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RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

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**TOPIC #4: National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP)
2007 Projects**

Approved by the Director:

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Summary. Applications for 112 projects (84 general category, 28 education category) have been received requesting just over \$4.72 million. Approximately \$3.2 million in NRTP funds is available for allocation in September 2007 for Federal Fiscal Year 2007 and Federal Fiscal Year 2008. Seventy-four projects are recommended for funding.

To assist in this review, six attachments are provided:

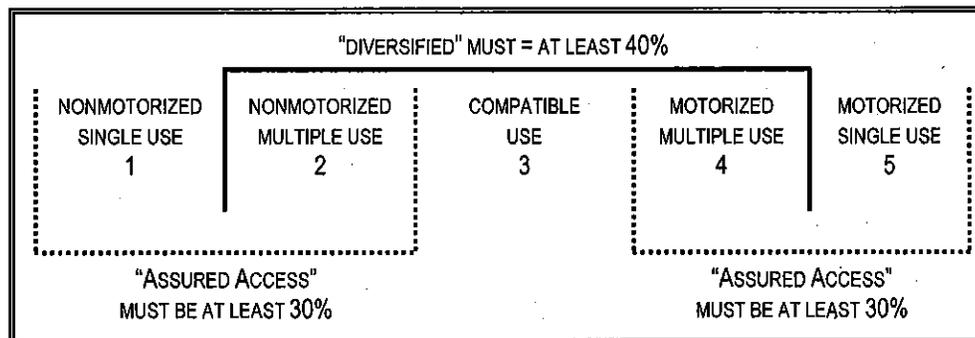
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| #1: Draft adoption resolution | #4: Evaluation criteria summary |
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Background. In some ways, NRTP is more complex than many RCFB grant programs. As a guide through these intricacies, staff will make a brief presentation at the board meeting, including:

- A review of the November 2006 resolution (#2006-45) to accept applications for two federal fiscal year's worth of funding in 2007.
- How this federal gas tax program was approved by Congress only after an alliance of motorized and nonmotorized groups agreed on a structure that guaranteed a minimum of 30 percent of available dollars, *even if it means funding the lowest ranked projects to achieve this minimum.*



- A description of its five overlapping categories:



In some ways, NRTP is also simple. For example:

- It is a relatively small grant program (\$1 million - \$1.5 million in most years).
- By RCFB policy, its primary emphasis is on trail maintenance.
- Because few motorized grant applications are received, nonmotorized applicants usually receive most of this program's funds.
- The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) has an NRTP Advisory Committee reflecting a diverse set of trail users and land managers. Although they are diverse, they have had a record of achieving unanimous or near-unanimous agreement on funding recommendations.

2007 Recommendations. On August 9, the advisory committee met to review the compiled listing of evaluated projects and confirmed agreement with the overall process and rankings. The funding recommendation is shown in Table 1.

Resolution #2007-17 is presented for consideration and action.

Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2007 and 2008 NRTP Project Funding

September 14, 2007

WHEREAS, through the early months of 2007, until the May application deadline, the Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) staff provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to communicate to interested parties the benefits and application procedures for the National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP); and

WHEREAS, in answer to these efforts, 112 applications eligible for funding were received; and

WHEREAS, each of these projects were evaluated and scored by the RCO's advisory committee using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) approved criteria; and

WHEREAS, the result of this evaluation is a set of recommendations that meets both federal and state program criteria; and

WHEREAS, \$1,639,801 for FFY 2007 and \$1,573,728 (estimated) for FFY 2008 is available for distribution to these projects; and

WHEREAS, RCO staff has added a federal fiscal year designation to each project as required by NRTP's federal program administrator, the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RCFB approves funding for the projects ranked in "Table 1, NRTP Projects Funding Recommendations, September 2007" (Attachment 2); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is authorized to seek approval from FHWA, to fund alternate projects with any unallocated monies that may become available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is instructed to seek authorization to proceed with execution of applicable agreements, and other appropriate steps, from the FHWA for implementation of these projects.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted / Defeated / Deferred (underline)



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See explanatory notes,
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Table 1 - NRTP Projects Funding Recommendations, September 2007
Advisory Committee Ranking ~ National Recreational Trails Program

Combines Ranked Projects for Federal Fiscal Years '07 & '08 in Two Lists: General & Education

Rank	Score	Proj #	Sponsor	Project Name	NMSU Amount	NMNU Amount	Compatib Amount	MMU Amount	MSU Amount	Total Amount	RCO Staff Funding	Cumulative Amount
1	66.000	07-1483M	WA Trails Association	WTA 2008 Volunteer Trail Teams		65,000				65,000	65,000	65,000
2	64.267	07-1482M	WA Trails Association	WTA 2008 Backcountry Trail Teams		65,000				65,000	65,000	130,000
3	61.600	07-1239M	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Chelan Uplake Trails 08		63,000				63,000	63,000	193,000
4	60.733	07-1214M	Backcountry Horsemen of WA	2008-2009 Backcountry Trail Maintenance		75,000				75,000	75,000	268,000
5	60.067	07-1208M	USFS WNF Entiat RD	Entiat's Non-Motorized Trail M&O		75,000				75,000	75,000	343,000
6	60.000	07-1488M	Mountains to Sound Greenway	Mountains to Sound Trail Maint - 2008		75,000	63,000			138,000	75,000	418,000
7	59.467	07-1368M	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	White River RD Trail Maintenance - 2008		75,000				75,000	63,000	481,000
8	57.733	07-1281M	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Methow Valley Ranger District Trail Mtce		75,000				75,000	75,000	556,000
9	57.333	07-1302M	USFS Gifford Pinchot NF	GPNF Non-Motorized Trail Maintenance		57,500				57,500	57,500	613,500
10	56.800	07-1237M	EarthCorps	EarthCorps Wilderness Trail Main.	30,915	30,915				61,830	30,915	644,415
11	56.533	07-1298M	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Ski Trail M & O 08-09		47,552				47,552	47,552	691,967
12	56.200	07-1295M	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Chelan Snowmobile Trails M&O		23,940		23,940		47,880	23,940	715,907
13	56.000	07-1374M	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Alpine Lakes Trail Maint. Crew - 2008		65,000				65,000	65,000	780,907
14	55.800	07-1412D	Natural Resources Dept of	Little Si Trail Renovation	75,000				75,000	75,000	75,000	855,907
15	55.600	07-1253M	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Echo Winter & Summer Trails 07-09		50,000				50,000	50,000	905,907
16	55.533	07-1431D	USFS OKNF Tonasket RD	Honeymoon Pass Trail		23,981				23,981	23,981	929,888
17	55.400	07-1485M	USFS Colville National Forest	Kettle Crest NRT Maint: 2008-2009		50,000				50,000	50,000	979,888
18	55.067	07-1244D	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Canyon Creek Snowmobile Trail Repair					70,000	70,000	70,000	1,049,888
19	54.333	07-1204M	USFS WNF Entiat RD	Entiat/Lk.Wen Snowmobile Trail Maintenance		75,000			65,740	140,740	65,740	1,115,628
20	54.267	07-1408M	USFS MBNF Darrington RD	Darrington Trail Maintenance 08/09					75,000	75,000	75,000	1,190,628
21	54.200	07-1479M	Spokane Nordic Ski Educ Founda	MSSP Nordic Grooming Equipment Replaceme					19,923	19,923	19,923	1,210,551
22	53.933	07-1505M	Mount Tahoma Trails Assn	Trail Maintenance		50,000				50,000	50,000	1,260,551
23	53.800	07-1313M	USFS UNF Pomeroy RD	Wenaha-Tucannon Trail Maintenance		72,672				72,672	72,672	1,333,223
23	53.800	07-1398M	USFS GPNF Cowitz Valley RD	Wilderness Trails rehabilitation GPNF 08		49,739				49,739	49,739	1,382,962
23	53.800	07-1504M	Mount Tahoma Trails Assn	Mt Tahoma Snow Vehicles Project		75,000				75,000	75,000	1,457,962
26	53.667	07-1438M	State Parks	I-90-Snoqualmie Nonmotorized Grooming '07/08		29,619				29,619	29,619	1,487,581
27	53.467	07-1410M	State Parks	Stampede Pass/Kachess Trail Grooming					75,000	75,000	75,000	1,562,581
28	53.400	07-1225M	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Heather Meadows Area Trail Maintenance		50,000				50,000	50,000	1,612,581
29	53.200	07-1282M	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Sawtooth Backcountry Motorized Trail Mtc					16,000	16,000	16,000	1,628,581
29	53.200	07-1463D	Mountains to Sound Greenway	Granite Mountain Trail Renovation 2008				16,000		16,000	16,000	1,644,581
31	53.067	07-1497D	State Parks	Squak Mountain Trail Improvements		75,000				75,000	75,000	1,719,581
32	52.733	07-1402D	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Snoqualmie Lake Trail Repair Phase 1				16,000		16,000	16,000	1,735,581
33	52.533	07-1373M	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Backcountry Rec. Site Maintenance 2008/2009		68,765				68,765	68,765	1,804,346
33	52.533	07-1477D	USFS CNF Newport RD	Bead Lake Trail Rehabilitation		23,000				23,000	23,000	1,827,346
35	52.267	07-1156M	Pacific Northwest Trail Assn	North Cascades Youth Crews 2008		67,048				67,048	67,048	1,894,394
35	52.267	07-1389M	King County of	King County Parks Backcountry Trails		75,000				75,000	75,000	1,969,394
37	52.200	07-1157M	Pacific Northwest Trail Assn	Olympic Youth Crews: 2008		63,440				63,440	63,440	2,032,834
38	52.133	07-1433M	State Parks	Drag Implements for Trail Grooming			75,000			75,000	75,000	2,107,834
39	51.867	07-1205M	Hi-Country Snowmobile Club	Crystal Springs Trail Grooming			75,000		19,136	94,136	19,136	2,201,970

Rank	Score	Proj #	Sponsor	Project Name	NMSU Amount	NMMU Amount	Compatib Amount	MMU Amount	MSU Amount	Total Amount	RCO Staff Funding	Cumulative Amount
40	51.800	07-1276D	Issaquah City of	Swamp and Big Tree Trails Renovation	75,000				21,520	75,000	75,000	2,294,970
41	51.533	07-1158M	Pacific Northwest Trail Assn	Quilcene Ranger Corps: 2008/2009		68,443				68,443	68,443	2,363,413
42	51.467	07-1215D	Volunteers for Outdoor WA	Iron Goat/Horseshoe Tunnel Trail, Phase	75,000					75,000	34,913 P	2,438,413
42	51.467	07-1344M	USFS MBNF Skykomish RD	Skykomish Wilderness Trail Maintenance		74,344				74,344	34,608 P	2,512,757 Non-Motoriz
44	50.867	07-1104M	Mountain Trails Grooming Assn	Multi-Blade Snow Planer					21,520	21,520	21,520	2,534,277
45	50.733	07-1161M	Anacortes City of	ACFL Trail Maintenance Program: 2008-09				28,075		28,075	28,075	2,562,352
46	50.667	07-1328M	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches Nordic/Mtn Bike Trail Maint: 2008		21,155				21,155	Alternate	2,583,507
47	50.533	07-1351M	USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD	WRRD Wilderness Trail Maintenance 2008		40,000				40,000	Alternate	2,623,507
48	50.133	07-1417M	State Parks	Salmon La Sac Trail Grooming					75,000	75,000	75,000	2,698,507
49	50.067	07-1378M	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum NM Trails M&O 08-09		73,500				73,500	Alternate	2,772,007
50	49.933	07-1395M	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Stock and Heli Support for Trail Projects 08-09		16,000				16,000	Alternate	2,788,007
51	49.400	07-1211M	Jones Creek Trail Riders Assn	Jones Creek ORV Trail Maintenance IV				43,628		43,628	43,628	2,831,635
52	49.267	07-1285D	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Wilderness Structures 2008-2009		59,300				59,300	Alternate	2,890,935
53	48.067	07-1461D	Backcountry Bicycle Trail Club	East Tiger Bridge Replacement & Trail Upgrade		60,673				60,673	Alternate	2,951,608
54	47.733	07-1082M	Methow Valley Snowmobile Assn	Groom Priority 2 and 3 Trails					24,000	24,000	24,000	2,975,608
55	47.267	07-1429M	USFS OKNF Meiflow RD	MVRD Trailhead Maintenance				68,780		68,780	68,780	3,044,388
56	46.600	07-1435D	NPS Olympic National Park	Deer Lake Trail & Camp Area Rehab		74,630				74,630	Alternate	3,119,018
57	46.400	07-1226D	Cascade Drift Skippers Club	Reload to JWPT trail				19,972		19,972	19,972	3,138,990
58	46.200	07-1242D	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Nooksack Cirque Trail Bridge		67,000				67,000	Alternate	3,205,990
59	46.067	07-1174D	Spokane County of	Liberty Lk Nonmotorized Trailhead Impv		34,860				34,860	Alternate	3,240,850
60	45.533	07-1475D	State Parks	Fort Ebey Trails Education		5,600				5,600	Alternate	3,246,450
61	45.000	07-1406D	Mason County Parks & Rec	Menards Landing Launch Improvements		7,000				7,000	Alternate	3,253,450
61	45.000	07-1457D	Pe Ell Town of	Willapa Hills Pe Ell Trailhead Campground		75,000				75,000	Alternate	3,328,450
63	44.867	07-1352M	USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD	Devils Gulch ORV M&O 2008-09					36,700	36,700	36,700	3,365,150
64	44.067	07-1354M	USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD	Lake Wenatchee ORV M&O 2008-09					36,300	36,300	36,300	3,401,450
65	43.800	07-1390D	State Parks	Iron Horse State Park - Malden to Rosalia		75,000				75,000	Alternate	3,476,450
66	43.667	07-1430D	Natural Resources Dept of	West Tiger Mtn. NRCA Talus Loop Trail I	75,000					75,000	Alternate	3,551,450
67	43.333	07-1347M	Loup Loup Ski Education	Loup Loup Trail Maintenance 07		36,000				36,000	Alternate	3,587,450
68	43.200	07-1252M	USFS IPNF	Priest Lake Trail Maintenance: 2008-2009				51,430		51,430	51,430	3,638,880
69	42.467	07-1305M	Friends of the Trail	Trailhead/Access Point Clean Ups			30,000			30,000	Alternate	3,668,880
70	41.133	07-1384D	Spokane Winter Knights	Kings Lake Sno-Park Groomer Shelter					49,000	49,000	49,000	3,717,880
71	41.000	07-1367M	Friends of Badger Mountain	Maintenance vehicle for Badger Mountain		6,200				6,200	Alternate	3,724,080
72	40.667	07-1366M	Mountaineers	Mountaineers Groomer Project		25,000				25,000	Alternate	3,749,080
73	39.800	07-1307D	USFS ONF Hood Canal RD	Gray Wolf Trail Renovation						70,000	Alternate	3,819,080
74	39.600	07-1394M	USFS Gifford Pinchot NF	Lewis River Trail Maintenance					25,501	25,501	25,501	3,844,581
75	39.067	07-1306M	Spokane County of	Liberty Lake Park Trail Maintenance			74,700			74,700	Alternate	3,919,281
76	38.533	07-1246M	Badger Mtn. Ski Club	Badger Mtn Ski Hill Trail System		59,414				59,414	Alternate	3,978,695
77	38.267	07-1349D	Peninsula Metropolitan Park	McCormick Forest Bridge and Trails		47,567				47,567	Alternate	4,026,262
78	35.067	07-1467D	Grays Harbor County of	Straddleline ORV Park Campsite Upgrades				8,670		8,670	8,670	4,034,932 Motorized
79	33.800	07-1379M	USFS ONF Hood Canal RD	Trails and Campground Maintenance		75,000				75,000	Alternate	4,109,932
80	31.000	07-1375M	Sultan City of	Osprey Park Trails & Interpretive Signs	45,200					45,200	Alternate	4,155,132
81	27.000	07-1218M	Pacific County Public Works	Rails to Trails Phase I		75,000				75,000	Alternate	4,230,132
82	26.067	07-1219M	Pacific County Public Works	Rails to Trails Phase II		75,000				75,000	Alternate	4,305,132
83	25.600	07-1221M	Pacific County Public Works	Rails to Trails Phase IV		75,000				75,000	Alternate	4,380,132
84	25.200	07-1220M	Pacific County Public Works	Rails to Trails Phase III		75,000				75,000	Alternate	4,455,132

