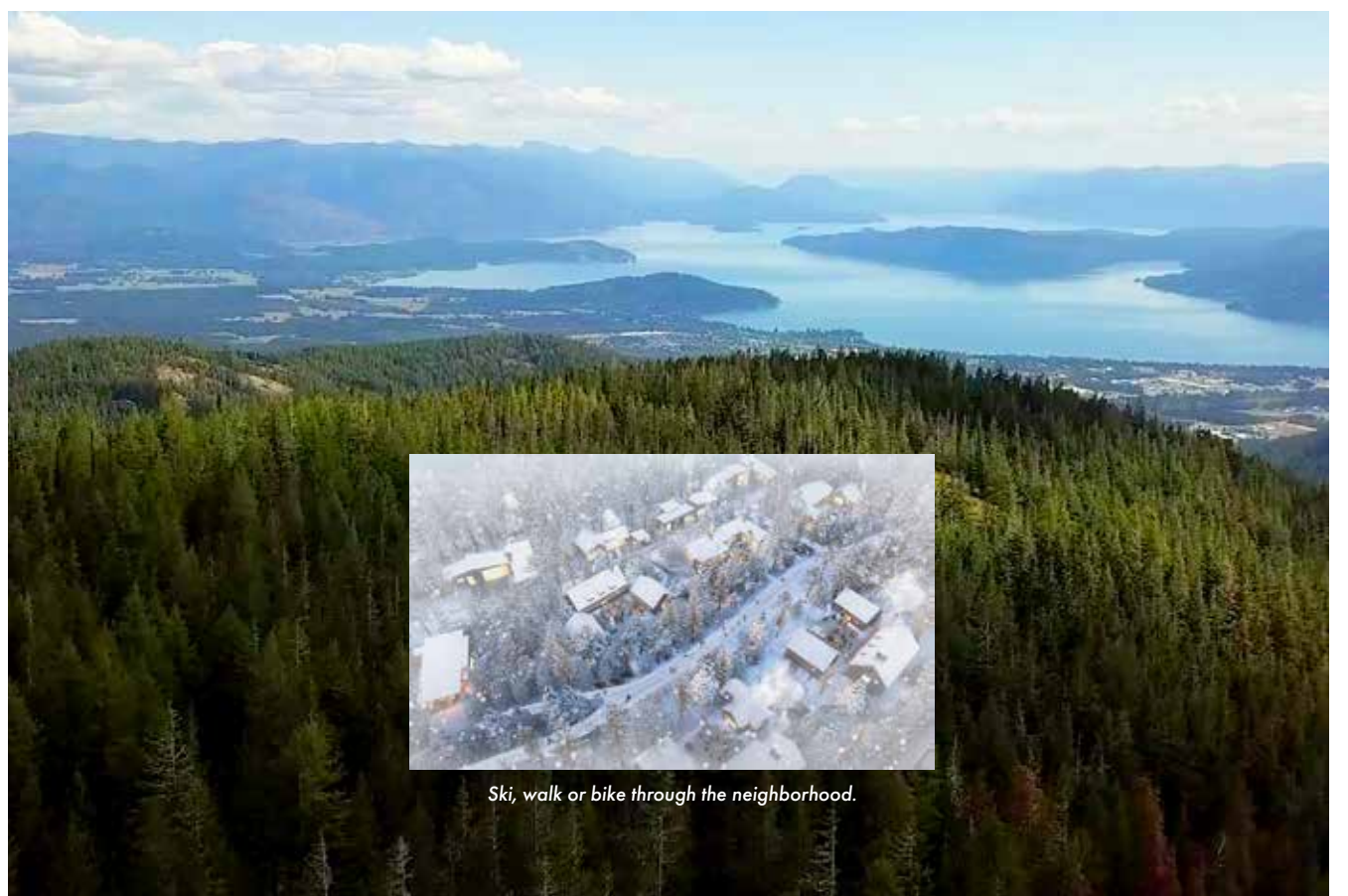
Now in the early planning stages, The Ridge will be a comprehensive ski-in/ski-out neighborhood on one of the highest and most pristine ridges at Schweitzer. The area's magnificently forested environment will enable residents to be well integrated with nature. It has overlooks to the ski slopes, valley and Lake Pend Oreille and affords easy access to the surrounding wilderness.

Conceptually, this is a residential neighborhood that will have its own ski lift and a robust trail system for biking, hiking and skiing. An "all-in" neighborhood, it will have health and wellness facilities, a central community building and numerous gathering places.

The residential opportunities being developed have a broad range of pricing, density and configurations. Early concepts include custom homesites, cluster/courtyard homes, cottages, townhomes and a forward-thinking idea: family compounds of multiple residential structures.

