

Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreational Trails Program Grants Awarded



Chelan County

Entiat

Grant Awarded: \$283,500

Developing Entiat Way Park

The City of Entiat will use this grant to develop about 2.5 acres on the east side of Olin Street as a park with a multi-use field, including two Little League baseball fields and a soccer field, restrooms, a wandering trail, parking, and lighting. By developing this land, the City will be able to provide much needed community athletic recreation in an area that is under-served. The City's comprehensive parks plan has identified this project as a high priority. Entiat will contribute \$346,500 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This grant is from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-1858)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$13,548

Hiring Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to fund two snow rangers who will educate visitors and patrol 5 sno-parks and 250 miles of groomed winter trails on about 250,000 acres of backcountry in the Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts. The snow rangers will educate visitors about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, trail etiquette, avalanche awareness, winter survival, winter wildlife, and respect for wilderness and non-motorized users. The Forest Service will contribute \$14,500 in staff labor, a state grant, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2548)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$64,000

Maintaining Snowmobile Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 150 miles of snowmobile trails. Crews will remove downed trees, clear brush and culverts, repair minor washouts, and maintain more than 250 trail signs and route safety markers. More than 45,000 people visit the Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts' 200-plus miles of trail annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$160,000 in staff labor, a state grant, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2700)

Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreational Trails Program Grants Awarded



Wenatchee

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Renovating Kiwanis Methow Park

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to revitalize the 1.26-acre Kiwanis Methow Park in Chelan County. The City will expand the playground, renovate a worn soccer field and basketball court, create a community garden, add walking paths with seating areas, install lighting, and build restrooms. Reflecting local culture, a new Latino kiosk pavilion will be the park's new central feature and promote community gatherings and events. Renovating the park is part of the City's efforts to meet this growing population's needs and reflect local community desires. The park serves more Latino residents and people identifying as other races, and more children than any other city park in Wenatchee. The City of Wenatchee will contribute \$1.3 million in staff labor, equipment, local and private grants, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-1665)

Douglas County

Eastmont Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District

Grant Awarded: \$42,470

Buying Land for a New East Wenatchee Park

The Eastmont Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to buy 2.3 acres for a neighborhood park, the first new park in district's park system since 1969. The land is off 9th Street Northeast in an underserved neighborhood of East Wenatchee, in Douglas County. Once an orchard, the land is cleared and for sale. The new park would serve an area where 41 percent of households are low-income and 26 percent of residents are Latino, 15 percent are senior citizens, and 29 percent are children. The Eastmont Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District will contribute \$212,350 from a private grant and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This grant is from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-1778)

Garfield County

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$27,096

Grooming Pomeroy Ranger District Snowmobile Trails

The Umatilla National Forest's Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to fund a two-person team, along with a crew of volunteers, to groom and maintain about 138 miles of snowmobile

Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreational Trails Program Grants Awarded



trails in the Umatilla National Forest. The team will remove fallen trees and brush growing over the trails, maintain signs and trail markers, and install snow poles. The grant will help maintain working relationships with the Mount Misery Sno-Drifters and other volunteers who keep trails safely passible during the winter and who promote responsible snowmobile operation. The Forest Service will contribute \$87,241 in equipment, staff labor, a state grant, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2231)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$4,676

Hiring a Winter Trail Patrol

The Umatilla National Forest's Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to fund an education and safety snow ranger to patrol 5 sno-parks, 138 miles of groomed winter trails, and 180,000 acres of backcountry area, in the Umatilla National Forest. The snow ranger will educate visitors about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, big game winter range closures, and respect for the wilderness and non-motorized areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2232)

Island County

Island County

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Expanding Barnum Point County Park

Island County will use this grant to buy 35 acres next to Barnum Point County Park. This request is part of a larger project to expand the 27-acre park to 129 acres, protecting nearly all of Barnum Point, an iconic waterfront landscape on Camano Island, and to give the public access to trails and more than a mile of Puget Sound beach, all with spectacular views. The land to be purchased includes the majority of a 2.5-mile forest and meadow trail network not accessible from the county park. It also connects the park to 30 acres being purchased by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust to add to the county park. The Barnum Point County Park expansion has outstanding public support, especially because 83 percent of the island's shoreline is privately-owned and much of the publicly-owned shoreline is inaccessible high bank. The park will provide diverse recreational opportunities, including hiking, photography, nature viewing, swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating access, biking, picnicking, and beachcombing. Island County will contribute nearly \$1.2 million from a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and in a donation of property interest. This grant is from the Land and

Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreational Trails Program Grants Awarded



Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-1984)

King County

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Maintaining Forest Service Trails

Grant Awarded: \$101,610

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to maintain trails at various locations throughout Washington. Crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown shrubs, replace and repair water drainage structures and small bridges, repair surfaces, and buy small tools and minor equipment. Trail crews will work in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, the Indian Heaven Wilderness, the Salmo-Priest Wilderness, the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness, the Snoqualmie Ranger District, and the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The Back Country Horsemen will contribute \$208,500 in donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2675)

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Providing Volunteer Crews to Maintain Non-motorized Trails

Grant Awarded: \$101,610

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to provide volunteers to maintain more than 200 miles of non-motorized trails for mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians statewide. Evergreen works closely with land managers statewide to identify areas with critical need for maintenance and repairs and to respond to emergency repairs needed because of seasonal or storm damage. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will contribute \$425,300 in a local grant, a private grant, and donations of cash and volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2724)

Renton Buying Land and Continuing Development of Sunset Neighborhood Park

Grant Awarded: \$120,859

The City of Renton will use this grant to buy .18 acre and develop the second phase of Sunset Neighborhood Park, a 3.2-acre park in the Sunset area of Renton. The City will build perimeter and other pedestrian paths, playground and fitness areas, a water feature, and a picnic area, and landscape the area. The city will begin development in 2017 of the first phase, which will include building a plaza and seating areas, pedestrian paths, and a restroom, and grading the site, installing utilities, and landscaping. The Sunset Area is one of the most diverse and disadvantaged neighborhoods in Renton, with 51 percent of households being non-Caucasian

Land and Water Conservation Fund

Recreational Trails Program

Grants Awarded



and 27 percent living in poverty. The park will be a gateway for the 269-acre Sunset Area, a key part of Renton's "Sunset Area Community Reinvestment Strategy" and a catalyst for transforming a part of the city that is working to overcome academic, health, public safety, and socio-economic challenges. The City of Renton will contribute more than \$2 million in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This grant is from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-1772)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$40,687

Addressing Deferred Maintenance on a National Trail

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to address a backlog of deferred maintenance on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail. The work will focus on 85 miles of trail that traverse the Pasayten Wilderness from east to west. Routine maintenance has been limited to removing down trees and overgrown brush. With this grant, crews will remove imbedded rock, repair drainage structures, clean turnpike ditches and culverts, and remove encroaching small trees. The Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail is one of 11 national scenic trails, and it is used by equestrians, hikers, and backpackers. The Forest Service will contribute \$115,850 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of cash and volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2529)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$13,548

Hiring a Volunteer Coordinator

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to hire a volunteer program coordinator for 2 years. The coordinator will recruit, train, supervise, and support volunteer ranger patrols in the Alpine Lakes, Clearwater, and Norse Peak Wilderness areas and backcountry. The coordinator and volunteer rangers contact visitors to provide education, information, and assistance while promoting safety and stewardship. The program focuses on community outreach including field contacts, community events, work parties, visitor center displays, and a variety of environmental education efforts. The coordinator also works with nonprofit organizations including youth groups to support and coordinate stewardship projects. The ranger district is near the Puget Sound metropolitan area, and more than 150,000 visitors annually use trails in the district. For the past decade, volunteers have donated 5,000-8,000 hours each season, which significantly helps resource protection and stewardship. The Forest Service will contribute \$75,000 in donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2489)

Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreational Trails Program Grants Awarded



U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$13,548

Hiring Snoqualmie Pass Winter Education Rangers

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to hire two winter rangers to educate visitors about winter safety, avalanche dangers, route finding, winter ecology, and resource protection. One of the rangers also will serve as the volunteer coordinator, supervising and training up to 20 volunteers. Annually, this program contacts between 3,000-5,000 winter recreationists. Demand for winter recreation opportunities at Snoqualmie Pass continues to increase. Near large populations, the Interstate 90 corridor offers an unmatched spectrum of opportunities from expert-level ice climbing to family snow play. The winter rangers will educate the public about the uniqueness of the winter environment, the significance of protecting the snow pack as a critical water storage reservoir, and how to minimize their impacts on the landscape in the winter, as well as provide information on winter route conditions and avalanche danger ratings. The Forest Service will contribute \$17,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2415)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$101,610