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1	19,067	07-1228E	Backcountry Horsemen of WA	Leave No Trace 2008/2009		10,000				10,000	10,000	4,465,132
2	17,800	07-1224E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Mountain Steward Volunteer Project		10,000				10,000	10,000	4,475,132
3	17,533	07-1198E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Wilderness Rangers 07		9,840				9,840	9,840	4,484,972
4	17,133	07-1199E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Backcountry Trail Education 07			9,840			9,840	9,840	4,494,812
5	16,800	07-1292E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol 07			10,000			10,000	10,000	4,504,812
6	16,733	07-1372E	USFS,MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Program 2008		10,000				10,000	10,000	4,514,812
7	16,667	07-1290E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Winter-Patrol Volunteers			10,000			10,000	10,000	4,524,812
8	16,600	07-1333E	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches RD Snowmobile Rangers 2007-08				10,000		10,000	10,000	4,534,812
9	16,533	07-1393E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Mt. Baker Climbing Program		10,000				10,000	10,000	4,544,812
10	16,467	07-1238E	USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD	Wilderness Snowmobile Ed. 2008					8,800	8,800	8,800	4,553,612 Non-Motoriz
11	16,400	07-1249E	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Chelan Snowmobile Ranger 07-08					10,000	10,000	10,000	4,563,612
11	16,400	07-1264E	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Pacific Crest Ranger						10,000	Alternate	4,573,612
11	16,400	07-1362E	USFS GPNF Mt Adams RD	Gifford Pinchot Snow Ranger 07-08				10,000		10,000	10,000	4,583,612
11	16,400	07-1436E	NPS Olympic National Park	Olympic Wilderness Rangers	10,000					10,000	Alternate	4,593,612
15	16,000	07-1203E	USFS WNF Entiat RD	Lake Wen. Entiat Snow Rangers 07-08					10,000	10,000	10,000	4,603,612
15	16,000	07-1345E	USFS MBNF Skykomish RD	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Education		10,000				10,000	Alternate	4,613,612
17	15,733	07-1478E	WA Water Trails Association	Puget Sound Leave No Trace SEA Kayaker						5,328	5,328	4,628,940
18	15,667	07-1486E	WA Off Highway Vehicle Assn	ORV Sound Testing Certification				5,328		5,328	Alternate	4,638,940
19	15,467	07-1452E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Snoqualmie RD Backcountry Steward 2008		10,000				10,000	Alternate	4,648,940
20	15,400	07-1442E	USFS CNF Sullivan Lake RD	Pend Oreille Valley Snowmobiles					10,000	10,000	10,000	4,658,940
21	15,133	07-1405E	USFS Colville National Forest	CNF West Zone Snowmobiles					10,000	10,000	Alternate	4,668,940
22	15,067	07-1346E	USFS MBNF Skykomish RD	Henry M. Jackson Wilderness Education		10,000				8,900	8,900	4,677,840
23	15,000	07-1311E	USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD	ATT and Mountain Bike Patroler 2008		6,939				6,939	Alternate	4,684,779
24	14,933	07-1496E	Vancouver Parks & Rec Dept	Regional Park Trailhead Maps		6,452				6,452	Alternate	4,691,231
25	14,733	07-1495E	Vancouver Parks & Rec Dept	Backcountry Way-finding Signage						10,000	10,000	4,701,231 Motorized
26	14,400	07-1444E	Cobille National Forest	POY Caribou Recovery Area Education Project					10,000	10,000	Alternate	4,710,731
27	12,933	07-1229E	Friends of Willapa Refuge	Headquarters Creek Interpretive Educosystem		9,500				9,500	Alternate	4,720,731
28	12,733	07-1286E	Jefferson Land Trust	Quimper Trails Signage		10,000				10,000	Alternate	4,730,731

All proposals (112) total = 414,700 3,162,148 272,540 280,783 610,560 4,720,731 3,094,218

Acronyms:
NMSU: Nonmotorized single use
NMMU: Nonmotorized multiple use
MSU: Motorized single use
Compatible: Combines motor and nonmotor
MMU: Motorized multiple use

A. Funding Summary		2007	2008	Total	
		21,047		21,047	Unobligated Non-Motorized Assured Access
		13,461		13,461	Unobligated Diversified
		26,494		26,494	Unobligated Motorized Assured Access
		61,002	-	61,002	Total unobligated-must be obligated by 09/30/07
		1,489,119	1,490,700	2,979,819	General funds available
		1,550,121	1,490,700	3,040,821	Total General Funds Available
		5,071	-	5,071	Unobligated Education must be obligated by 09/30/07
		84,609	83,028	167,637	Education funds available
		89,680	83,028	172,708	Total Education Funds Available
		1,639,801	1,573,728	3,213,529	Grand total available this round
		-	(119,311)	(119,311)	Unobligated motorized due to too few applications
		1,639,801	1,454,417	3,094,218	Grand total funded this round

B. Summary ~ Federal Fiscal Year 2007 Projects Above Funding Line

- Nonmortized categories (multiple & single use):
22 projects + 2 partial (total \$973,348)
- Motorized categories (multiple & single use):
14 projects (total \$498,613)
- Compatible use category:
5 projects (total \$167,840)

C. Summary ~ Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Projects Above Funding Line

- Nonmortized categories (multiple & single use):
18 projects (total \$1,101,610)
- Motorized categories (multiple & single use):
15 projects (total \$352,807)
- Compatible use category:
0 projects

2007 NRTP Grants Cycle - Background

Preparations. Planning for this grants cycle began in 2006, during the program's Advisory Committee annual meeting. Later, updated RCFB grant program information was provided to interested parties on the RCO's website, via e-mail, and through a series of workshops conducted across the state. In July, evaluation materials were sent to the advisory committee; all 15 members scored this year's projects.

Advisory Committee Recommendations. On August 9, the committee met to review its compiled listing of evaluated projects. After discussion, the group agreed with the overall process and rankings. The advisory committee asked that the recommendations reflected in Table 1 be provided to the RCFB with these notes:

1. Adhere to the RCFB's (IAC's) decision ¹ to allocate two federal fiscal years worth of funding, FFY 2007 and FFY 2008, at the September 2007 board meeting to resolve the timing issue that threatens Washington's future access to NRTP dollars.
2. Have RCO staff separate the projects into these two fiscal years according to the following criteria: first, ensure that the top ranked projects are high enough on the lists to receive funding, and second, try to ensure that projects that are likely to finish implementation more quickly are placed in fiscal year 2007, the year in which the Federal Department of Transportation has already allocated funds.
3. To help meet the federal 30 percent assured access category minimum funding allocation, fund all motorized projects. Even with this adjustment, because too few motorized category projects were submitted, the RCFB will have \$119,311 in unobligated funds reserved for motorized category projects.
4. Fund the maximum number of the highest ranking education category projects allowed (by law, 5 percent of available funds). Regardless of their position on the list, however, motorized education category projects should be funded to help meet the minimum 30 percent motorized requirement.
5. If any of the "above the line" projects fail, or if a different funding amount is certified, the advisory committee recommends that the funding line be adjusted up or down while: • holding the ranked project order and the 30 percent assured access motorized-nonmotorized rule, and • maximizing funding for education category projects.

¹ IAC Resolution 2006-45: NRTP, Accepting-Encouraging 2007 and 2008 Applications in 2007.

Federal Allocation Rules. Under the provisions of the NRTP governing act,^[2] there are four rules RCFB needs to observe.

First, a minimum of 40 percent of the funds *must* be provided to projects serving diversified trail uses. That is: Nonmotorized Multiple Use, Compatible Uses, and Motorized Multiple Use.

Second, a minimum of 30 percent of the project funds *must* be reserved for uses relating to motorized recreation. **Third**, a minimum of 30 percent *must* also be reserved for uses relating to non-motorized recreation. These minimums are known as assured access.

Fourth, a state *may* allocate up to 5 percent of its total apportionment for programs that promote trail safety and environmental protection.

Compliance with these allocation rules is shown in the following tables and is based on the availability of \$1,639,801³ in FFY 2007. FFY 2008 funds have not yet been certified, but RCO staff is has been told that the amount will likely be the same as or more than that available in FFY 2007, \$1,573,728.

FFY 2007 ("new" funds only; does not include unobligated funds from previous years):

- Diversified Uses (NMMU, Compatible, and MMU) must be at least \$629,492.
- Assured Access (NMSU, NMMU and MMU, MSU) must each be at least \$472,118.
- Education projects may not exceed \$84,609.

FFY 2007, Comparing Federal Rules With Recommendations				
	30% Minimum Assured Access (NMSU-NMMU)	40% Minimum Diversified (NMMU-Compat-MMU)	30% Minimum Assured Access (MMU-MSU)	5% Maximum (Education)
Federal criteria met?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

FFY 2008 ("new" funds only; does not include unobligated funds from previous years):

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Federal criteria met?	Yes	Yes	No ^[4]	Yes

² Part B of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, amended in the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, and SAFETEA-LU of 2005.

³ This includes \$1,573,727 in "new" FFY '07 funds, plus \$66,073 in unobligated "old" funds.

⁴ There are insufficient applications to reach the minimum of 30% assured motorized access funds.

Recommendations. After using the criteria in the *NRTP Program Policies and Project Selection* manual to individually score projects, the advisory committee met on August 9, 2007 in an open meeting to consider its recommendations to the RCO's director. Except for the technical issue described in "Advisory Committee Recommendations," above, members achieved consensus on the recommendations. As in previous years, there was strong support for trusting the evaluation instrument to fairly rank each project and in adhering to the federal 30% - 40% - 30% goals.

Evaluation Criteria Summary

First adopted by IAC in February 1999 and updated in 2000, 2001, and 2002.

NRTP Evaluation Criteria Summary General (Development and Maintenance) Projects				
Scoring	Number	Item	Mult/Mx	D/M
Team	1	Need	3/15	D/M
Team	2	Need satisfaction	3/15	D/M
Team	3	Project design	2/10	D
Team	4	Maintenance	2/10	M
Team	5	Readiness to proceed	1/5	D/M
Team	6	Cost-benefit	1/5	D/M
Team	7	Non-government contribution	1/5	D/M
Team	8	Project support	2/10	D/M
IAC Staff	9	Matching shares	2/10	D/M
IAC Staff	10	GMA preference	-/(-1)	D/M
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE - Development = 75 Maintenance = 75				

NRTP Evaluation Criteria Summary Education (Safety-Environmental Awareness) Projects			
Scoring	#	Describe the...	Mult./Max.
Team	1	Need for this project.	1/5
Team	2	Extent to which the project satisfies this need.	1/5
Team	3	Applicant's ability to accomplish the project.	1/5
Team	4	Project's cost-benefit.	1/5
Team	5	Support for the project.	1/5
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE			25

KEY TO TABLES:

Team = Criterion scored by the evaluation team Item = Criteria title
 Prescore = Criterion prescored by IAC staff Mult/Mx = Multiplier and maximum pts
 D/M = Criterion applicable to either development or maintenance projects



