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**Referral Letter for Okanagon Trail Construction, Inc.**

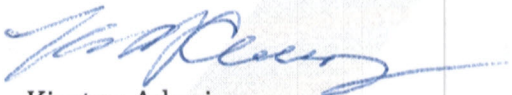
To Whom It May Concern,

Yavapai College initiated a project in 2002 to build a 1.5 mile multi-use trail on the Prescott Campus. After researching general trail building methods and understanding more about the possible increased maintenance costs and problems that were associated with poor design, we sought out Okanagon Trail Construction's services to aid in the design of the trail. The key focus was to construct a trail for community use that would be able to highlight the natural features and vistas available from the open space around the campus and be sustainable for the 25-year commitment we made to the State of Arizona to keep the trail operational as part of the Arizona State Trail system. The trail connects to other multi-use pathways and serves as a break for our students looking for a lunchtime respite from their studies. OTC was able to help prioritize our needs in the design process and establish a trail that could serve both recreational and educational purposes.

Okanagon Trail Construction, Inc. (OTC) began construction of the trail in 2004. The trail design and construction employs current trail building techniques that allow for lower maintenance costs and optimized experience for all users. Careful consideration was made to design the trail in ways that made it both accessible and safe for all users through design that provides good visibility and controls speed for both bicyclists and bikers. Additionally, the trail design took advantage of water flow on the trail to provide supplemental water when it rains to vegetation that lines the trail. Throughout the construction process, OTC provided regular, clear communication about the status of the trail, worked with our adjoining city, federal and tribal neighbors to minimize and sometimes improved our borders with them where the trail intersects their property, and delivered the end product in a timely manner. Now, ten years later, the trail is in regular use by the general community, Yavapai College students, and other outside organizations such as other colleges and recreational groups and requires only occasional maintenance provided by our Facilities Management group.

If you have further questions about our experience with OTC or wish to tour the trail, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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