Other key design ideas are "green crossings" to separate housing components into smaller sections and to encourage foot traffic as well as meeting and mingling among residents throughout the entire neighborhood.

We're aiming high with The Ridge. It's all to make homeowners' on- and off-mountain experiences more fulfilling, more memorable and a more prominent and rewarding part of their lives.



Ski, walk or bike through the neighborhood.

Happy Homecoming At 5 Needles



■ Homecomings are always something to celebrate. And now that their moving vans have left and their beds are made and their pictures are hung, 5 Needles’ new homeowners and their families can rejoice in style. Ready for the opening of this winter’s ski season, these new residences have all the comforts, conveniences and luxuries of a private home whenever residents want to visit Schweitzer’s four-season mountain wonderland. Custom tailored in mountain contemporary style by CollinsWoerman’s lead architect, John Eckert, and his Spokane-based team, the 5 Needles residences make a strikingly bold design addition to the lively Schweitzer Village. Taking full advantage of its high-on-the-mountain location, residences boast unobstructed windows and outdoor decks that treat owners to picture-perfect panoramas of the Village, a variety of dramatic ski runs, forested mountains and the prodigious expanse of Lake Pend Oreille.

Also included are forward-thinking design elements, such as CO2-emissionless vapor fireplaces, all-electric heating and cooling, premium New Zealand appliances, ski lockers and enclosed garages with provisions for electric vehicle charging stations. Let the celebrations begin!

“5 Needles’ unbridled success has inspired us to confidently continue our plan to provide appealing and innovative residential opportunities at Schweitzer,” says Lance Badger, Chief Development Officer, Schweitzer Mountain Properties.

COMING SOON— CRYSTAL VIEW’S DRAMATIC COLLECTION OF VIEW HOMESITES

Capture the ultimate in Schweitzer four-season fun by creating your elite mountain retreat in Crystal View.

Now under construction, this intimate, ski-in/ski-out slopeside enclave is endowed with magnificent panoramas of Lake Pend Oreille, ski trails, forested mountains and the valley below. Created in a premier custom home location at Schweitzer, Crystal View is close to Village amenities and activities including restaurants, lounges, entertainment, daycare, guest services/concierge as well as the new Cambium spa. It’s all to reward residents with the pinnacle in active mountain experiences.

Offering unsurpassed benefits of Schweitzer living, this private neighborhood has direct access to some of the best skiing, biking and mountain recreation in the Pacific Northwest.

While all of our Phase I homesites are reserved, 13 additional Crystal View homesites will be available soon. These exceptional homesites are situated in both forested and open mountainside settings.

For your convenience, you can arrange for a personal tour or tour on your own. Handy location maps that provide ski-in/ski-out routes are available.

You’ll want to stay in touch so you don’t miss this rare opportunity.



Most Innovative Use Of Space Since Star Wars

Introducing Smart Space Studios—packed floor to ceiling with innovative, even ingenious ideas that maximize space, while also maximizing your everyday comfort and enjoyment of Schweitzer’s four-season fun. Fact is, these are the first studios especially designed for your family to actually live in, not just sleep in.

Our highly experienced coterie of creative professionals—including Collins Woerman, the architectural firm led by John Eckert—have thoughtfully considered the many wishes and wants of diverse groups of families and friends who want the “lock & leave” convenience of a studio, but also need space and separated spaces to accommodate children of all ages, pets, remote working, private “me” times and meals from four-course dinners to afternoon snacks.

Rethinking the entire concept of studios involves more than just inventive space planning. It takes exploring innovative ideas in multi-use furniture. Our Smart Space Studios feature fold-down beds; a



Coffee Table Folds Out To A Family Dining Table

Wall-to-Wall Sliding Door



One Bedroom

coffee table that, like magic, expands into a dining table; sliding privacy walls that enclose a sleeping, lounge, and work room; electric fireplace; plus a wall-to-wall glass door and deck that adds more living space outdoors. Other “must haves”: standard-size kitchen appliances, a wine cooler and, of course, a washer & dryer.

The Ascent ski-in/ski-out, bike-in/bike-out residential lodge in Schweitzer Village will have thirty four studios and eight one-bedroom homes. Lodge amenities now in the planning stages include ski lockers, bike storage, hot tubs, fitness facility and an owner’s lounge.

Projected completion planned for 2025. Learn about Ascent’s enlightened concept in carefree mountain living and how you can be on our reservation list today.

