

# IDAHO



NorPac Trail | Photo by TrailLink user acewickwire

The Great American Rail-Trail travels through the northern Panhandle of Idaho along primarily developed rail-trails. The NorPac Trail and Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes are in RTC's Rail-Trail Hall of Fame for their exceptional views of the rugged Idaho landscape.

**TABLE 24: GREAT AMERICAN RAIL-TRAIL MILEAGE IN IDAHO**

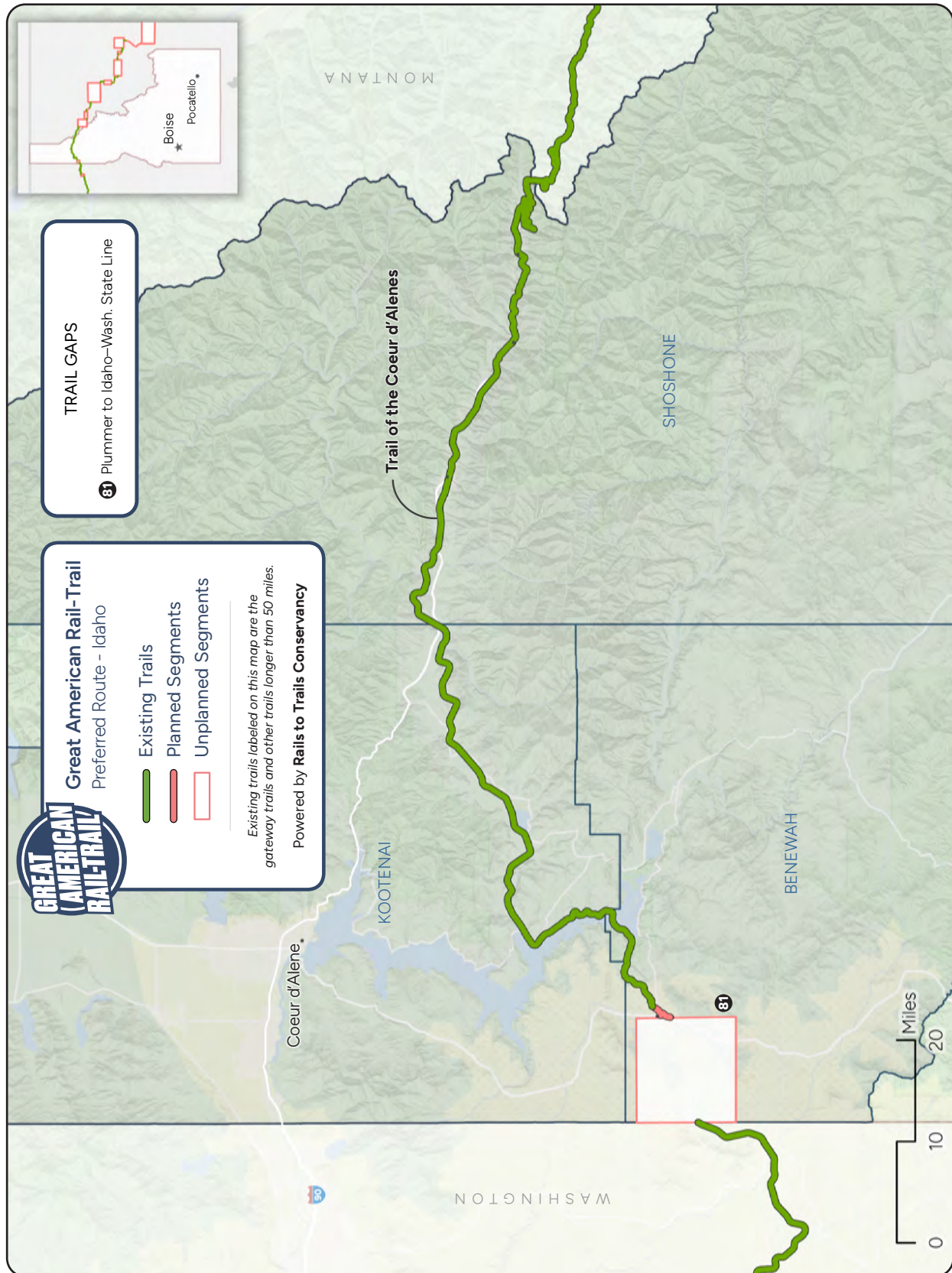
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| Total Great American Rail-Trail Existing Trail Miles in Idaho<br>(% of Total State Mileage) | 80.2 (88.4%) |
| Total Great American Rail-Trail Gap Miles in Idaho<br>(% of Total State Mileage)            | 10.5 (11.6%) |
| Total Trail Gaps in Idaho                                                                   | 1            |
| Total Great American Rail-Trail Miles in Idaho                                              | 90.7         |