Evaluation Summary NRTP - GENERAL

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Rank	Name/Sponsor	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
		Need	Satisf.									
1	WTA 2008 Volunt/WA Trail	13.000	12.400		8.667	4.467	4.200	4.333	8.933	10.000	0.000	66.000
2	WTA 2008 Backco/WA Trail	12.400	12.400		8.267	4.400	4.267	4.267	8.267	10.000	0.000	64.267
3	Chelan Uplake T/USFS WNF	12.000	12.600		8.133	4.133	3.867	3.800	7.067	10.000	0.000	61.600
4	2008-2009 Backco/Backcoun	11.200	11.800		8.000	4.267	3.800	4.067	7.600	10.000	0.000	60.733
5	Entiat's Non-Mo/USFS WNF	12.000	12.000		8.267	4.267	3.800	3.467	6.267	10.000	0.000	60.067
6	Mountains to So/Mountain	12.400	11.200		7.333	4.333	3.533	3.467	7.733	10.000	0.000	60.000
7	White River RD /USFS MBN	12.200	11.600		6.667	4.067	3.800	3.667	7.467	10.000	0.000	59.467
8	Methow Valley R/USFS OKN	13.000	11.000		7.200	3.933	3.333	3.400	5.867	10.000	0.000	57.733
9	GPNF Non-Motori/USFS Gif	11.400	10.800		7.467	3.467	3.467	3.400	7.333	10.000	0.000	57.333
10	EarthCorps Wild/EarthCor	11.600	11.200		6.800	3.933	3.267	3.733	6.267	10.000	0.000	56.800
11	Cle Elum Ski Tr/USFS WNF	10.200	10.800		7.200	3.933	3.267	3.667	7.467	10.000	0.000	56.533
12	Chelan Snowmobi/USFS WNF	10.800	10.800		6.933	4.200	3.400	3.267	6.800	10.000	0.000	56.200
13	Alpine Lakes Tr/USFS MBN	11.200	11.200		6.533	3.867	3.533	2.733	6.933	10.000	0.000	56.000
14	Little Si Trail/Natural	11.800	12.200	6.800		3.667	3.267	3.133	6.933	8.000	0.000	55.800
15	Echo Winter & S/USFS WNF	11.000	11.800		6.667	4.000	3.333	3.200	7.600	8.000	0.000	55.600
16	Honeymoon Pass /USFS OKN	11.000	11.000	7.467		3.733	3.400	2.933	6.000	10.000	0.000	55.533
17	Kettle Crest NR/USFS Col	10.800	10.200		7.067	3.667	3.267	3.200	7.200	10.000	0.000	55.400
18	Canyon Creek Sn/USFS MBN	11.200	11.200	6.400		3.267	3.067	3.000	6.933	10.000	0.000	55.067
19	Entiat/Lk.Wen S/USFS WNF	10.000	11.200		6.800	4.133	3.333	2.733	6.133	10.000	0.000	54.333
20	Darrington Trail/USFS MBN	10.800	10.400		6.667	3.667	3.333	3.400	6.000	10.000	0.000	54.267
21	MSSP Nordic Gro/Spokane	9.200	10.800		6.267	3.867	3.400	3.733	6.933	10.000	0.000	54.200
22	Trail Maintenanc/Mount Ta	10.000	10.400		6.400	3.800	3.067	3.467	6.800	10.000	0.000	53.933
23	Mt Tahoma Snow /Mount Ta	10.000	10.000		6.400	3.800	3.200	3.467	6.933	10.000	0.000	53.800
23	Wilderness Trail/USFS GPN	10.800	10.400		6.533	3.800	3.333	2.933	6.000	10.000	0.000	53.800
23	Wenaha-Tucannon/USFS UNF	10.800	10.200		6.933	3.933	2.867	3.067	6.000	10.000	0.000	53.800
26	I-90-Snoqualmie/State Pa	10.200	10.000		6.400	3.933	3.067	2.867	7.200	10.000	0.000	53.667
27	Stampede Pass/K/State Pa	10.800	10.800		7.067	4.200	3.067	2.867	6.667	8.000	0.000	53.467
28	Heather Meadows/USFS MBN	10.800	10.200		7.467	3.800	3.133	2.933	5.067	10.000	0.000	53.400
29	Sawtooth Backco/USFS OKN	11.200	10.400		7.067	3.733	3.600	3.333	5.867	8.000	0.000	53.200
29	Granite Mountai/Mountain	10.000	10.600	6.133		3.333	3.267	3.333	6.533	10.000	0.000	53.200
31	Squak Mountain /State Pa	10.000	9.600	7.200		3.733	2.933	3.200	6.400	10.000	0.000	53.067
32	Snoqualmie Lake/USFS MBN	11.000	11.000	7.200		3.800	3.067	2.400	6.267	8.000	0.000	52.733
33	Backcountry Rec/USFS MBN	10.800	9.800		6.133	3.800	2.867	2.600	6.533	10.000	0.000	52.533
33	Bead Lake Trail/USFS CNF	11.200	11.600	7.333		3.667	3.800	3.067	5.867	6.000	0.000	52.533
35	King County Par/King Cou	10.400	9.400		6.267	2.800	2.933	3.267	7.200	10.000	0.000	52.267
35	North Cascades /Pacific	9.400	9.800		5.733	3.933	3.000	3.067	7.333	10.000	0.000	52.267
37	Olympic Youth C/Pacific	9.000	9.600		6.000	3.933	2.933	3.267	7.467	10.000	0.000	52.200
38	Drag Implements/State Pa	9.600	10.800		6.267	4.200	3.333	3.133	4.800	10.000	0.000	52.133
39	Crystal Springs/Hi-Count	9.200	10.600		5.867	4.333	3.400	3.133	5.333	10.000	0.000	51.867
40	Swamp and Big T/Issaquah	11.000	11.000	6.400		3.867	2.933	3.267	7.333	6.000	0.000	51.800
41	Quillicene Range/Pacific	8.800	9.800		5.733	3.933	2.800	3.267	7.200	10.000	0.000	51.533
42	Iron Goat/Horse/Voluntee	8.800	9.200	6.933		3.067	2.667	3.200	7.600	10.000	0.000	51.467
42	Skykomish Wilde/USFS MBN	11.400	9.600		6.667	3.467	3.067	3.267	6.000	8.000	0.000	51.467
44	Multi-Blade Sno/Mountain	8.200	9.800		5.600	3.933	3.467	2.933	6.933	10.000	0.000	50.867
45	ACFL Trail Main/Anacorte	9.400	9.200		6.667	3.333	2.867	2.733	6.533	10.000	0.000	50.733
46	Naches Nordic/M/USFS WNF	9.800	10.600		6.133	4.000	3.067	2.667	6.400	8.000	0.000	50.667
47	WRRD Wilderness/USFS WNF	10.400	9.400		6.667	3.400	3.200	2.533	4.933	10.000	0.000	50.533
48	Salmon La Sac T/State Pa	10.000	10.600		6.667	4.067	3.333	2.667	6.800	6.000	0.000	50.133
49	Cle Elum NM Tra/USFS WNF	10.800	10.400		6.267	3.333	2.800	2.733	5.733	8.000	0.000	50.067
50	Stock and Hell /USFS MBN	10.000	10.200		5.733	3.333	3.067	2.800	6.800	8.000	0.000	49.933
51	Jones Creek ORV/Jones Cr	10.600	11.400		7.467	3.933	3.200	3.600	5.200	4.000	0.000	49.400
52	Cle Elum Wilder/USFS WNF	11.400	10.800	7.733		3.667	3.200	3.000	5.467	4.000	0.000	49.267
53	East Tiger Brid/Backcoun	11.200	11.000	7.333		3.133	3.133	3.333	6.933	2.000	0.000	48.067
54	Groom Priority /Methow V	7.600	9.200		4.933	3.733	2.867	3.000	6.400	10.000	0.000	47.733
55	MVRD Trailhead /USFS OKN	9.400	9.400		6.533	3.533	3.067	2.800	6.533	6.000	0.000	47.267
56	Deer Lake Trail/NPS Olym	10.800	11.400	7.467		3.467	3.333	2.667	7.467	0.000	0.000	46.600

57	Reload to JWPT /Cascade	10.800	11.600	7.600		4.000	2.800	2.533	7.067	0.000	0.000	46.400
58	Nooksack Cirque/USFS MBN	10.000	11.600	7.600		3.667	3.200	2.667	5.467	2.000	0.000	46.200
59	Liberty Lk Nonm/Spokane	10.400	11.800	7.867		4.133	3.467	3.000	6.400	0.000	-1.000	46.067
60	Fort Ebey Trail/State Pa	8.800	10.400	7.467		4.067	3.200	1.067	4.533	6.000	0.000	45.533
61	Willapa Hills P/Pe EII T	8.200	9.000	7.600		3.000	2.733	2.333	6.133	6.000	0.000	45.000
61	Menards Landing/Mason Co	10.600	11.600	7.200		3.133	3.467	2.933	7.067	0.000	-1.000	45.000
63	Devils Gulch OR/USFS WNF	9.800	10.600		7.067	3.933	3.133	2.333	6.000	2.000	0.000	44.867
64	Lake Wenatchee /USFS WNF	9.600	10.600		6.867	4.000	2.933	2.267	6.000	2.000	0.000	44.067
65	Iron Horse Sta/State Pa	11.000	9.600	7.600		3.333	2.933	2.400	4.933	2.000	0.000	43.800
66	West Tiger Mtn./Natural	11.200	10.600	6.400		3.600	2.933	2.933	6.000	0.000	0.000	43.667
67	Loup Loup Trail/Loup Lou	9.000	9.200		6.667	3.467	3.333	2.600	5.067	4.000	0.000	43.333
68	Priest Lake Tra/USFS IPN	10.200	10.400		7.333	3.533	3.133	3.000	5.600	0.000	0.000	43.200
69	Trailhead/Access/Friends	8.800	8.800		6.000	3.733	3.400	2.400	5.333	4.000	0.000	42.467
70	Kings Lake Sno/Spokane	9.600	10.200	8.000		2.600	2.933	2.467	5.333	0.000	0.000	41.133
71	Maintenance veh/Friends	9.000	10.400		5.867	3.600	3.267	2.867	6.000	0.000	0.000	41.000
72	Mountaineers Gr/Mountain	6.000	7.800		5.067	3.400	2.333	2.200	3.867	10.000	0.000	40.667
73	Gray Wolf Trail/USFS ONF	9.200	10.200	6.933		2.600	2.667	2.733	5.467	0.000	0.000	39.800
74	Lewis River Tra/USFS Gif	9.000	9.600		6.133	3.733	2.933	2.733	5.467	0.000	0.000	39.600
75	Liberty Lake Pa/Spokane	9.400	9.600		6.267	3.800	3.000	2.800	5.200	0.000	-1.000	39.067
76	Badger Mtn Ski /Badger M	8.200	10.400		5.733	3.067	2.933	2.467	5.733	0.000	0.000	38.533
77	McCormick Fores/Peninsul	8.400	10.000	7.200		3.133	2.267	1.933	5.333	0.000	0.000	38.267
78	Straddleline OR/Grays Ha	7.800	7.800	6.000		3.067	2.733	2.200	5.467	0.000	0.000	35.067
79	Trails and Camp/USFS ONF	8.200	9.600		6.000	2.333	2.200	2.267	3.200	0.000	0.000	33.800
80	Osprey Park Tra/Sultan C	8.000	8.400		6.267	2.933	2.000	1.333	3.067	0.000	-1.000	31.000
81	Rails to Trails/Pacific	6.400	6.000		4.267	3.400	1.800	1.400	3.733	0.000	0.000	27.000
82	Rails to Trails/Pacific	6.200	5.600		4.000	3.267	1.733	1.400	3.867	0.000	0.000	26.067
83	Rails to Trails/Pacific	5.800	5.800		4.000	3.067	1.733	1.333	3.867	0.000	0.000	25.600
84	Rails to Trails/Pacific	6.000	5.400		3.867	3.133	1.733	1.333	3.733	0.000	0.000	25.200

Evaluation Score Questions: 1-8

Prescore Questions: 9-10

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Evaluation Summary

N RTP-EDUCATION

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Rank	Name/Sponsor	1 Need	2 Need Satisf.	3 Ability to accompl	4 Cost:benefit	5 Support	Total
1	Leave No Trace /Backcoun	3.800	3.933	4.133	3.400	3.800	19.067
2	Mountain Stewar/USFS MBN	3.400	3.800	3.867	3.333	3.400	17.800
3	Cle Elum Wilder/USFS WNF	3.400	3.533	4.067	3.067	3.467	17.533
4	Cle Elum Backco/USFS WNF	3.400	3.333	4.067	2.933	3.400	17.133
5	Cle Elum Winter/USFS WNF	3.200	3.400	4.067	2.733	3.400	16.800
6	Snoqualmie Volu/USFS MBN	3.600	3.533	3.600	3.133	2.867	16.733
7	Cle Elum Winter/USFS WNF	3.133	3.267	4.000	2.867	3.400	16.667
8	Naches RD Snowm/USFS WNF	3.400	3.467	3.933	2.867	2.933	16.600
9	Mt. Baker Climb/USFS MBN	3.333	3.533	3.733	3.200	2.733	16.533
10	Wilderness Snow/USFS WNF	3.267	3.400	3.933	3.133	2.733	16.467
11	Chelan Snowmobi/USFS WNF	3.133	3.333	3.933	2.800	3.200	16.400
11	Pacific Crest R/USFS OKN	3.133	3.267	3.867	2.800	3.333	16.400
11	Olympic Wildern/NPS Olym	3.133	3.267	3.867	2.800	3.333	16.400
11	Gifford Pinchot/USFS GPN	3.200	3.133	3.867	3.067	3.133	16.400
15	Lake Wen. Entia/USFS WNF	3.067	3.400	3.867	2.733	2.933	16.000
15	Alpine Lakes Wi/USFS MBN	3.400	3.333	3.200	3.133	2.933	16.000
17	Puget Sound Lea/WA Water	3.000	3.333	3.867	2.667	2.867	15.733
18	ORV Sound Testi/WA Off H	3.400	3.267	3.333	3.067	2.600	15.667
19	Snoqualmie RD B/USFS MBN	3.067	3.000	3.733	2.733	2.933	15.467
20	Pend Oreille Va/USFS CNF	3.000	3.067	3.467	2.733	3.133	15.400
21	CNF West Zone S/USFS Col	2.867	3.133	3.400	2.733	3.000	15.133
22	Henry M Jackson/USFS MBN	3.200	3.000	3.200	3.000	2.667	15.067
23	ATV and Mountai/USFS WNF	3.467	3.133	3.400	2.733	2.267	15.000
24	Regional Park T/Vancouve	2.733	2.933	3.600	2.533	3.133	14.933
25	Backcountry Way/Vancouve	2.400	2.733	3.600	2.667	3.333	14.733
26	POV Caribou Rec/Colville	2.933	2.667	3.000	2.667	3.133	14.400
27	Headquarters Cr/Friends	2.133	2.667	3.000	2.400	2.733	12.933
28	Quimper Trails /Jefferso	2.333	2.800	2.600	2.467	2.533	12.733

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NRTP - General

Project Sponsor	Program Funding Amount	Matching Share	Total
Methow Valley Snowmobile Assn	\$24,000	\$24,412	\$48,412

Groom Priority 2 and 3 Trails

The project objective is to obtain NRTP funding support for two consecutive years of grooming funds for 240 miles of priority 2 and 3 trails that can be used by snowmobiles, cross-country skiers, dog sledgers and snowshoers. These priority 2 and 3 trails connect to over 135 miles of priority 1 trails that are groomed weekly with funds from Washington State Parks and Recreation. These priority 2 and 3 trails connect residents and winter visitors from Lost River, Winthrop, Conconully, Twisp and Twisp River to the snowmobile trail system in the Methow Valley. The Methow Valley Ranger District, Okanogan County Snowmobile Advisory Board, Methow Valley Snowmobile Association, Tri Rivers Snowmobile Club, Association of Okanogan County Snowmobile Clubs, Winthrop and Twisp Chamber of Commerce support this project. (07-1082 M)

Mountain Trails Grooming Assn	\$21,520	\$19,383	\$40,903
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Multi-Blade Snow Planer

The project objective is to provide an improved multi-use trail for snowmobilers and cross-country skiers by using a multi-blade planer. This project will purchase a multi-blade trail groomer that will groom a trail more efficiently in terms of time and fuel cost. The trail will be groomed into a more desirable surface that will stop traffic induced breakdown. The multi-blade trail planer will produce a smoother trail that will last longer under heavy traffic use. (07-1104 M)

Pacific Northwest Trail Assn	\$67,048	\$72,830	\$139,878
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North Cascades Youth Crews 2008

The scope of this project will be to hire SKY Summer Youth Crews and utilize volunteers to do routine maintenance on those sections of the Pacific Northwest Trail which lie in Island, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties. This includes the trail at Fort Ebey State Park and those trails lying within Deception Pass State Park, the trails on Blanchard, Anderson Mountains, and Lyman Hill which lay on lands administered by the WADNR, the trails along the South Fork of the Nooksack River, Bell Pass, Swift Creek, and Ruth Creek Drainages which lay on forest service land, and from the Summit of Hannegan Pass to Ross Lake, south along the lake, east and north along the lake to Devils Junction within the National Park Service lands.

Due to reduced funding in the agencies, there is a direct need for volunteers and youth crews to help with trail maintenance. Not only does this help the agencies, it creates a hands-on experience for youth that may not otherwise have the opportunity to be part of nature, learn about the environment, and ultimately become stewards of the environment.

This work is supported by the aforementioned agencies, Whatcom Chapter of the Backcountry Horseman, Sedro-Woolley School District, Cascade Job Corps, Boy Scouts, Island, Whatcom, and Skagit Counties. (07-1156 M)



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Pacific Northwest Trail Assn	\$63,440	\$72,200	\$135,640
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Olympic Youth Crews: 2008

The scope of this project would be to fund the costs of two SKY Education crews doing trail maintenance projects on the Olympic Peninsula. The crews will be 6-persons each and will work in Jefferson and Clallam Counties, for the counties as well as the USFS and NPS. Work will be done on the Upper Dungeness and in the Buckhorn Wilderness with the Jefferson SKY Crew, the Upper and Lower Bogachiel, and the coastal portions of the Pacific Northwest Trail, within the National Park and National Forest by the Clallam SKY Crew.