For complete information on all residential real estate opportunities at Schweitzer, please contact John Calhoun: 435-640-7757 or jcalhoun@smpdevelopment.com



Studio





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Smart Space Studio



Storage

Full-Size Kitchen Appliances

Gracious Shower

Fold-Down Queen-Size Bed

Fold-Down Twin Bunk Beds



sliding wall encloses daytime lounge/working room



studio sliding wall encloses sleeping room at night



Jump

Jib

Rail

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RiderX

Skiers and riders from beginners to rippers hone their skills on Schweitzer's terrain parks chock-full of rails, jibs, mounds, and everything in between. "We have everything from a bunny hill that my three-year-old gets excited about, to the Stomping Grounds that are fun for the highest levels of skiers and riders," says Dan Nylund, Schweitzer Terrain Parks Manager.

On the Bunny Hill, even the littlest ones have big fun, learning edge control and how to negotiate varying pitches on the rolling, anthill-style mounds. You'll find instructors coaching new and developing skiers here.

The Terrain Garden is great for intermediate skiers and riders, with its variety of small jump features, low rails, and fun boxes (wider style rails with a plastic sliding surface). South Park is designed for tricksters to flow through and get creative. Primarily banked turns and rollers, it's been compared to a RiderX course with additional features sprinkled in. Riders often enjoy cruising through this area as a group.

Schweitzer's Signature Park is Stomping Grounds, offering the widest variety of features: medium and large jump lines, and a variety of rails, wallrides, transfers—where you can gap from one feature to another—and creative jib features. "We add and swap out many features on a weekly basis in Stomping Grounds, so there are consistently new things to hit each week throughout the season," Dan says. Plus, night lights illuminate the park for a little stunt fun after dark.

Visit: schweitzer.com/to-do/terrain-parks

“We’re so grateful that Schweitzer created such a wonderful home for us. Otherwise, we would have had to quit our Schweitzer jobs and move to a more affordable town and find new work.”

—Isobel McIntosh & Andru Prado

It’s a heart-warming, house warming celebration for Schweitzer front desk agent Isobel, her partner, lift maintenance man Andru, four-year-old daughter Isabella and family companion Milo.

One of the first to move into Schralpenhaus, Schweitzer’s all new employee housing community, Isobel was also one of the first to learn about this exciting new affordable housing opportunity and reach out to Employee Housing Manager Tim Seegraber.

“All of us were living in one room in Andru’s mother’s house in Sagle. Since Sandpoint is very expensive, Schralpenhaus was our only chance to live where we wanted to be. We stayed in touch with Tim to make sure we were at the top of the application list

He was so helpful during the process. He knew us personally, he knew our story and was very compassionate, always willing to help us,” says Isobel.

Schralpenhaus is now providing eighty four high-quality one- two & three-bedroom apartment homes for both seasonal and full-time personnel. Close to



shopping, dining and transportation, including SPOT bus stop to Schweitzer, these homes feature full size kitchens, locked storage rooms for bikes and skis plus an amenity filled courtyard. Sixty homes come furnished.

“While we had to ‘start from scratch’ with household goods, our apartment came furnished which was a big cost savings. And the security deposit was only \$200 vs two or three thousand dollars at most places. And all utilities are included, even Wi-Fi. We have two bedrooms, so Bella finally has her own room. She just loves it,” adds Andru. “Another thing—they allow pets—Milo is happy about that.

Living so close to bus access to Schweitzer has cut their commute time significantly. Andru’s shift starts at 6:30 a.m., Isobel’s at 7:00 a.m. so living close

by makes a big difference in their lives.

In her free time, Isobel is a “big reader” as she says. She also loves cooking and now has a really nice kitchen to hone her skills and provide homecooked meals for her family, which she wasn’t able to do before.



Laughing Dog Brewing

Now here's a brewery with both a sense of good taste and a sense of humor. Under the domain of Spokane's Eat Good Group and their James Beard nominated chef Adam Hegsted, Laughing Dog is man's, woman's and kid's best friend in their Ponderay tap room. Beer headliners include their Huckleberry Cream Ale, Alpha Dog Imperial IPA, Puppy Love Pecan Porter, Dogfather Bourbon Barrel Aged Imperial Stout and Guddog, a gold medal winner at the Brussels Beer Championship. Change it up with a Summit Hard Cider or a house-made root beer.