**TABLE 25: GREAT AMERICAN RAIL-TRAIL ROUTE THROUGH IDAHO**

| Existing Trail or Trail Gap Name                 | Length in Idaho Along Great American Rail-Trail (in Miles) |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| NorPac Trail                                     | 9.2                                                        |
| Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes                      | 71.0                                                       |
| TRAIL GAP 81 – Plummer to Idaho–Wash. State Line | 10.5                                                       |
| Total Miles                                      | 90.7                                                       |
| Existing Trail Miles                             | 80.2                                                       |
| Trail Gap Miles                                  | 10.5                                                       |

## GREAT AMERICAN RAIL-TRAIL ROUTE ASSESSMENT 2026

### MAP 12: IDAHO



**NORPAC TRAIL**

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Total Length / Total Length Along Great American Rail-Trail in Idaho (in Miles) | 25.0 / 9.2                                                                                                        |
| Surface Type                                                                    | Concrete, dirt, gravel                                                                                            |
| Trail Manager                                                                   | U.S. Forest Service (Lolo National Forest – Superior Ranger District)                                             |
| Website                                                                         | <a href="https://friendsofcdatrails.org/northern-pacific-trail">friendsofcdatrails.org/northern-pacific-trail</a> |
| TrailLink Map                                                                   | <a href="https://traillink.com/trail/norpac-trail">traillink.com/trail/norpac-trail</a>                           |

The Idaho portion of the NorPac Trail runs 9.2 miles through the state, heading west from the Montana–Idaho state line. The separated trail ends at Beacon Light Road, about 4 miles from the eastern endpoint of the Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes in Mullan. Trail users can follow the low-volume Larson Road/Friday Avenue west into Mullan, where a separated trail picks up along Earle Street and connects to the Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes trailhead at 2nd and River streets.

**TRAIL OF THE COEUR D’ALENES**

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| Total Length / Total Length Along Great American Rail-Trail in Idaho (in Miles) | 71.0 / 71.0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Surface Type                                                                    | Asphalt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Trail Managers                                                                  | Coeur d’Alene Tribe, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Old Mission State Park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Website                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://friendsofcdatrails.org/trail-of-the-coeur-dalenes">friendsofcdatrails.org/trail-of-the-coeur-dalenes</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/state-park/trail-of-the-coeur-dalenes">parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/state-park/trail-of-the-coeur-dalenes</a></li> </ul> |
| TrailLink Map                                                                   | <a href="https://traillink.com/trail/trail-of-the-coeur-dalenes">traillink.com/trail/trail-of-the-coeur-dalenes</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

The Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes, inducted into RTC’s Rail-Trail Hall of Fame in 2010 (with the Route of the Hiawatha, also in Idaho), covers 71 miles of paved rail-trail through Idaho’s scenic mountains and valleys. The area has a rich mining, railroading and Native American history, and the Coeur d’Alene tribe was instrumental in the development of the trail. The trail originates in Mullan at 2nd and River streets and terminates in the west at the city of Plummer in a public park with interpretive signage on tribal history.

**TRAIL GAP 81 – PLUMMER TO IDAHO–WASHINGTON STATE LINE**

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Planning Status                                  | Unplanned |
| Funding Status                                   | Unfunded  |
| Construction Status/<br>Expected Completion Date | TBD       |

The abandoned Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad (Milwaukee Road) corridor continues from Plummer to the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail at the Idaho–Washington border in Tekoa, Washington. However, this line is in private ownership and is unlikely to become available for trail development. RTC is actively building relationships with local and state leaders to explore alternative routes to connect the 10.5-mile gap.