This program has been funded for the last 7 years with Rural Schools Money and has been very successful in teaching youth outdoor etiquette, team work skills, and respect for nature. Due to lack of funding to the federal agencies over the years, the SKY Youth Program has proven very successful in reducing backlog trail maintenance for the various agencies involved. This program enables at-risk to get out in a natural surrounding, work on trails and develop a respect for the environment, thus creating future stewards of the environment.

The SKY Program is supported by the commissioners in both counties, the USFS, the NPS, OESD 114 (Pathways for Success), the S'Klallam and the Quileute Tribes, the Forks School District, and the Backcountry Horseman (Peninsula and Buckhorn Chapters. (07-1157 M)

Pacific Northwest Trail Assn	\$68,443	\$81,124	\$149,567
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Quilcene Ranger Corps: 2008/2009

The scope of this two-year project will be to hire, each year, between 16 and 18 (13-15 year old) 4-H students from the Washington State University Program at Chemicum/Port Hadlock under the PNTA's Quilcene Ranger Corps to do continuing maintenance on the Snow Creek, Mt. Zion/Gold Creek and Upper Dungeness Trails. This program will be entering its 14th year, this year, under the guidance of the PNTA.

This program has been essential to the missions of the Hood Canal Ranger District in establishing a connective trail system on the east side of the peninsula, that can be used by hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers. The Quilcene Ranger Corps is a 8-week, summer program that allows younger students to earn money, learn about trails and nature in general, and become stewards of the environment. A lot of these students come back year-to-year and then go into the PNTA's SKY Program as crew leaders.

Supporters of the program include the Olympic National Forest, WSU 4-H Extension Program, Chemicum School District, Jefferson County, and the Peninsula Chapter of BCHW. (07-1158 M)

Anacortes City of	\$28,075	\$31,900	\$59,975
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ACFL Trail Maintenance Program: 2008-09

The Anacortes Community Forest Lands are like few places left in the state. They combine old growth groves, sensitive wildlife habitat and miles of recreational trails all in a unique maritime environment. Located on Fidalgo Island which is only 42 square miles in size, the 2,800 acre ACFL provide an "island" backcountry experience that is enjoyed by thousands of people year round.

Our goal is to rehabilitate trails near Little Cranberry Lake, Whistle Lake, Mt. Erie, and protect sensitive wetlands. Some of our bridges across wetlands and streams are over 15 years old and in need of repair. Other trails are eroding due to increased use. Access to the forests educate users about our rare old growth groves. These lowland Puget Sound old growth groves are some of the last remaining in the area and are a powerful tool to help teach our users about the forest and its watershed.

We are requesting funds for 2008 and 2009 to hire project employees to catch up on overdue repairs on our multi-use trails. Well maintained trails reduce user conflict and keep people on the trails and out of sensitive watersheds and forest areas. Our work will involve use of our power barrow provided by the IAC five years ago.

The ACFL has broad community support and representation from motorcyclists, bikers, hikers, and equestrians on its Advisory Board. Volunteers donate hundreds of hours to work and educate others about the ACFL. Continued IAC support would help us protect this rich and beautiful place. (07-1161 M)

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Spokane County of **\$34,860** **\$8,721** **\$43,581**

Liberty Lk Nonmotorized Trailhead Impv

This project will complete an accessible, single vault restroom building, split-rail fencing and signage at the Liberty Lake Non-Motorized User Trailhead within Liberty Lake Regional Park. The nearest restroom is approximately .5 miles north at the Liberty Lake ORV parking lot which provides access to 17.5 miles of trails for motorized recreationists. The Non-Motorized User Trailhead provides equestrian, hiking and bicycle users with access to over 20 miles of incredible trails in rugged terrain with high mountain ridges, backcountry vistas, ancient cedar groves, and wilderness solitude.

A restroom building at the Non-Motorized Trailhead will provide a convenient, safe facility for thousands of users annually. Currently, users with horse trailers stop at the ORV Park restroom, creating parking lot congestion, before accessing the Non-Motorized Trailhead. Safety issues occur when horses are ridden from the non-motorized access to the ORV parking area for riders to use the restroom. This project will eliminate the ORV parking lot congestion and complete the Non-Motorized Users Trailhead area.

The current ground log fencing will be replaced by 500 feet of split-rail fencing with openings for horses. Signage will direct users within the trailhead and onto the trails.

This project has been discussed at a public meeting, two park board meetings and at special interest group meetings, including the Backcountry Horsemen. This project is supported by all users and has no opposition. (07-1174 D)

USFS WNF Entiat RD **\$65,740** **\$159,040** **\$224,780**

Entiat/Lk.Wen Snowmobile Trail Maintenance

The Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Ranger Districts grooms over 200 miles of snowmobile trails weekly during the winter months. This weekly grooming is made possible through grants provided by WA State Parks totaling approximately \$150,000 each year. Estimated visits on this trail system are well over 36,000 annually.

This project proposal would add to the current grooming program by providing for needed trail brushing of approximately 20 miles per year using large brushing machines, labor to complete trail way clearing and log-out of winter wind thrown trees on approximately 100 miles each year, along with the labor needed to install and remove over 250 trail way signs and route safety markers yearly. This proposal will also provide for the labor for the fabrication of new signs and route markers as needed.

This 8 year ongoing maintenance project which has proven to be a key component in the success of this extremely popular groomed snowmobile trail system that runs from the Lake Wenatchee area just east of Stevens Pass into the Entiat Valley. For years, this groomed trail system has been voted as one of top snowmobiling areas in Washington State. (07-1204 M)

Hi-Country Snowmobile Club **\$19,136** **\$45,000** **\$64,136**

Crystal Springs Trail Grooming

The scope of this project is to provide grooming to the Cole creek bypass and three miles of the 4110 road from the Reload Snow Park to the Crystal Springs Snow Park, which results in one additional trip every other week. This is an additional 23 miles one-way on an existing road owned by AFR, Plum Creek and the USFS.

It is the club's intention that this additional grooming will make the Reload Snow Park a more desirable starting point for trail users and relieve pressure from the Crystal Springs Snow Park, while also making it a safer trail to ride. On many weekends the Crystal Springs Snow Park is closed to additional rigs and the trails become over utilized and difficult to keep groomed to a sufficient quality for safe riding. (07-1205 M)

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USFS WNF Entiat RD	\$75,000	\$85,495	\$160,495
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Entiat's Non-Motorized Trail M&O

This two year maintenance and operation proposal will be designed to complete yearly routine maintenance activities along the districts non-motorized trail system, consisting of 54 miles of non-motorized non-wilderness trails (North Fork/Pyramid Mountain areas), and 55 miles of wilderness trails (Entiat Meadows, Larch Lakes, & Ice Lake area). 32 miles of the districts wilderness trail system was severely damaged by the Tinpan fire summer 2006.

This proposal would provide up to standard yearly maintenance activities, including; Trail Log-out & clearing, yearly drainage maintenance, and minor tread repairs on the trails not effected by the Tinpan Fire. The 32 miles effected by the Tinpan fire would receive under this proposal heavy trail log out, heavy drainage structures maintenance, punching bridge repairs, and tread repairs to correct safety concerns to the tread surface damaged by the fire. All wilderness work will be completed using minimum tool techniques, cross cut saw and hand tools. (07-1208 M)

Jones Creek Trail Riders Assn	\$43,628	\$18,800	\$62,428
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Jones Creek ORV Trail Maintenance IV

This grant will fund ongoing maintenance of the Jones Creek ORV Trail system, adopted under agreement with the Washington Department of Natural Resources. The trail system includes 15 miles of double track trail, available to both ATVs and motorcycles along with horses, hikers, and mountain bikers. Jones Creek is located in the Yacolt State Forest, in close proximity to the cities of Vancouver, Battle Ground, Camas and Washougal.

With the dramatic increase in sales of ATVs, nearly 1 million new sales per year, the trails have seen quite an increase in usage over the last several years. The Jones Creek Trail Riders Association wishes to step up maintenance efforts to keep the trail system in a condition which provides for the ideal motorized back-country experience. Maintenance efforts will include hardening damaged sections of trail by adding blocks, rock and erosion controls such as water bars, drip drains, and silt fencing where needed to stabilize the trails, and eliminate damage to local streams and vegetation. Due to significantly increased usage, the trail system is desperately in need of more maintenance activity. The Jones Creek Trail Riders Association is a dedicated group of volunteers who work hard to preserve the opportunity for ORV riding. (07-1211 M)

Backcountry Horsemen of WA	\$75,000	\$80,000	\$155,000
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2008-2009 Backcountry Trail Maintenance

Volunteers with the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) provide regular maintenance on 1,500 plus miles of multiple use, nonmotorized trails each year in the Olympic, Mt Baker Snoqualmie, Gifford Pinchot, Wenatchee, Okanogan, Colville, and Umatilla National Forests. Volunteers also provide vital packing services and labor for several other scheduled projects on these forests. BCHW volunteers pack in supplies such as gravel and tools for other volunteer groups and the USFS, who do not have their own pack animals. Severe winter storm damage in the Olympics and the north side of the Cascades have doubled the maintenance back log. The BCHW men and women stand readily available for emergency situations and unscheduled projects that need attention immediately.

This NRTP grant will aide the BCHW volunteer efforts by: easing the burden of fuel cost to transport our members to the backcountry trails, replacing a worn out tool cache, purchasing much need safety equipment, and purchasing supplies to replace water bars, repair wet crossings, and keep chain saws operating. Packing with stock is costly, yet cost effective. An animal can transport four times the material a human can pack in, in half the time. The need to pack materials and supplies into the backcountry is enormous. This grant will help get those supplies into the backcountry, not only for BCHW trail efforts, but for the other groups who rely on our packing services. (07-1214 M)



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Volunteers for Outdoor WA

\$75,000

\$80,000

\$155,000

Iron Goat/Horseshoe Tunnel Trail, Phase 1

This project is to construct a one-mile Horseshoe Tunnel extension of the Iron Goat Trail to connect with the Kelley Creek Trail. Construction includes 1/2 mile of barrier-free interpretive trail from Martin Creek trailhead down to Martin Creek and 1/2 mile from Kelley Creek Trail down towards the Horseshoe Tunnel. This is Phase 1 of a 6-year project.

The Horseshoe Tunnel is one of the oldest tunnels within the Stevens Pass Historic District and made a 180-degree turn within the mountainside with two trestles over Martin Creek. The tunnel and trestles are recognized as a National Civil Engineering Landmark.

This trail goes through a scenic forest and will provide access to the cascades of Martin Creek. The trail would be used by rail fans, anglers, school classes, and tourists due to its close proximity to Hwy. 2, recently designated as a National Stevens Pass Greenway. It would also serve as a portal for hikers desiring a longer hike into the proposed Sky Wilderness and Henry M. Jackson Wilderness.

The project is in partnership with Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, more than 70 recreation and conservation groups, historical agencies and organizations, educational institutions and professional societies, federal, state and local government, and the private sector. Ten miles of the Iron Goat Trail have been built including three trailheads and over 50 interpretive signs. More than 2,500 volunteers have contributed over 100,000 hours on the project.

(07-1215 D)

Pacific County Public Works

\$75,000

\$25,000

\$100,000

Rails to Trails Phase I

Between Chehalis and Raymond there is a wonderful transportation corridor called the Willapa Hills Trail. A "rail to trail" project that began years ago, intended to eventually span from Chehalis, Washington to the City of South Bend, Washington.

This proposal would include brushing, leveling of existing material, and application of rock surface (top course with compaction) to approximately 1.1 miles of existing Willapa Hills Trail. This portion from Crossing Street to Oldani Road is in need of attention. Brushing is needed along with leveling of the existing surface. In many locations the existing rock has been scattered by off road vehicles leaving dips, sags, and mud holes making the terrain difficult for walkers.

Since the beginning of the Rails to Trails Act in 1983, the Willapa Hills trails has been a popular local candidate for conversion. The rail corridor formally used by the Northern Pacific Railroad was abandoned after the railroad stopped using the track. The steel rails were removed in the late 1990's. After State Parks acquired the land, small changes were made to improve access and surface characteristics, but is on a "use at your own risk" basis.

Pacific County desires to level the trail surfacing making it accessible for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Because of the narrow roadway in this vicinity, the trail can be used for those bicyclists connecting Interstate 5 at Chehalis to Willapa Bay and eventually the Pacific Ocean. (07-1218 M)

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Pacific County Public Works

\$75,000

\$25,000

\$100,000

Rails to Trails Phase II

Between Chehalis and Raymond there is a wonder transportation corridor called the Willapa Hills Trail. A "rail to trail" project that began years ago, intended to eventually span from Chehalis, Washington to the City of South Bend, Washington.

This proposal would include brushing, leveling of existing material and application of rock surface (top course with compaction) to approximately 1.1 miles of existing Willapa Hills Trail. This portion from Oldani Road to State Route 6 is in need of attention. Brushing is needed along with leveling of the existing surface. In many locations the existing rock has been scattered by off road vehicles leaving dips, sags, and mud holes making the terrain difficult for walkers.

Since the beginning of the Rails to Trails Act in 1983, the Willapa Hills Trails has been a popular local candidate for conversion. The rail corridor formally used by the Northern Pacific Railroad was abandoned after the railroad stopped using the track. The steel rails were removed in the late 1990's. After State Parks acquired the land, small changes were made to improve access and surface characteristics, but is on a "use at your own risk" basis.

Pacific County desires to level the trail surfacing making it accessible for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Because of the narrow roadway in this vicinity, the trail can be used for those bicyclists connecting Interstate 5 at Chehalis to Willapa Bay and eventually the Pacific Ocean. (07-1219 M)

Pacific County Public Works

\$75,000

\$25,000

\$100,000

Rails to Trails Phase III

Between Chehalis and Raymond there is a wonderful transportation corridor called the Willapa Hills Trail. A "rail to trail" project that began years ago, intended to eventually span from Chehalis, Washington to the City of South Bend, Washington.

This proposal would include brushing, leveling of existing material, and application of rock (top course with compaction) to approximately 1.2 miles of existing Willapa Hills Trail. This portion from State Route 6 to Camp One Road is in need of attention. This portion of trail meanders along with Willapa River (crossing a railroad trestle at one point) ending at the National Historic Site of Willie Keil's Grave, the first settler to the Willapa Hills. A marker identifies the site.

After State Parks acquired the land, a small amount of large rock was placed on the trail. This material has been scattered by off road vehicles leaving dips, sags and mud holes making the terrain difficult to pass. Recent wind storms have also toppled surrounding trees which block the trail.

Pacific County desires to brush the area, remove the downed trees, level the trail and placement of surface material (top course material with compaction) making it accessible for bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

This trail can be used for those bicyclists connecting Interstate 5 at Chehalis to Willapa Bay and eventually the Pacific Ocean. (07-1220 M)

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Pacific County Public Works **\$75,000** **\$25,000** **\$100,000**

Rails to Trails Phase IV

Between Chehalis and Raymond there is a wonderful transportation corridor called the Willapa Hills Trail. A "rail to trail" project that began year ago, intended to eventually span from Chehalis, Washington to the City of South Bend, Washington.

This project would include brushing, leveling of existing material, and application of rock (top course with compaction) to approximately 1.5 miles of existing Willapa Hills Trail. This portion from Camp One Road (Historic Marker for Willie Keil's Grave) to downtown Menlo is in need of attention.

After State Parks acquired the land, a small amount of very large rock was placed on the trail. This material has been scattered by off road vehicles leaving dips, sags and mud holes making the terrain difficult for walking or biking. The large rock was not compacted and walking in some areas is nearly impossible.