Foodies will find an extensive "haute dog" menu (sausages from local purveyor Wood's Smokeys) while both kids and adults can revel in the game room stuffed with a pool table, arcade games, darts, and ski-ball. There is space for private parties and events and occasionally live music. Plus, you guessed it, dogs are welcome inside and out. Visit: laughingdogbrewing.com

Utara

Now for something completely different: A British-style brewpub featuring handcrafted ales and beer paired with fast casual Anglo-Indian food. Owners David Kosiba and Christina Stecher originally wanted to open two separate places— (David's) a brewery and (Christina's) an Indian and Indian-inspired restaurant. After deciding to join the two, Utara was born. (Sanskrit Derivative: to the North)

Here you'll discover a high level of creativity in brewing and cuisine as everything is made in-house. Classic ales and lagers are featured, but don't miss the seasonal specials such as a huckleberry chocolate porter and a chai IPA. From the kitchen there's imaginative curry, non-curry, vegan, vegetarian and meat dishes such as Naan Pizza, Tikka Rolls, Samosas and even kid favorites. The dog-friendly Outdoor Beer Garden is a popular local meeting place. Visit: utaraidaho.com



Après' Brewski



Matchwood

This is a classic love story. It's all about the love of beer, the love of amazing food, the love of family and friends, and the love of a community gathering together to laugh and have fun. Matchwood owners Kennden Culp and Andrea Marcoccio went all-in on their Grainery Art District brewery and eatery.

The beers marry traditional European craftsmanship with modern techniques. Featured

styles are a hazy, fruit-forward East Coast IPA, an innovative Pacific IPA made with Norwegian farmhouse yeast and a lighter Kolsch German Ale.

Great food is a mainstay here. There are hand-made beer pretzels and beer cheese plus Buffalo cauliflower, beet and arugula salad, salmon, and pulled pork sandwiches. They are also big on events (they hold 200 a year, and their outdoor patio can seat 150). Visit: matchwoodbrewing.com



MickDuff's

Established by Duffy and Mickey Mahoney in 2005, MickDuff's has two locations: A full brewery and restaurant on 2nd street and a beer hall on Cedar Street featuring a tasting room and live music. While they are known for their award-winning "hoppy" pale ales and IPAs they change their line-up with the seasons, keeping about 16 varieties on tap. They also make organic root beer and seltzers.

The family-friendly restaurant serves an everchanging eclectic fare...South American to Asian to American...steaks to rice bowls. You'll also find 50 different burgers in a year's time. Eschewing premade ingredients, they prepare as much as possible in house. Open seven days a week. Visit: mickduffs.com

Divergent Paths To Delicious Treats



The chef at Humbird’s Crow’s Bench restaurant and lounge always has something inventive for every taste and food preference. These two enlightened approaches marry old and new world techniques to highlight regionally sourced ingredients.

The Columbia River Steelhead with cauliflower puree, saffron tuile and locally grown pea tendril is a deft study in character balancing and subtle use of the intense flavors from the tendril and saffron.

Chef’s inventive vegan offering is Seared Tofu with red coconut curry and grilled broccolini. Here he strays away from traditional Eastern curry where all the components are mixed together and by using locally sourced Fresno chili instead of Thai chili. Although kept separate, everything works together in perfect harmony.

Consummate wine pairings are at hand from the restaurant’s ample selections.

Crow’s Bench Reservations: 208-255-3051

Power To The People

At SMP, we’re all working toward a future that’s less dependent on fossil fuels to generate power. We’ve made significant efforts to create more sustainable and environmentally responsible residential products, such as our new 5 Needles lodge, which is primarily electric—reducing emissions from natural gas.

We’re proud to collaborate with Northern Lights, a local power provider that’s equally committed to “going greener” in both developing and conserving electricity. Northern Lights Inc. is a local non-profit cooperative electricity provider serving members in northern Idaho and northwestern Montana including Schweitzer.

NLI generates and purchases 85% of its power from renewable energy sources. Most of its carbon-free energy comes from local area hydroelectric dams including Albini Falls Dam in nearby Newport, Libby Dam and NLI’s



own Lake Creek Dam. Additional renewable power is supplied by the Columbia River system of hydroelectric facilities. NLI also owns a community solar plant.

Compelling fact: Renewable energy sources generate 75% of Idaho’s total in-state electricity—the fourth largest share for any state.

Northern Lights was the first rural electric cooperative west of the Mississippi River when it was established in 1935. Today, ownership remains with its members—there are no shareholders. When revenues exceed NLI’s cost of service, capital credits are returned to its members.

For electric energy saving tips, conservation rebates and capital credits visit: <https://www.nli.coop/about/your-cooperative/>

SMPdevelopment.com



Sandpoint's RECREATIONAL TREASURE



Just across the Sandpoint town border lies a wondrous, nearly 500-acre forest that is open to all. It's an incredible natural recreational woodland waiting to be explored. Delightfully, it's the result of a remarkable collaborative effort among the Kaniksu Land Trust, private property owners, and community donors and volunteers.

