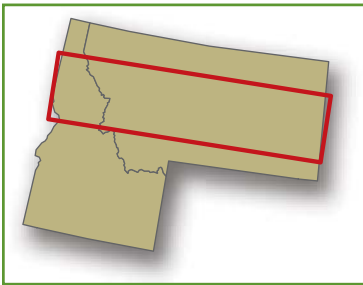


# Milwaukee Road Corridor



**CLIENT:**

Anonymous Private Foundation

**PROJECT DELIVERABLES:**

Montana and Idaho Assessments and Feasibility Studies; Technical Assistance; Fact Sheets; Community Organizing; Training Workshops

**YEARS:**

2003–present

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

In 1910, the railroad known as the “Milwaukee Road” stretched over 1,000 miles from Chicago to Seattle; yet by 1980, most of the corridor had become abandoned. Washington State purchased their portion of the corridor at the time of abandonment and today it is known as the John Wayne Pioneer Trail.

In 2002, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy began work to create a trail along the 500-mile corridor in Montana and Idaho celebrating the historical, natural and cultural richness of the Milwaukee Road. To date, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy has performed historical research, conducted state legal reviews, and gathered funding information as part of extensive assessment and feasibility studies. We have also organized trail groups, conducted training sessions, and provided technical assistance which has catalyzed additional rail-trail projects in the state. This year, 35 new miles of trail will be opened to the public with other sections scheduled for completion in the near future.