Pacific County desires to brush the area, level the trail and place surface material (top course material with compaction) making it accessible for bicycles and pedestrian traffic.

This trail can be used by walkers along with bicyclists connecting Interstate 5 at Chehalis to Willapa Bay and eventually to the Pacific County. (07-1221 M)

USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD **\$50,000** **\$51,000** **\$101,000**

Heather Meadows Area Trail Maintenance

The purpose of this proposal is to provide a safe and environmentally responsible trail system for trails originating within the Heather Meadows (HM) area on the Mt. Baker Ranger District. Heather Meadows, located at the terminus of the Mt. Baker Scenic Byway, is a popular destination and draws over 150,000 visitors each season who come to hike, sight see and view wildlife. The trails vary from accessible barrier free to more difficult ones that head out into the surrounding Mt. Baker Wilderness. In addition to the extensive trail system, other amenities include the historic HM Visitor Center, restroom facilities, and a 150 car parking lot at Artist Point, the end of the Byway.

Extreme heavy use of the trail system in this area occurs over a very short snow free season. Combined with mountainous weather influence this use has resulted in resource and infrastructure damage to the trails. This proposal is for a 2 year trail maintenance project on the trail system around HM. This includes Picture Lake, Bagely Lakes, Wild Goose, Artist Ridge, Table Mountain, and Fire and Ice Trails, and wilderness trails including Chain Lakes, Lake Ann and Ptarmigan Ridge. Work would consist of log & brush removal, drainage structure and puncheon repair/replacement, tread re-establishment and a small trail relocation to connect to an existing trail system. Work would be accomplished by Force Account Crews, youth crews, and volunteers. The result of the project would be a well maintained and safe trail system for the recreating public. (07-1225 M)

Cascade Drift Skippers Club **\$19,972** **\$5,000** **\$24,972**

Reload to JWPT trail

The scope of this project is to develop a recreational trail connecting the John Wayne Pioneer Trail to the Reload SnoPark. The project will include restoration of abandoned rail grade, brush removal, minor grading, installation of signage and installation of culverts on existing abandoned rail line to provide winter motorized and summer non-motorized use. (07-1226 D)

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EarthCorps	\$30,915	\$33,029	\$63,944
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EarthCorps Wilderness Trail Main.

This two-year proposal working with the USDA Forest Service- Skykomish Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will complete nearly 3,000 hours of critical backlog trail maintenance in the Henry M. Jackson and the proposed Wild Sky Wilderness Areas. Due to the remote location of the trail it is very difficult for Forest Service personnel to conduct annual trail maintenance, therefore the need is significant. At a cost of less than \$10.50 per hour EarthCorps will field a 7-person crew (AmeriCorps & International volunteers, crew leader, & project manager) to conduct trail maintenance (logging out, brushing, drainage cleaning) on an 8-mile section of trail between Meadow Creek Trailhead (FS Road #6530) and the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). In addition, EarthCorps crews will focus on the trail between Fortune Ponds and the PCT, along Pear Lake, to conduct tread (root & rock removal) and drainage maintenance (cleaning culverts, dips, waterbars, & ditches) as well as brushing in and closing parallel trails.

EarthCorps is committed to providing \$18,000 in volunteer labor primarily from International participant's ages 18 - 25 dedicating six-months of their life to learn conservation skills in the region. Furthermore EarthCorps will provide \$1,000 in donated camping equipment, crew member recruitment and training.

In conclusion support for this proposal will reduce maintenance backlog, increase user safety, and protect the natural resource from further degradation. (07-1237 M)

USFS WNF Chelan RD	\$63,000	\$59,000	\$122,000
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Chelan Uplake Trails 08

This project provides trail maintenance on 192 miles of trails in the Chelan Ranger District portions of the Glacier Peak Wilderness, the Lk Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness, the Lucerne Landing-Holden Village Corridor and the Sawtooth Backcountry. Log clearing, drainage cleaning, and loose rock removal will be done on trails providing the following recreation opportunities:

- 120 miles of wilderness backpacking & stock packing trails
- 16 miles of wilderness day hiking trails
- 30 miles of walking trails near Holden & Lucerne outside of wilderness
- 1 mile of ADA-designed trail from Holden Village to 10 Mile Falls
- 10 miles of non-motorized backpacking, stock use & mountain biking trails
- 15 miles of motorbike (multiple use) trails

In addition to annual maintenance on these trails, back logged trail maintenance work will be done. This includes brush clearing, re-treading segments of sloughed and damaged tread, and left over heavy clearing of the 2007 extreme blow down.

This project does not include any work on Methow Valley Ranger District trails in their portions of Lk Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness or the Sawtooth Backcountry. (07-1239 M)

USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	\$67,000	\$25,000	\$92,000
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Nooksack Cirque Trail Bridge

The Nooksack Cirque Trail Bridge proposal would construct a trail bridge over Ruth Creek located at the Nooksack Cirque trailhead. The new trail bridge would provide safe access to the 4 mile long Nooksack Cirque Trail #750 for hikers, snowshoers and cross country skiers. The trail has been listed in various editions of 101 Hikes in the North Cascades. The bridge would be a 4 foot wide by 65 foot long steel I-beam bridge with a cedar deck and handrails. The original crossing over Ruth Creek was a road bridge that was condemned for public use and removed in the mid-1980's. The existing creek crossing is via a hazardous log jam near the confluence of Ruth Creek and the North Fork Nooksack River. Estimated trail use using the log jam crossing is estimated at 1000 to 1500 visitors per year. Use is expected to increase with construction of the bridge. (07-1242 D)

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USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	\$70,000	\$83,000	\$153,000
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Canyon Creek Snowmobile Trail Repair

Canyon Creek Snowmobile Trail is a designated Washington State SnoPark on the Canyon Creek Road System comprised of Forest Service Roads 3100, 3140, and 3160 in Whatcom County, November through April. The trail system averages 6000 snowmobilers annually. Winter storms of 2006 caused major damage at various locations on the trail system, degrading user safety and trail quality. The project proposal would request funds to assist in repairs of the snowmobile trails from 2008 through 2009. The proposal is prorated with snowmobile use 6 months of the year and summer vehicle use the remainder. Work would include culvert replacement, ditch repairs, slump and slide removal, and road surfacing. (07-1244 D)

Badger Mtn. Ski Club	\$59,414	\$15,564	\$74,978
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Badger Mtn Ski Hill Trail System

The Badger Mtn. Ski Club (BMSC) requests \$59,414 to be used for upgrading and improving maintenance and grooming at the Badger Mtn. Ski Hill (Nordic/Snowshoeing/Nature) Trail System. The grant will be used to acquire a used sno-cat with ancillary grooming equipment and will be matched by the BMSC through donated labor and donated materials.

The existing sno-cat has reached the point where it is no longer possible to maintain it for reliable winter grooming. Without the NRTP funding, it is likely that grooming of the Badger Mtn. Ski Hill Trail System will have to be eliminated until newer and more reliable equipment can be secured.

We continuously strive to improve our maintenance of Badger Mtn. Ski Hill Trail System every year by surveying our customers on trail locations, challenge of trails, ease of use, and opportunities of use.

Maintenance of brush cutting, weed removal along with erosion control and rehabilitation and general cleanup is accomplished in the summer months with volunteer labor and equipment supplied by Badger Mtn. Ski Hill. We expect use to increase due to the ability to reliably groom the trail system consistently during the season. Badger Mtn. Ski Club was founded in 1938 and has been a completely volunteer non-profit organization since its inception. We are a small operation with a mighty heart, community support, and strong volunteer base. (07-1246 M)

USFS IPNF	\$51,430	\$14,210	\$65,640
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Priest Lake Trail Maintenance: 2008-2009

The scope of this project is to perform annual and heavy maintenance of 45 miles of interconnected multi-use and wilderness trail on the Washington portion of the Priest Lake Ranger District over a two-year period. There is a need for heavy maintenance to be performed, such as drainage structure cleaning, this has been deferred over the years due to declining budgets.

There is also a need for longer loop systems on the district, especially stock and bikers. The trails in this proposal can be divided into three interconnected systems: **Salmo-Priest-** wilderness portion of Jackson Crk & Hughes Fork Trails that offers a remote wilderness experience; **Tillicum-** Tillicum & NF Grassy Top Trails that offers dense old-growth forest; and **Icy Springs-** Stateline, Icy Springs & Squaw Valley Trails offering motorized use and expansive views. The project will benefit users with improved loop trails offering a wide range of experiences, increased access from both Washington and Idaho plus a safer and more enjoyable backcountry experience.

The project includes the removal of downed logs and overgrown brush from the trail way, cleaning drainage ditches, culverts and water bars and minor tread re-establishment. Funding will reduce maintenance costs up to 50% over the two-year period- heavy brushing & drainage work is required bi-annually only. A combination of force account, contract, volunteers and youth crews will be utilized to accomplish the work. (07-1252 M)



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USFS WNF Chelan RD	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$85,000
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Echo Winter & Summer Trails 07-09

This project provides year round maintenance of the 23 miles of non-motorized trails on Echo Ridge. In the winter the trails are used by cross-country skiers, snowshoers, winter walkers, Christmas tree cutters and winter scenery viewers. The spring-summer-fall the trails are used by mountain bikers, day hikers and horse riders.

Trailheads and trail signs are maintained all year long (for 2 years) including: a) 2 accessible vault toilets, b) kiosks, bulletin boards, and posters c) trailhead and trail junction signs, and d) 25 traffic control/barrier gates.

In the winter, this project also provides a fee collection system, snow plowing & sanding of access road & parking lots, 2 additional accessible sanicans, 11.2 miles of groomed skate ski trails with a classic track on one side, 4.1 miles of groomed classic ski trails, 5.0 miles of groomed trails open to x-c skiing, snowshoeing, walking, & dog trails, 2.4 miles of ungroomed trails open to snowshoeing, scenic walking, and dog walking, but not for x-c skiing.

In the spring-summer-fall the project also provides: trail clearing, trail mowing, and treatment of noxious weeds.

Echo Ridge has a current use of 7,800 visitors/yr from cross-country skiers, snowshoers, Christmas tree cutters, sledgers, hikers, mountain bikers, and horse riders. Due to improvements to the trails, road, and trailheads we had an increase of 1,800 visitors/year in the last few years, and expect the number to continue to increase another 2000 visitors per year by 2010. (07-1253 M)

Issaquah City of	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$125,000
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Swamp and Big Tree Trails Renovation

The scope of the proposed project is to renovate two family popular trails, the Swamp and Big Tree Trails, which are located within the Tradition Plateau/West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA), Mountains to Sound Greenway/I-90 corridor. The trails extend from the High Point Trailhead (I-90 Exit #20) to the west end of Tradition Plateau, ending at the Issaquah Overlook. These trails are used year-round due to their low elevation (500 ft.) and easy access from I-90. In April 2006, a vehicle counter was placed at the entrance to the NRCA and it is estimated from the number of vehicles (208,000) that approx. 520,000 people use the NRCA per year.

The trails require renovation because the existing boardwalks were heavily damaged by the severe wind storms in the winter 2003/04 and winter 2006/07. Temporary trail measures were implemented to reopen the trails; however the boardwalks are unsafe due to being uneven and become quite slippery during the rainy months. The trail renovation would relocate the trails and reduce the length of boardwalk.

These two trails are family favorites because they are relatively level; include the "Zoë and the Swamp Monster" interpretive story, and they lead to the largest Douglas fir tree within the NRCA (the last old growth tree in the NRCA). The trails also travel through forested wetlands which provide a unique hiking experience for families. It is important to renovate these trails for safety purposes and to keep them open as a family friendly walk. (07-1276 D)

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USFS OKNF Methow RD **\$75,000** **\$74,640** **\$149,640**

Methow Valley Ranger District Trail Mtce

Methow Valley Ranger District Trail Maintenance project consists of removing blow down, brushing, tread and drainage maintenance on approximately 400 miles of trails in the Pasayten and Lake Chelan/Sawtooth (LCS) Wilderness Areas and the North Cascades Scenic Highway corridor. This is one of the most beautiful areas in Washington, and highly prized by residents of Washington State and visitors from around the world. These wilderness areas provide recreationists with trail opportunities from day hikes along the North Cascades Scenic Highway to multi-day trips in the LCS and Pasayten Wilderness areas.

With over 1200 miles of system trails, current appropriated and Rec. Fee funding will allow only about 150 miles of trails to be maintained. The LCS Wilderness has over 100 miles of trails with no funding for 2007 and 2006 relied mostly on volunteers to clear about 50 miles. With the heavy storm damage during the past winter, even fewer trails will be cleared, creating an ever growing maintenance backlog on the District's trail system.

Implementation of this two year project will be accomplished using volunteers, contracts and Forest Service trail crews. Priority for this funding is to remove blow down on these trails to allow access. Any remaining funding will then be used for tread and drainage maintenance. This proposal will ensure that visitors will be able to access the premier wilderness destination points in Washington state. (07-1281M)

USFS OKNF Methow RD **\$16,000** **\$11,400** **\$27,400**

Sawtooth Backcountry Motorized Trail Mtc

The Sawtooth Backcountry Motorized Maintenance project is located in the Sawtooth Range on the east slope of the North Cascades and is adjacent to the Lake Chelan/Sawtooth Wilderness Area. Located in the Methow Valley, this area provides recreation opportunities for visitors and residents of one of the most beautiful areas in Washington state.

If funded, this two year project will maintain approximately 20.7 miles of motorized trails and expand maintenance to 9.8 miles of non-motorized trails accessing high alpine lakes and passes. Maintenance of the non-motorized trails has been under funded for the past ten years. Work on the project consists of removing blow down, brushing, heavy rock removal and drainage maintenance. Due to the high use and rough terrain, rock blasting is necessary to make these trails accessible. This will expand trail access to hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians and motor bike enthusiasts.

IAC has funded maintenance of the motorized portion of the project for nearly two decades. This ongoing work has decreased the difficulty of these trails, thus increasing the diversity of age groups and skill levels of trail users. Users are able to easily maneuver, and as a result the trails provide a unique recreation opportunity for young and old. Without these funds the annual tread and drainage maintenance, as well as the rock blasting, would not have been possible. This work makes these trails easy to enjoy. Funding will ensure that work is expanded and continues this year. (07-1282 M)



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\$59,300 \$27,200 \$86,500

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum Wilderness Structures 2008-2009

This project will provide the material, logistics and labor to work on some of the backlog structure maintenance needs on selected non-motorized trails within or leading into the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Work will include decommission of the old structures, repair/construction of puncheons, turnpikes with culverts, rock or log cribbing and a puncheon bridge.

The criteria for project selection are safety, resource protection and user convenience on popular trails, in order to meet required standards, leading into and within the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. This project will focus on structure needs on three trails: 1376 Deception Pass, 2000 Pacific Crest Trail, 1323 Pete Lake Trail.