Four different contiguous properties comprise this treasured, unspoiled land: the 180-acre Pine Street Woods and the historic town Sledding Hill, part of the Kaniksu Land Trust, along with privately owned Sherwood Forest and VTT. All of these properties are under conservation-focused ownership. But unlike many such properties, these are open to the public—even offering a variety of recreational and educational programs—all year round.

Trails are shared by hikers, dog-walkers, bikers, bird watchers and nature explorers who all share a respect for this land, its myriad flora and fauna, and the generosity that allows the community continued free and open access to enjoy it. The land is cared for using sustainable methods such as rotational mixed-flock grazing.

Sandpoint Nordic Club manages the Outdoor Recreation Center at Pine Street Woods. The club offers Nordic ski and snowshoe rentals, lessons and events. What's more, they keep the ski trails groomed and ready to be enjoyed. These wide, moderate trails are flat or gently sloping, great for beginning and intermediate skiers. The extensive system of narrower hiking and biking trails winding through the properties is lovingly maintained by the local Pend Oreille Pedalers group. These trails remain open in winter, drawing many fat tire snow bikers.

The beloved local Sledding Hill, including surrounding 48 acres of forest, meadows, pond and historic structures, will soon be the newest addition to the Kaniksu Land Trust and is expected to open to the community this winter.

Families with kids will especially appreciate the convenient access to nature. While these wild-lands may feel a world away, they are actually just minutes from Sandpoint's town center, making this area great to explore for a full day or just a few hours.

For Schweitzer owners and guests, Pine Street Woods and its adjacent lands offer yet more variety of trails and activities to enjoy, located conveniently just down the mountain.

There are no usage or parking fees at Pine Street Woods. The park is supported through generous trail donations and gifts.

Visit: [Kaniksu.org/pinestreetwoods](https://kaniksu.org/pinestreetwoods) or [Kaniksu.org/donate](https://kaniksu.org/donate).

Want The Perfect Ski Break? Head For A Lake



LAKE BOAT FISHING

One unique, family-friendly, non-snow focused activity that has gained in popularity over recent years is winter boating and fishing on the magnificent Lake Pend Oreille.

Because the lake—part of the spectacular panoramic view from Schweitzer Mountain—is remarkably large and deep, it never freezes over. That means you, your family, and friends can truly enjoy this enormous water playground throughout all four seasons. “Winter boating and fishing provide a fun and relaxing breather from skiing,” says Bob Wiley of Pend Oreille Charters, which boasts the largest fleet on the lake.

“We have people who fish all over the world chasing trophy fish, as well as families and kids who have never fished before. You don’t have to be experienced to catch fish and have a great time,” Bob says. He recalls when a ten-year-old boy, on the boat with his family, caught a fish for the first time. “The smile on his face was priceless.” Another fun fact: A record 23-pound Rainbow trout was brought in by an eight-year-old girl.

Some guests choose to catch and release, while others harvest their fish. The crew will clean and fillet any fish you want to take home for a fresh, delicious dinner. Trophy-class Gerrard Rainbow trout are a famous local catch, but Lake Pend Oreille is also rich with brown, lake and bull trout.

Even in the middle of winter, you’ll be cozy and comfortable in the boat’s enclosed cab. Bob and his team provide all the fishing equipment, so all you need to bring, if you wish, is your favorite bottle of wine and a few tasty snacks. All charter cruises are private, limited to a single group of two to six guests.

Lake Pend Oreille’s vast size and diversity of arms and bays ensures that there’s always a good lake area to be discovered. “Our goal is to make this a totally enjoyable experience,” says Bob. “We’re always going to find water that’s fun.”

Visit: <https://www.pendoreillecharters.com>



ICE FISHING

When we hear the term “ice fishing,” most of us picture those frost-bitten “Grumpy Old Men” from the hit movies. However: “Heavy huts with stoves and big chairs are great for bone-crushing winters in Minnesota, but you don’t need all that in Sandpoint.”

That’s local fishing expert Glenn LeFebvre, who, along with his team at North 40 Outfitters in Ponderay, preps guests for the unique experience of winter ice fishing.

They’ll have an ice auger to drill the hole and the scoop to clear it, the specific rods and bait you need, the bucket for your catch, and the sled to pull it all over the ice. A chair is important, but an all-season tent is optional. It’s all a relatively easy way to enjoy the array of smaller alpine lakes around Schweitzer such as Sheridan, Mirror, Round and Jewel.

“Come off the mountain for a day or even a few hours and try something that you probably haven’t done before,” Glenn says. “It’s not only a unique experience, it’s something the whole family can do it together.”

Visit: <https://north40.com/ponderay-sandpoint-store>