Maintaining the Alpine Lakes Trail

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 150 miles of recreation trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and surrounding backcountry. Work will include clearing and removing overgrown brushing, fixing drainage structures, and repairing tread. The work will be done on Forest Service trails in the watersheds of North, Middle, and South Forks of the Snoqualmie River, which include trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. More than 150,000 visitors use trails in these areas each year. The grant will support work performed by contractors, staff, nonprofit organizations, and volunteers from groups including the Mountains to Sound Greenway, EarthCorps, Washington Trails Association, Back Country Horsemen, Boy Scouts, and local school groups. The Forest Service will contribute \$155,603 in staff labor and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2429)

Washington Trails Association

Grant Awarded: \$101,610

Providing Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to maintain 350 miles of backcountry trails in the Cascade, Olympic, Selkirk/Kettle, and Blue Mountains. The grant will support 100 weeklong volunteer vacations and backcountry response teams, which can tackle trail

Land and Water Conservation Fund

Recreational Trails Program

Grants Awarded



maintenance needs that lie beyond the reach of a 1-day work party. These projects require either a backcountry base camp or self-supporting, fast-traveling crews. The crews perform a wide variety of maintenance tasks such as removing brush growing over the trail, resurfacing trails, installing crib walls to stabilize switchbacks, building bridges with materials found on site, rerouting small sections of trail following slides, and clearing downed trees. An estimated 2.5 million hikers, backpackers, and equestrians use backcountry trails in Washington. Many of these trails would not see any maintenance without volunteers and are at risk of being lost altogether if not adequately maintained. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$490,000 in donations of cash and volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2249)

Washington Trails Association Providing Statewide Trail Maintenance

Grant Awarded: \$101,610

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to maintain 375 miles of hiking trails during 2 years in the Cascade and Olympic Mountains and in eastern Washington. Thousands of volunteers will join 1-day work parties to tackle maintenance backlogs on some of the state's most popular trails. Volunteers will address each land manager's most pressing needs, including removing brush growing over trails, fixing drainage structures and bridges, and clearing out storm damage. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$930,000 in donations of cash and volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2248)

Washington Trails Association Providing Youth Trail Maintenance Crews

Grant Awarded: \$66,385

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to engage youth volunteers to maintain 84 miles of hiking trails during 2 years. The youth crews will tackle trail maintenance backlogs by building rock steps, re-decking bridges, uncovering lost sections of trail, and performing routine maintenance. Half of the grant will pay for day-long work parties for youth, families, and youth-serving organization, who will work generally within an hour of Washington's large cities, including Bellingham, Seattle, Tacoma, and Vancouver. The rest of the grant will support 1- and 2-week youth volunteer vacations, which allow teenage volunteers to set up camp and work more intensively on projects, often on backcountry trails in the Olympic, Cascade, and Selkirk Mountains. This project teaches young people the technical skills and stewardship ethic necessary to maintain Washington's trail system. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$345,000 in donations of cash and volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2250)

Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreational Trails Program Grants Awarded



Kittitas County

U.S. Forest Service Hiring Snow Rangers

Grant Awarded: \$13,548

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to hire two education and safety rangers to patrol 10 sno-parks, 560 miles of winter trails, and about 300,000 acres of backcountry area open to winter recreation. Snow rangers and volunteers will educate users about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, and respect for non-motorized areas. This program provides safety education in the field to visitors in this heavily-used snowmobile and winter recreation region. Snow rangers may attend club gatherings and council meetings. They also work with volunteers on weekends and holidays. The Cle Elum Ranger District is the busiest winter recreation destination in Washington due to its proximity to the Puget Sound area and good snow. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in a state grant and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2297)

Klickitat, Lewis, and Skamania Counties

U.S. Forest Service Maintaining Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails

Grant Awarded: \$91,194

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest's Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to accomplish routine annual and heavy maintenance on about 300 miles of wilderness trails and trailheads over 2 years. The trails are in Klickitat, Lewis, and Skamania Counties and offer hiking and horseback riding through old-growth forests and alpine meadows with views of Mount Adams, Mount Saint Helens, and Mount Rainier. The trail system also includes 81 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. Work will be accomplished by a four-person crew in the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District and a crew in the Mount Adams Ranger District. In addition, volunteers will contribute 2,800 hours of donated labor, in partnership with groups such as the Pacific Crest Trail Association and the Back Country Horsemen of Washington. It is estimated that 35,000-40,000 visitors recreate annually in Gifford Pinchot wilderness. The Forest Service will contribute \$158,654 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2464)

Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreational Trails Program Grants Awarded



Lewis and Skamania Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$69,600** **Plowing and Grooming Snowmobile Trails in the South Cascade Mountains**

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow 11 sno-parks and groom 281 miles of snowmobile trail in the southern Cascade Mountains in eastern Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, and near Mount Saint Helens and Mount Adams in Skamania County. Crews will plow the sno-parks as needed and groom the trails at least weekly for two winters. The southern Cascades provide a diverse riding environment, dominated by spectacular views of Mount Rainier, Mount Saint Helens, and Mount Adams. The sno-parks and trails serve visitors from the Cowlitz Valley, the Columbia Gorge, Goldendale, and a variety of communities along the Interstate 5 corridor from Olympia to Portland. State Parks will contribute \$288,478. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2511)

Okanogan County

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$53,790** **Grooming Sno-Parks and Snowmobile Trails in the Okanogan Highlands**

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow and groom 16 sno-parks, 9 staging areas, and 650 miles of snowmobile trail in the Okanogan Highlands from Loup Loup Summit to Sherman Pass east of Republic, and to the westerly extent of the Methow Valley around Winthrop. Crews will plow the sno-parks as needed and groom the trails at least weekly for two winters. The area is the second most popular snowmobile riding area in the state. State Parks will contribute \$79,406. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2513)

Pierce County

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$50,805** **Evans Creek ORV Maintenance**

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain the Evans Creek off-road vehicle trails and facilities. The Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle Campground is off State Route 165 in Pierce County, just north of the Mowich Lake entrance to

Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreational Trails Program Grants Awarded



Mount Rainier National Park. The grant, combined with federal Recreation Pass collections, will pay for an equipment operator, a four-person crew, and a program manager who will coordinate daily maintenance activities. It also will pay for supplies and materials for the trail work. The Forest Service will contribute \$76,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2524)

Snohomish County

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$101,610

Maintaining Darrington Backcountry Trails

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to pay for four seasonal trail crew members during two summers to maintain about 200 miles of trails district-wide. The trails provide overnight and backcountry hiking and equestrian experiences near Seattle and Everett. The Forest Service crew will work in the more remote wilderness areas of the district including those off the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway and portions of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and its access trails. The crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, and perform heavier backlog maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2259)

Whatcom County

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$1,878

Hiring a Mount Baker Climbing Ranger

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to hire a second climbing ranger. The district's climbing program on Mount Baker has only one ranger, who cannot work safely alone. Together, the two rangers will work as a rope team on the mountain to access camps, routes, and the summit to interact with climbers. Thousands of climbers attempt to summit Mount Baker's 10,781-foot peak each season. The climb to the top is physically challenging and all routes require technical mountaineering skills. Climbers need to be experienced in glacier travel, crevasse rescue, and route finding, and have proper equipment (and know how to use it) to attempt the summit. As a skilled and experienced rope team, the rangers will contact climbers and educate them about how to minimize their impacts on the

Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreational Trails Program Grants Awarded



alpine environment including disposing of waste, selecting campsites, preparing properly for climbing, and safe climbing practices. The Forest Service will contribute \$23,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2461)

Yakima County

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$101,610

Maintaining Central Washington Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a five-person trail crew, crew leader, transportation, and supplies to maintain 100 miles of motorcycle and four-wheel drive trails in Kittitas and Yakima Counties in central Washington. Crews will clear trails, remove overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and trail surfaces, and maintain signs. Regular maintenance greatly reduces the need for costly reconstruction projects and helps to provide safe and enjoyable trail experiences. The Naches Ranger District's 140 miles of motorcycle and 170 miles of four-wheel drive trails are used by an estimated 35,000 recreationists each year. The Forest Service will contribute \$123,000 in equipment, staff labor, a federal grant, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2504)