Wilderness permit numbers gathered at the Cathedral Pass/Deception Pass trailhead in 2005 show over 4400 users on those trails. Permit numbers gathered for the Pete Lake trailhead in 2005 show 2300 users. No numbers are available for the Pacific Crest Trail, but it is accessible from the previously mentioned trailheads as well as several others and supports many "through" hikers coming in from the south and north. These use numbers are very conservative and do not include users who don't fill out a permit or are accessing from other trails. The proximity of a large and growing population in Puget Sound as well as a huge, local destination resort and soaring land sales will add increasing numbers of users to these local trails. (07-1285 D)

USFS WNF Chelan RD

\$23,940 \$38,170 \$62,110

Chelan Snowmobile Trails M&O

This project is for heavy brushing on 24 miles, light spot brushing on 25 miles, and winter grooming of 68 miles of snowmobile trails on the Chelan Ranger and the Methow Ranger Districts from June 2008 - Sept 2009. The project involves:

- Mechanical brushing along 22 miles of roads (11 miles each year) used as snowmobile trails.
- Chainsaw clearing and piling along 2 miles of road used as snowmobile trails.
- Spot clearing along another 25 miles of roads used as groomed snowmobile trails.
- Weekly grooming of 68 miles on Chelan snowmobile trails that use summer roads as winter trails.
- Weekly field inspection of snowmobile grooming work.

The mechanical thinning will be done by USFS road crew funded by this grant, the hand (chainsaw) clearing will be done by contract crew funded by this grant, the light spot clearing will be done by Lake Chelan Snowmobile Club volunteers, and the inspection of completed work will be done by USFS employees (with volunteer safety support in the winter) funded jointly by WA State Parks & Recreation and this grant. The grooming will be done via a contract awarded and funded by WA State Parks & Recreation. (07-1295M)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD

\$47,552 \$69,000 \$116,552

Cle Elum Ski Trail M & O 08-09

The Cle Elum Ranger District, located in Kittitas County, is among the most popular winter recreation areas in Washington state. The district provides 65 miles of non-motorized winter trails. These winter trails require annual maintenance including pre-season log removal, brushing, sign maintenance and installation, as well as winter on-the-snow pole saw limbing. During the last two years, NRTP-funded ski trail maintenance allowed the Cle Elum Ranger District to return its ski trails to Forest Service standards. In light of increasing use, continued maintenance is needed. This proposal would provide adequate funding for continued maintenance of 65 miles of winter trails, and add 15 miles of backcountry ski/snowshoe trails. The additional mileage is adjacent to the current ski trail system, and would be maintained to the same specifications and signing standards. Funding would allow a crew of five to perform annual fall and winter maintenance, as well as backlog bridge, structure, and clearing maintenance. These 15 additional miles would also be surveyed and signed according to specifications, in total 80 miles will be maintained. (07-1298 M)

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USFS Gifford Pinchot NF **\$57,500** **\$77,180** **\$134,680**

GPNF Non-Motorized Trail Maintenance

This project provides expanded maintenance of back country non-motorized trails on the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Work will occur on 410 miles of trail and include trail log out, brushing, drainages, tread repair, and structure maintenance (bridges, turnpikes, and puncheons). Priority trails are those that receive high use and are high profile such as those surrounding Mount St Helens and Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail outside of Wilderness.

IAC funds will allow us to greatly increase trail maintenance by using youth crews and volunteers sponsored by the non profit Mount St. Helens Institute and Northwest Service Academy. Forest Service will provide force account trail crews to provide on-the-ground direction and expertise to youth crews and volunteers, tackle technical maintenance projects, and expand trail coverage and depth of maintenance.

Trails around Mount St. Helens receive high use and are challenging to maintain. Even though many of the trails were constructed within the last 15-20 years, debris on the trails is common due to recovering vegetation and pumice soils. Other trails are difficult to access and require back country camps. (07-1302 M)

Friends of the Trail **\$30,000** **\$11,250** **\$41,250**

Trailhead/Access Point Clean Ups

Friends of the Trail conducts clean ups utilizing court assigned community service help and other volunteers. We help to maintain many access points and trailheads on Washington State Department of Natural Resources lands, National Forest Service trailheads and lands, Washington State Parks, and Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife access points, as well as many King County parks access areas. Our work relies heavily on trucks to transport the litter and carry passengers to the work sites. We are in need of a new truck to replace a used 1990 GMC pick up that is no longer useful as maintenance costs are running high. (07-1305 M)

Spokane County of **\$74,700** **\$18,692** **\$93,392**

Liberty Lake Park Trail Maintenance

The purpose of this project is to perform trail maintenance and erosion control at Liberty Lake Regional Park, a large 3,500+ acre park located 20 miles east of Spokane. This park was acquired with an IAC grant in 1996 and has been developed and operated with several other IAC grants. Over 20,000 visitors annually use the park's 20+ miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails, 17.5 miles of ORV trails, campground, beach, amphitheater, boardwalk and more.

The nearly 40 miles of trails in the park are far more than can be maintained manually with staff. Backcountry users and ORV recreationists have to negotiate trail blockages and other obstacles which is resulting in erosion and other impacts annually. Staff is only able to make one visit each spring to remove the worst fallen logs. Live growth is not trimmed and several backcountry campsites have become overgrown and unusable. In the ORV area, maintenance with larger bulldozers encourages erosion and does not address vegetation along the trails, where fire prevention is a serious concern.

The scope of this project is to purchase mechanical equipment (a Bobcat Track Loader and Forestry Cutter) and to employ staff needed by the Parks Dept. to eliminate a serious maintenance backlog and maximize the long-term maintenance viability of the park trails.

This project has been discussed at a public meeting, two park board meetings and at special interest group meetings, including the Backcountry Horsemen. This project is supported by all users and has no opposition. (07-1306 M)



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USFS ONF Hood Canal RD **\$70,000** **\$17,784** **\$87,784**

Gray Wolf Trail Renovation

This project will reconstruct 7.6 miles of the Graywolf Trail #834 and reestablish stock access into the Buckhorn Wilderness, and the Northeast corner of Olympic National Park. It will repair failing structures, remove a rock face that juts into the trail pushing stock to a cliff edge, remove down logs over the trail, and repair trail tread damaged by erosion and windstorms.

Annually, Washington Trails Association (WTA), and the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) Peninsula and Buckhorn Chapters supply the work force to keep the Graywolf Trail open for use, but over time, as crib walls have failed, the trail has become unsafe for stock and questionable for hikers. Due to safety issues of working on steep slopes, blasting, and distance from the trailhead, contract specialists will be required to complete renovation of the Graywolf Trail.

The December 14 windstorm wrecked havoc on the lower section of the Graywolf Trail. WTA's contribution to the project is replacement of two foot/stock bridges on Slab Camp trail, which provides access to Graywolf. (07-1307 D)

USFS UNF Pomeroy RD **\$72,672** **\$77,000** **\$149,672**

Wenaha-Tucannon Trail Maintenance

The scope of this project will be to conduct backlog and yearly trail maintenance activities on 100 miles of wilderness trails located on the Pomeroy Ranger District.

Yearly maintenance will consist of log-out and clearing on all trails. Some trails will have additional maintenance work completed such as brushing and drainage, where needed. In addition, some backlog maintenance work will be completed such as replacing and repairing water bars and minor reconstruction of tread surfaces.

Trail maintenance cost on these trails are high due to the wilderness location. Steep rugged slopes, winter storm damage, wind falls, fast growing brush and high visitor use are all contributors to annual needed maintenance. Due to the recent fire damage occurring on 20 miles of the trail system it is anticipated wind falls and tread repair will be needed through out the use season.

This two-year proposal will help reduce the growing maintenance backlog and increase user safety. The Forest Service is working in conjunction with Backcountry Horsemen of Washington. (07-1313 M)

USFS WNF Naches RD **\$21,155** **\$14,556** **\$35,711**

Naches Nordic/Mtn Bike Trail Maint: 2008

This request will fund continuation of trail maintenance on 18 miles of Nordic/Mountain Bike trail on the Naches District. Three trails provide a year-round backcountry experience. Because they lie adjacent to major roadways, visitors uncomfortable in extremely remote settings benefit from their location. Estimated 2006 use was 5,000 visitors (1,900 winter & 3,100 summer).

In winter, these trails are managed primarily for Nordic skiing, but are becoming increasingly popular with snowshoers as local demand for this activity grows. During the snow free season, the trails provide a family oriented (easier) mountain biking opportunity - one of the few nonmotorized biking opportunities on the Naches District. The trails are also popular with hikers and stock users. The trails provide one of the few "large group" nonmotorized experiences on the Naches District as they lie outside of designated Wilderness. Organizations and groups who use these trails include the Cascadians, Backcountry Horsemen, and scout groups from the Yakima and Tri-Cities areas.

The three trail systems are designed as a series of connecting loops. The various loop opportunities also allow visitors to choose their desired trip length and return for new experiences. The loops enable use by recreationists of all ages and abilities. This project will provide funding for clearing, brushing, structure maintenance, signing, winter grooming, and Nordic track setting. Trail system maps will be updated to improve visitor safety. (07-1328 M)

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USFS MBNF Skykomish RD **\$74,344** **\$55,385** **\$129,729**

Skykomish Wilderness Trail Maintenance

This project will fund a 3-5 person trail maintenance crew for two years who will work with youth corps, contractors, and volunteer groups to perform maintenance on approximately 140 miles of trails on the Skykomish Ranger District, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. These trails consist primarily of non-motorized hiker and stock trails on the district. Work includes log out, brushing, drainage, structure/bridge repairs, slide repairs, boulder removal, and tread work to provide improved trail conditions and a significant reduction of the maintenance backlog.

Safety hazards will be repaired and resource damage from widening trails and soil erosion will be prevented. The capital investment in the trails system will be preserved since trail problems will be repaired before they become much worse. In addition, the trails system will be more aesthetic and will better meet the needs of the trail users.

The trail system traverses the Alpine Lakes and Henry M. Jackson Wilderness Areas, backcountry areas such as Mt. Index Scenic Area, and the Pacific Crest Trail. The trail system receives over 50,000 visitors per year and features old growth forests, sub alpine lakes, meadows, mountain views, and wild creeks and rivers. The district trails system is easily accessible via Highway 2 and can be reached within 1 1/2 hour driving time from the Seattle metropolitan area. (07-1344 M)

Loup Loup Ski Education **\$36,000** **\$16,420** **\$52,420**

Loup Loup Trail Maintenance 07

The Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation (LLSEF) requests funding to be used for acquisition of equipment (snowmobile, trailer, grooming attachments) to upgrade maintenance and grooming on the Nordic Trail system at the Loup Loup Summit (South Summit and North Summit - Loup Loup Ski Area). The grant will be matched by the LLSEF through a combination of a maintenance grant, and donated labor and materials (summer trail maintenance; sign materials, construction and maintenance; equipment maintenance, equipment donations).

With the new equipment it is anticipated that an additional 5 miles of trail could be groomed and all 40 miles of trail will be groomed at least twice a week during the season. Because the trails are at and above 4,000 feet, users are able to use groomed trails to access backcountry opportunities in logged over areas and on slopes between trails. The trail system experiences approximately 5,000 skier days each winter. (07-1347 M)

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Peninsula Metropolitan Park \$47,567 \$12,500 \$60,067

McCormick Forest Bridge and Trails

McCormick Forest Park covers 122 acres near Gig Harbor and includes several 350+ year old trees and an old growth area at the heart of the park with nearly 4 miles of trails throughout. The scope of this project is to design, build, install two bridge or culvert crossings, improve several muddy trail areas, and add informational and educational signage along the trails.

The trail system, developed over many years almost entirely by volunteers, follows varying terrain from steep switchback climbs and descents to canyon-side traverses to meandering paths through old growth forest areas. In 1990, William Pierce, Professor Emeritus of Forest Management, identified trees in this forest that are over 350 years old.

Additional resources are now required to improve several trail sections which are difficult for hikers to navigate. The bridge crossing is located at McCormick Creek, a year-round creek that feeds into Henderson Bay. This trail section connects five trail segments and is the critical western portion of the trail system. The crossing is steep, muddy, and unstable, with regular uses and annual erosion degrading the crossing. The other crossing is for a drainage area that runs most of the year and is steeper, muddier, and less stable than the McCormick Creek crossing. The trail improvements are for muddy areas which will receive drainage solutions with dirt and gravel added. (07-1349 D)

USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD \$40,000 \$34,810 \$74,810

WRRD Wilderness Trail Maintenance 2008

This project will conduct backlog and yearly trail maintenance activities on 400 miles of wilderness and adjacent trails located on the Wenatchee River Ranger District. Yearly maintenance activity will consist of, at a minimum, trail log out and clearing on all of these trails. In addition some backlog maintenance work, such as brushing and drainage, replacement or repair of water bars, and minor reconstruction of tread surfaces, will be completed on a few select trail miles.

Overall, this project will spend an average of \$212 per mile of trail, although the actual amount spent on any given mile will depend on the amount of brushing, drainage, and tread work completed. A combination of contractors, paid youth crews, a force account trail crew, and volunteers will conduct this maintenance work. (07-1351 M)

USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD \$36,700 \$12,668 \$49,368

Devils Gulch ORV M&O 2008-09

This project is for the maintenance and operation of 56 miles of ORV trails and 9 trailheads in the Devils Gulch ORV Trail System for two years. These facilities are located on the Wenatchee River Ranger District and are managed primarily for motorcyclists but are also popular with mountain bike riders.

On trails, project activity will include log-out at the start of the season, brushing, tread repair, signing, and additional mid-season and late-season clearing as needed. Project activity will clear and maintain established trail drainage structures, repair trail slumps and slides, and remove rocks from tread surfaces. Project activity on these trails will also repair and maintain trail bridges, stream fords, puncheon, and other trail structures. At trailheads, project activity includes toilet cleaning and pumping, bulletin board posting, litter pick up, registration box servicing, and signing. Maintenance work will be conducted by Forest Service force account crews, youth corps, and volunteers. (07-1352 M)



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USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD **\$36,300** **\$12,445** **\$48,745**

Lake Wenatchee ORV M&O 2008-09

This project is for the maintenance and operation of 52 miles of ORV trails and 6 associated trailheads in the Lower Chiwawa, Chikamin, and Nason Ridge areas for two years. These facilities are located on the Wenatchee River Ranger District and are managed primarily for motorcyclists, but are also popular with mountain bike riders.

On trails, project activity will include log-out at the start of the season, brushing, tread repair, signing, and additional mid-season and late-season clearing as needed. Project activity will clear and maintain established trail drainage structures, repair trail slumps and slides, and remove rocks from tread surfaces. Project activity on these trails will also repair and maintain trail bridges, stream fords, puncheon, and other trail structures. At trailheads, project activity includes bulletin board posting, registration box servicing, toilet cleaning and pumping, and signing. Maintenance work will be conducted by Forest Service force account crews, youth corps, and volunteers. (07-1354 M)

Mountaineers **\$25,000** **\$20,850** **\$45,850**

Mountaineers Groomer Project

This proposal is to replace a 1987 snowmobile and related track setting equipment. The replacement of this equipment with a Bombi Snow Cat with a blade and a Yellowstone track setter will provide for reliable and consistently available XC track from the Crystal Springs Snow Park along FS RD 5400 to FS RD 420 and then on to the Mountaineers Lodge.

