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**Inland Northwest Community Foundation awards  
Equinox Foundation Grants**

SPOKANE, WA, *December 9, 2010*— Nonprofit organizations in Bonner and Boundary Counties in North Idaho were awarded more than \$200,000 in grants from the Equinox Foundation.

The grants, ranging from \$2,642 to \$29,450, fulfill Equinox Foundation's mission to protect the natural assets of this region and to support ecologically sustainable solutions for growth and development, as well as supporting positive opportunities for youth.

“We are privileged to announce the recipients for the first year of Equinox Foundation’s grant program,” says INWCF President and CEO Mark Hurtubise, “The grants from the Equinox Foundation Fund at INWCF significantly support these nonprofit organizations’ efforts to create healthy and thriving communities in Bonner and Boundary Counties. We are honored to partner with the Equinox Foundation in response to their request for assistance in awarding these grants.”

The organizations receiving grants include: Angels Over Sandpoint (Bonner County); Arts Alliance, Inc. (Bonner County); Blanchard Grange #440 (Bonner County); Boundary County Fair Board (Boundary County); Citizens for the Beautification, Revitalization, and Development of Priest River (Bonner County); City of Sandpoint (Bonner County); Clark Fork-Pend Oreille Conservancy (Bonner County); Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness (Bonner County); Idaho Conservation League, Inc. (Bonner County); Inland Northwest Land Trust (Bonner County); Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society (Bonner County); Lake Pend Oreille Waterkeeper (Bonner County); Panhandle Alliance for Education Inc. (Bonner County); Pawsitive Works (Boundary County); Rock Creek Alliance (Bonner County); Sandpoint Charter Schools, Inc. (Bonner County); Lake Pend Oreille School District (Bonner County); Sandpoint Transition Initiative (Bonner County); Selkirk Conservation Alliance, Inc. (Bonner County); and St. Joseph's Pipe & Drum Corps (Bonner County).

Founded in 1974, INWCF serves 10 Eastern Washington counties and 10 North Idaho counties to foster vibrant and sustainable communities in the Inland Northwest. The community foundation manages more than 290 funds valued at nearly \$58 million and has awarded \$37 million in grants and scholarships since its inception, positively impacting thousands of lives in this region.

For more information on INWCF and its work in the Inland Northwest, contact Director of Gift Planning PJ Watters at 509-624-2606.

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