



February 4, 2020

City of Dover
PO Box 115
Dover, ID 83825-0115

RE: CONDITION OF USE OF PINE STREET WOODS

Dear Dover City Council Members:

Although Pine Street Woods is generally intended as a day use facility, the addition of occasional after-hours programs provides a rich opportunity for our community to experience the natural world after the sun goes down. This is the time when bats take flight, songbirds sing their final duets, owls call to one another from the treetops, and the stars glitter against the tapestry of a dark sky.

KLT has held a number of enriching after-hours programs in past years, including surveys of bird populations (best held at dusk and dawn), and educational programs about bats led by professional wildlife biologists. These programs help to inform and educate our community about the natural world around them, including the many benefits provided by birds and bats (a bat consumes up to 10,000 mosquitoes each night!). Citizen science efforts like these also provide population information, which is a helpful indicator of ecosystem health.

Kaniksu Land Trust is excited to bring occasional after-hours education programs to Pine Street Woods. As the only large, protected, publicly accessible natural area within the city limits of Dover, this property offers wonderful opportunities for community enrichment and learning within a natural, undeveloped landscape. We recognize that the residents of Dover and surrounding areas enjoy a unique lifestyle with a special connection to the natural world and the rural heritage and esthetics that surround them, and we hope to complement and enhance that lifestyle by offering star-gazing sessions on summer evenings, owl calling on winter nights, and bird walks on early spring mornings. Often the most magical times of the day are around the edges, when the hustle and bustle of us humans is at a minimum, and the quiet calls of the forest can be heard. Please don't deny our community's enjoyment of this special time.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Regan".

Regan Plumb
Conservation Director
Kaniksu Land Trust