The cost estimate summary lists a number of items for equipment use that relates to this project but will not be used during the winter. All of them will be used to prepare the trails during the summer for winter use. The trails around the lodge are not wide enough for the new groomer and therefore will need to be widened. Trees will have to be cut, trails leveled and in some cases bulkheads built to hold the trail on the side hills. We do not burn the debris - hence the use of the chipper. All wood that is not used for building bulkheads or chipped will be used for heating the lodge. All work is being done by volunteer labor. (07-1366 M)

Friends of Badger Mountain **\$6,200** **\$1,600** **\$7,800**

Maintenance vehicle for Badger Mountain

The Friends of Badger Mountain in cooperation with Benton County Parks created the Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve in 2005. The 574 acre county park contains the majority of Badger Mountain, an 800 foot high local prominence that was purchased with public and private funds. It now has two trails totaling about 3 ½ miles, one open only to hikers and the other available for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrian users. Badger Mountain offers the only trail of it's kind in the area and is getting an estimated one thousand users a week. Because of the soil conditions, the trails must be covered with gravel to prevent erosion. In the past the gravel, more then 200 tons to date, has been placed entirely by hand with volunteers carrying buckets or using wheelbarrows. The first trail, built a year and a half ago, has been covered with gravel 3 times. The second trail was just completed a few months ago and has only been covered once. This project is to purchase a vehicle to transport the gravel up the trail so we can use our volunteer's enthusiasm for other more rewarding projects. No vehicle of this type is available locally. The vehicle, a Honda Power Carrier, was recommended by several Forest Service and Washington Trails personnel.

(07-1367 M)



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USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$63,000	\$145,278	\$208,278
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White River RD Trail Maintenance - 2008

This project involves performing annual trail maintenance on 230 miles of multiple use trails on the Snoqualmie/White River Ranger District. Located in western Cascade Mountains with the rainy climate and steep terrain creates a challenge in maintaining a quality trail system. Forest Service staff and seasonal trail crews will work in conjunction with non profit organizations such as Northwest Youthcorps, Student Conservation Association and various volunteer organizations from both the motorized and not motorized community to accomplish annual maintenance on front country and backcountry wilderness trails. This cooperation is essential in maintaining a trail system that minimizes resource damage while providing safety for the public.

Flood damage during late fall of 2006 has caused extensive damage on several of district trails. Latest reports are there will be little to no federal funding to repair damage on National forest trails. This will create a challenge in keeping up with this years program in both repair and annual maintenance. This further shows the importance of NRTP funds in the district trail program.

The benefits are assuring a quality trail system which serves a large population base and provides an enjoyable recreational experience for all users seeking the solitude of the backcountry trails along with those who desire front country day hikes and motorized experience. With limited federal dollars, the NRTP grant funds are a vital element in accomplishing this project. (07-1368 M)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$68,765	\$58,564	\$127,329
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Backcountry Rec. Site Maintenance 2008/2009

This 2-year proposal will fund salaries for 3 crew leaders and stipends for 6 interns (three 3-person crews) to maintain trail-accessed backcountry recreation facilities including campsites, signs, toilets and non-system trails and other backcountry facilities that have fallen into disrepair. Three crews will maintain trail-accessed facilities and user-built trails managed by the Snoqualmie Ranger District within the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak, and Clearwater Wilderness areas, and surrounding backcountry.

The 300,000 acre district includes over 400 miles of system trails accessing popular destinations including 100+ alpine lakes where over 100,000 visitors utilize backcountry facilities. Non-system trails (e.g. social trails, user-built trails, boot trails), campsites, pit toilets, fire rings and other primitive facilities are concentrated around popular destinations.

The current Forest Service budget is inadequate to fund maintenance of backcountry recreation site facilities at popular destinations, resulting in deteriorating facility and resource conditions. Our purpose is to maintain, repair and replace these facilities to ensure public safety, sanitation, and visitor satisfaction. Facilities maintenance will protect infrastructure investment and prevent damage to natural resources and water quality. (07-1373 M)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$65,000	\$54,638	\$119,638
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Alpine Lakes Trail Maint. Crew - 2008

This proposal will provide funds for seasonal trail maintenance in 2008. Work will include clearing, brushing, drainage and tread repair along 125 miles of recreation trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness (ALW) and surrounding backcountry. Trail maintenance will be accomplished on Forest Service trails within the watersheds of the North, Middle and South Forks of the Snoqualmie River, including trails along the I-90 corridor. Thirty-five percent of the trail miles are non-motorized / multiple use. Sixty-five percent are hiker only.

Trail maintenance will be performed by contractors or force account crews and assist volunteers including (but not limited to) those from WTA, VOW, NYC, SCA, Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club, Backcountry Horsemen, Boy Scouts and local school groups. Benefits include fewer safety hazards, reduced erosion and vegetation loss, preservation of trail structures, longer life span for trail facilities, and enhanced public access for outdoor recreation activities. Over 100,00 visitors utilize this trail system each year. (07-1374 M)

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Sultan City of **\$45,200** **\$11,300** **\$56,500**

Osprey Park Trails & Interpretive Signs

The scope of this grant is to provide maintenance for a heavily used trail system, and replacement of vandalized interpretive signage, in Osprey Park which is an 85 acre park with woods, wetlands, the Sultan Slough, and the Sultan River. A network of approximately 1 1/2 miles of flat trails meander through the wooded area providing a back country experience for even the least experienced, and physically challenged hikers.

The park attracts visitors from all over Snohomish County with some traveling long distances to walk the trails and view salmon during the spawn. School and private chartered busses visit the park annually to experience the Sockeye and Humpies blanketing the eddies along the Sultan River each fall season. This learning opportunity is especially significant for the Sultan School District which takes advantage of this opportunity in their own back yard. This is a wonderful opportunity for visitors to view the life cycle of Salmon. The viewing areas are easily accessible for all hikers, which makes it attractive for people of all ages.

Due to budgetary restraints and failed tax initiatives, over the past 5 years, the Osprey Trail System has degraded and also suffered severe vandalism. Funding for this project would help restore the trail system accessing this unique regional micro ecosystem. (07-1375M)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD **\$73,500** **\$49,500** **\$123,000**

Cle Elum NM Trails M&O 08-09

This project will support trail maintenance and repair on the non-motorized trails in the Cle Elum Ranger District. This grant would supply extra funding that is needed due an ever-decreasing annual budget allocation, increased visitor use plus a growing backlog of work needed to maintain non-motorized trails to standards and to provide for safety and resource protection. Work will include: 1) log removal, 2) brushing and limbing, 3) repair of puncheons, turnpikes, rock cribbing and log cribbing, 4) Construction and maintenance of drainage structures including drain dips, grade dips, drainage ditches, log and rock waterbars and check dams, 5) tread restoration, 6) Installation of trail signs.

We plan on using project funds on non-motorized trails that see moderate to heavy use annually, based on observations, trail wear and tear and numbers gathered from trailhead wilderness permits and iron rangers that sell Recreation Passes on site. Counting only the permits, 2005 use figures for Teanaway Valley non-motorized trails (39 miles) were 6,618, Cle Elum Valley trails (173 miles) had 8,500 users and for Rachel Lake (5 miles) it was 3,699 users. Figures were unavailable for the South PCT from Snoqualmie Pass, but the North Bend Ranger District website lists use as heavy for that trail, which is 34 miles long. Other trails along I-90 have light to moderate observed use, with a total of 52 miles of non-motorized, non-PCT trails. The use numbers cited above, based solely on permit numbers, are conservative. (07-1378 M)

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USFS ONF Hood Canal RD	\$75,000	\$19,000	\$94,000
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Trails and Campground Maintenance

This project will fund a Washington Conservation Corps crew and material needs for maintenance on Olympic National Forest (ONF) trails and campgrounds. In developed sites, maintenance tasks will include hazard tree removal, and minor feature improvements such as repairing or replacing bulletin boards, signs, picnic tables, leveling campsites, etc. Trail tasks will include removing down logs on trails, structure repair, and tread work. The Mt. Rose volunteer trail crew will contribute 1,000 hours of trail maintenance.

Much of the work accomplished by the WCC crew will be in the off season. ONF has many campgrounds and trails located near Highway 101, making them accessible year round. Winter work will be adapted to weather conditions. During hazardous weather, the crew can build, paint, and repair signs and tables in a shop setting, for placement during calmer weather. Work done in the winter of 2006-07 by the WCC crew was very successful even with the extreme weather events experienced.

On the Hood Canal Ranger District alone, it is estimated that almost 1/2 of the 250 tables at 10 campgrounds and interpretive sites have rotten planks that are desperately in need of replacement. Work will also occur on the Pacific Ranger District. In total ten acres of camp areas and 35 miles of trail will be maintained. This project will help make the campgrounds and trails safe, enjoyable places to experience the outdoors. (07-1379 M)

Spokane Winter Knights	\$49,000	\$15,900	\$64,900
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Kings Lake Sno-Park Groomer Shelter

This project will fund the construction of a 40' by 40' by 14' high metal storage building that will house two snow groomers at the Kings Lake Sno-Park. Kings Lake which is part of the Washington State Sno-Park system provides access to 135 miles of designated, groomed snowmobile trails with an average use of 5000 snowmobiles per year. Currently, the groomers are stored and maintained outside during the winter season which makes routine inspections, maintenance and repairs very difficult. Transportation costs would also be reduced which would allow grooming frequencies to increase on the trail system. The present storage area is located on private property which recently sold. Constructing this building would provide a secure facility to house the groomers as well as allowing the groomer operator to perform needed maintenance indoors. (07-1384 D)

King County of	\$75,000	\$196,820	\$271,820
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King County Parks Backcountry Trails

King County Parks (KCP) has 180 parks, 25,000 miles of open space, 175 miles of regional trails, and over 130 miles of backcountry trails, making us one of the largest outdoor recreation providers in the state. Our system is close to urban centers that continue to grow, allowing us to provide hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian experiences to thousands of residents.

NRTP grant funds will help us develop a dedicated backcountry trails crew of three FTE leads, six seasonals, transportation, equipment and tools such as a Canycom rubber track power carrier (BFP602) and Stihl MS 440 Magnum Professional chain saw. This concerted effort will greatly improve users' experience, address safety concerns, and improve environmental conditions in wet areas.

KCP has completed an inventory and a prioritized trail needs assessment. The effort identified needed repairs to dip drains, culverts, bridges, turnpikes, clearing, and tread. These improvements will significantly increase the public's awareness and support of open space preservation.

KCP succeeds through partnerships. Existing partners for trail development and maintenance include Mountains to Sounds, WTA, multiple user groups and other public agencies. Our volunteer program leverages over 50,000 hours of volunteerism and will focus on back country trails in 2008.

The sites identified are county-wide and allow urban and rural park users to enjoy a backcountry trails experience within an hour to Seattle. (07-1389 M)



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State Parks **\$75,000** **\$28,400** **\$103,400**

Iron Horse State Park - Malden to Rosalia

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has managed the former Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad corridor from the Columbia River to the Idaho border as the Milwaukee Road Corridor. Last year, DNR transferred the 103 miles of that corridor between Lind and Tekoa to State Parks to be managed as John Wayne Pioneer Trail. This project would begin development of that eastern portion of the JWPT by developing trailheads at Malden and Rosalia, which would facilitate access to nine miles of trail. (07-1390 D)

USFS Gifford Pinchot NF **\$25,501** **\$6,900** **\$32,401**

Lewis River Trail Maintenance

The scope of this project is to fund needed maintenance of 11 trails, totaling about 40 miles in length. The crew will be two people, employed during the summer months, for approximately 65 days each summer. The work will include log-out and tread maintenance. The sponsor's match will be equipment from the Forest Service and volunteer time by both the Jones Creek Trailrider's Association and the South West Off-Road Riders. The Forest Service will supply two motorcycles and all tools, including chain saws. The volunteers will contribute 100 hours per year for two years. (07-1394 M)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD **\$16,000** **\$11,631** **\$27,631**

Stock and Heli Support for Trail Projects 08-09

NRTP funds will be used to provide stock and/or helicopter logistical support for trail maintenance projects on the Snoqualmie Ranger District. Transport services are required where access routes are long and/or heavy materials and supplies are needed to complete trail project work. Helicopters or stock will be used approximately 8 times (4 two-way trips per year) for two years to transport puncheon, turnpike, and other construction materials as well as supply spike camps at remote project sites along 125 miles of trail. North Bend does not have the luxury of a pack string; transport of materials is either on the backs of crew members or a contractor must be paid for packer or helicopter services. Transport services will be used to facilitate projects involving force account, volunteer and youth crews.

In the Middle Fork Snoqualmie watershed trails like Middle Fork Trail #1003 and Dutch Miller Gap Trail #1030 require most of a day just to walk to remote project sites. On other trails transport of wood for trail structures is difficult without the use of stock or air support. The use of stock provides a traditional, efficient, and practical solution for transporting heavy materials and supplies to maintenance crews in remote backcountry sites or Wilderness sites where mechanized transport is not permitted without significant environmental documentation. Helicopter transport is more effective when trail conditions are unsuitable or materials are too large or heavy to transport with stock. (07-1395 M)

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USFS GPNF Cowlitz Valley RD **\$49,739** **\$52,629** **\$102,368**

Wilderness Trails rehabilitation GPNF 08

In November of 2006, the Gifford Pinchot NF experienced a significant flood event. This was followed in December by a damaging wind storm. It is anticipated that there will be significant trail damage from both of these events. The forest has not been able to access this damage to date, but the cost to repair these trails is estimated to be more than \$130,000. Trail maintenance in 2007 will be limited, and much of this work will fall into the backlog maintenance category. Several volunteer work projects have been scheduled, however the scope of this damage will not be addressed through our volunteer program. Wilderness trails on the Mt. Adams RD will receive annual maintenance, but those wilderness trails on the Cowlitz Valley RD will not.

This project will allow for annual maintenance (log-out, drainage, brushing) on 235 miles of a 317 mile wilderness trail system, in addition, as much rehabilitation of trail damaged in the storms of 2006 will take place. This may include minor reconstruction or replacement of drainage structures. Specific rehabilitation site projects will be identified in 2007 through public input.

Funding from this project will ensure continued public safety and enjoyment on over 200 miles of backcountry trail.
(07-1398 M)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD **\$75,000** **\$53,391** **\$128,391**

Snoqualmie Lake Trail Repair Phase 1

Snoqualmie Lake Trail Repairs Phase 1 will reconstruct segments of the Snoqualmie Lake Trail #1002 from the wilderness boundary to Snoqualmie Lake. Entering the Alpine Lakes Wilderness the trail switchbacks up a steep mountainside through wet, old-growth western hemlock and Alaska yellow cedar forest giving way to Pacific silver fir and skirting Snoqualmie, Deer, and Bear Lakes. At the district boundary this trail becomes the Lake Dorothy Trail #1072 and connects the Middle Fork Snoqualmie and Miller River drainages.

Portions of the trail are heavily eroded. Many structures need to be replaced including turnpike, puncheon and culverts. Trenches at depths of 2'-4' expose roots and rocks. The trail is unsafe for walking or riding and difficult to maintain. Resource damage is occurring where drainage structures no longer function properly.

Phase 1 of this reconstruction project will correct drainage problems, clear logs and brush to standard specifications, replace puncheon, define stream crossings and reconstruct portions of tread. Work will be accomplished using WTA, EarthCorps, NYC, Forest Service trail crew and private contract. Benefits include reduced erosion and vegetation loss and a safer trail and a more rewarding trail for users.

Future phases of this project will continue trail repair and reconstruction to the district boundary. They will also address problems along the first 6 miles of trail where inadequate road decommissioning has resulted in severe erosion and drainage issues. (07-1402 D)

Mason County Parks & Rec **\$7,000** **\$2,000** **\$9,000**

Menards Landing Launch Improvements

Menards Landing is a small .40 acre park owned by Mason County Parks and is located near Tahuya. Menards Landing is located right on the Hood Canal, which provides miles of open water for kayaks and canoes. Wildlife is abundant along Hood Canal, especially various species of birds visitors will enjoy in the area. The Canal is surrounded by the Olympic Mountains, Tahuya State Forest, the Theler Wetlands and acres of privately owned timberland. There is not a lot of public-owned waterfront in this area of the canal, which provides access problems. Menards Landing can be a great addition to some of the other non-motorized water access areas in the area located at Potlatch State Park, Union, Belfair State Park, and Twanoh State Park. Menards Landing can be accessed by Northshore Road and by canoe or kayak off Hood Canal. Mason County Parks, in cooperation with the Washington Water Trails Association would like to use this NRTP funding proposal to improve access and support facilities for non-motorized watercraft at the park. Included in the project would be improvements to the small ramp leading from the park to the water in the lagoon, ADA access, removal of fencing and installation of bollards to enhance access for canoes, kayaks, and other users, in addition to signage at the site posting information on other water access points for non-motorized water craft along Hood Canal. The park improvements slated to improve the site as a water trail day use site. (07-1406 D)



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USFS MBNF Darrington RD **\$75,000** **\$75,000** **\$150,000**

Darrington Trail Maintenance 08/09

This two year project involves 100 miles of annual trail maintenance on the Darrington RD. These trails provide for overnight and multiple day trips into the backcountry within close proximity of Seattle and Everett. This project includes trails off the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway and portions of the Pacific Crest Trail and some of its access trails. While many of these trails were not damaged by the October 2003 floods, many have most likely received some damage from the numerous wind and rain storms that defined the winter of 2006.

Many of these trails begin at low elevations and climb steep slopes. Many are within wilderness or enter wilderness at some point. Maintenance costs are high due to combination of low elevation, high use, poor soils, wet climate and steep rugged slopes. Winter storm and avalanches damage can sometimes be extensive, windfall numerous and brush fast growing. Volunteers have worked on the lower portions of many of these trails but are unable to reach the upper mileages. Funding is needed to hire maintenance workers to assist volunteers and youth crews as well as complete projects in remote locations or of an especially difficult nature.

Funding is crucial to help reduce the maintenance backlog. This backlog appears to be increasing each year as numerous road washouts make many of the Darrington RD trails ever more difficult to access and maintain. Maintaining the few remaining trails still open or easily accessible to the public is critical. (07-1408 M)

State Parks **\$75,000** **\$60,000** **\$135,000**

Stampede Pass/Kachess Trail Grooming

There are over 100 map miles of highly used groomed snowmobile trails in the Stampede Pass and Kachess trail systems on the I-90 Corridor near Snoqualmie Pass. This proposal would allow the State Parks Snowmobile Program to continue to provide approximately 7,257 miles of grooming, on over 100 map miles of trail, in the 2007-08 winter season which typically is December 1 through March 31.

In a survey conducted by State Parks in 2004, approximately a third of snowmobilers statewide snowmobile primarily in Kittitas County and 12.5% snowmobile at Stampede Pass and Lake Kachess trail systems. By having approximately 35,000 registered sleds in WA State, that would mean approximately 4,375 registered sleds primarily snowmobile this system. It is the heaviest used area in the state. Due to high trail use, continued grooming is imperative for rider safety and enjoyment.

The Snowmobile Program is solely funded by snowmobile registrations and a percentage of the state's fuel tax (fuel used in snowmobiles). No state general fund dollars support the program. The demand for services expands far beyond available funding and costs are continually increasing. NRTP funds are being requested to sustain the current level of grooming services provided in the Stampede Pass and Lake Kachess trail systems. (07-1410 M)

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Natural Resources Dept of **\$75,000** **\$55,000** **\$130,000**

Little Si Trail Renovation

The 2.2 mile long Little Si Trail is in poor condition and requires renovation. Second to the Mt. Si Trail, the Little Si Trail is an extremely popular trail, located within the Mt. Si Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA), and is used by families and day-hikers to access Little Si, a "peaklet" or "knob" located below Mt. Si. The rock climbing community also uses the trail to access good climbing routes on the face of Mt. Si. The Mt. Si NRCA is located about 32 miles east of Seattle, on the Mountains to Sound Greenway/I-90 Corridor, just north-east of the City of North Bend.

This trail route was originally flagged and built by volunteers in 1985. However, during the intervening years some trail modifications have occurred, but not enough to accommodate the ever increasing use of the trail. About five years ago, recreational use increased dramatically with the construction of the new Little Si Trailhead. Trail reconstruction will include trail tread excavation; gravel surfacing along segments of the trail; installation of turnpike; construction of a 180 ft. retaining wall; steps; fencing; and, drainage dips. The proposed trail renovation/rehabilitation project will rebuild the trail in order to withstand the heavy recreational hiker and climber use that is presently occurring and will provide additional protection to adjacent natural resources. Additionally, the DNR will work with volunteer trails groups, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and Washington Trails Association, renovating the trail. (07-1412 D)

State Parks **\$75,000** **\$44,700** **\$119,700**

Salmon La Sac Trail Grooming

There are over 140 map miles of highly used groomed snowmobile trails in the Salmon La Sac trail system on the I-90 Corridor near Snoqualmie Pass. This proposal would allow the State Parks Snowmobile Program to continue to provide approximately 5,702 miles of grooming, on over 140 map miles of trail, in the 2007-08 winter season which typically is December 1 through March 31.

In a survey conducted by State Parks in 2004, approximately a third of snowmobilers statewide snowmobile primarily in Kittitas County and 8.4% snowmobile on the Salmon La Sac trail system. By having approximately 35,000 registered sleds in WA State, that would mean approximately 2,940 registered sleds primarily snowmobile this system. It is one of the top three heaviest used areas in the state. Due to high trail use, continued grooming is imperative for rider safety and enjoyment.

The Snowmobile Program is solely funded by snowmobile registrations and a percentage of the state's fuel tax (fuel used in snowmobiles). No state general fund dollars support the program. The demand for services expands far beyond available funding and costs are continually increasing. NRTP funds are being requested to sustain the current level of grooming services provided in the Salmon La Sac trail system. (07-1417 M)

USFS OKNF Methow RD **\$68,780** **\$43,050** **\$111,830**

MVRD Trailhead Maintenance

This project would provide funds to maintain the 34 trailheads on the Methow Valley Ranger District. The trailheads are the support facilities for the trails that lead into the isolated and spectacular backcountry and wilderness on the district. These trailheads provide parking, restrooms, information, and other amenities for people hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and riding OHVs on the trails on the district.

Each of the trailheads requires annual maintenance and most of have backlog maintenance items. Specific annual tasks include visitor contacts, bulletin board maintenance, security patrols, picnic table repair and maintenance, garbage collection, outhouse cleaning and maintenance, and other miscellaneous duties. Backlog maintenance items will include repairing or replacing hitch rails, unloading ramps, bulleting boards, signs, and parking barriers, and repairing wooden outhouses. (07-1429 M)



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Natural Resources Dept of	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$100,000
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West Tiger Mtn. NRCA Talus Loop Trail Renovation

The West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA) supports an almost 40 mile trail system with routes through the family friendly Tradition Plateau or more challenging routes up to West Tiger Mtn. Peaks #1, 2, and 3. This project proposal is to renovate a three-mile trail loop, the Talus Rocks Loop. The Talus Rocks Loop includes: the Nook Trail, Talus Rocks interpretive loop, Talus Rocks Trail and the Section Line Trail. The trails and interpretive loop require renovation due to deteriorating trail features, including a boardwalk, box crib steps, retaining wall, culverts, drain dips and trail tread. All of these trail features require replacement and the trail tread requires rehabilitation. To promote volunteer work on the trail loop, the DNR will work with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust.

The Talus Trail Loop has received minimal maintenance over the last 15 years and is in need complete renovation. The West Tiger Mtn. NRCA receives more than 500,000 hikers per year, of which many hike the Talus Trail Loop either as a separate loop or combining with the West Tiger #3 Trail. When the Green Trails map was published several years ago, public recreational use increased within the NRCA, with approx. 208,000 cars counted at High Point Trailhead over last year. It is imperative that this trail loop is renovated in order to increase public safety and to provide continued protection of the natural resources found within the NRCA. (07-1430 D)

USFS OKNF Tonasket RD	\$23,981	\$27,896	\$51,877
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Honeymoon Pass Trail

Honeymoon Pass Trail follows the North Fork of Salmon Creek and is popular with horseback riders, hikers and snowmobilers with about 1,800 people using the trail each year. Our goal is to improve the overall safety and ecological integrity of the trail and to reduce future maintenance by relocating three miles of trail to the base of the ridge by fall 2008.

Honeymoon Pass Trail was originally built as a sheep driveway about 100 years ago. It has been maintained by users, including snowmobilers, hikers and horseback riders for the past 30 years. However, each spring, sections of the trail become so saturated that horses can get bogged to their bellies in mud, a situation dangerous to horse and rider and ecologically unsustainable. The trail begins to dry up in July, and is safely passable by September, but users tend to test conditions and try and pass through regardless. Even when they don't get stuck, they degrade the wet areas with hoof and boot, and continually widen the problem spots as they try and go around them. We intend to move the trail from the spruce bog bottom to the base of the ridge.

Honeymoon Pass Trail remains popular with visitors and local users. Our partners include the Okanogan Trail Riders, the Back Country Horsemen and the Pacific Northwest Trail Association, and they are as eager as we are to fix the problem. In addition, SKY (Service, Knowledge, Youth) youth corps will work with USFS staff to complete this project. (07-1431 D)



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State Parks	\$75,000	\$138,174	\$213,174
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Drag Implements for Trail Grooming

This project will purchase four drag implements designed to be pulled by snow grooming machines. They will be used specifically by grooming programs at Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams, Skagit County and Blewett Pass. However, they may be moved anywhere in the state as needed.

Currently, the machines are equipped with tillers. During certain times of the year, snow conditions prevent tillers from effectively creating a flat surface because their cutting units (knives) are spaced closer together. A drag increases the spacing between these units, allowing moguls to be removed completely and the snow properly processed so the resulting groomed trail is durable as well as smooth.

Each drag is 10 feet wide, 16 feet long and features six knives for cutting. Each weighs approximately 3,500 pounds. In addition, each drag will have an attachment--a pivoting pan to compact the snow. Depending on the use, a fifth-wheel hitch may be needed instead of a bumper pull or tag-along to attach the drag to a groomer. The project proposes to purchase two hitches to provide a little more flexibility.

The Snowmobile Program is solely funded by snowmobile registrations and a percentage of the state's fuel tax (fuel used in snowmobiles). No state general fund dollars support the program. The demand for services expands far beyond available funding. NRTP funds are being requested to purchase drag implements to provide better quality grooming at the current level of ongoing services in the grooming areas stated above as well as statewide needs. (07-1433 M)

NPS Olympic National Park	\$74,630	\$18,750	\$93,380
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Deer Lake Trail & Camp Area Rehab

Deer Lake is a very popular wilderness destination for both day and overnight users. Many visitors use the Deer Lake trail to access the Sol Duc high country but hiking is challenging due to the rough tread, high rock steps and exposed bedrock. Poor drainage has resulted in erosion of trail tread down to bedrock in many places and widening of the trail beyond established standards. Sparse vegetation and compacted soils are a problem in some areas. On-going use has resulted in expansion of some campsites and environmental conditions have resulted in other sites being muddy and/or uncampable at times.

This project will address these needs through rehabilitation of a portion of the main Deer Lake Trail and also a trail that circles the lake providing access to the camp area and to the Little Divide Trail. In addition, nine campsites at the lake will be improved, with revegetation throughout the camp where needed. (07-1435 D)

State Parks	\$29,619	\$45,225	\$74,844
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I-90-Snoqualmie Nonmotorized Grooming '07/08

There are over 35 map miles of highly used groomed cross-country ski and dog sled trails along the I-90 Corridor and throughout the Snoqualmie area. This proposal would allow the State Parks Winter Recreation (non-snowmobile) Sports Program to continue to provide approximately 4,700 miles of grooming, on over 35 map miles of trail, in the 2007-08 winter season, which typically is December 1 through March 31.

The demand for non-motorized winter sport recreational opportunities along the I-90 Corridor has increased significantly, and staff anticipates a continued growth over the next several years. During the 2006-07 winter season, approximately 100,000 users were reported using the I-90 Corridor non-motorized trail system. Due to high trail use, continued grooming is imperative for a safe and enjoyable recreational experience.

The Winter Recreation Sports Sno-Park program is funded by the sale of One-day, Seasonal, and Special Groomed Trails Sno-Park permits. Statewide demands for non-motorized services-parking areas, groomed trails, signing, mapping, etc.-far exceed the funding available; therefore, NRTP funds are needed to sustain the current level of grooming in the I-90 Corridor-Snoqualmie Pass area. (07-1438 M)

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Pe Ell Town of	\$75,000	\$43,130	\$118,130
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Willapa Hills Pe Ell Trailhead Campground

The Willapa Hills Trail connects the City of Chehalis along the Interstate 5 corridor with the City of South Bend located on the Willapa River adjacent to Willapa Bay along Highway 6 and is part of a larger trail system that will eventually connect Idaho to the Pacific Ocean. This 56-mile segment of trail, which is owned and maintained by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, follows the Chehalis and Willapa Rivers through some of the most remote and undeveloped accessible lowlands west of the Cascades providing a rare backcountry experience in western Washington's lowland riparian forest. Currently, this corridor serves overnight camper's at a single location at Rainbow Falls State Park. The proposed campground in the Town of Pe Ell, located roughly halfway between the cities of Chehalis and South Bend, would afford users of the trail additional camping opportunities thereby increasing access to the trail by multiple users. The project proposes to design and construct an eight unit campground within the Town of Pe Ell town limits along the vacated Northern Pacific Railroad right-of-way. The proposed campground will provide facilities to equestrian, biking, and hiking users and include tent camping pads, picnic tables, and fire rings. Currently, the site has a developed parking lot (14 stalls), equestrian trailer parking (7 stalls), a large circular paved trailer turnaround, and restrooms. Much of the labor and equipment needed to construct the campground will be donated by the Town of Pe Ell. (07-1457 D)

Backcountry Bicycle Trail Club	\$60,673	\$21,072	\$81,745
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East Tiger Bridge Replacement & Trail Upgrade

This project will replace one bridge on the Iverson Trail and conduct trail tread upgrades on the Preston Railroad Trail, Northwest Timber Trail and the Iverson Railroad Trail. These trails are located on East Tiger Mountain, near the Tiger Summit on Hwy 18.

Bringing these trails up to standard is the single highest priority for mountain bikers in Washington State for the following reasons:

- This trail system is by far the most heavily used mountain bike trail system in Washington State.
- A bridge failure would require the trail to be shut down.
- The site has very wet hydrology and heavy use. This requires us to bring the trail tread up to a high standard to reduce sedimentation, erosion and provide a good user experience.
- This is the ONLY single-track mountain bike trail system on public land within a 1 hour drive of Seattle that represents a climb-and-descend experience. The only other trail that comes close is the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Trail, which is a river bottom trail that does not have as broad appeal.

The project will replace a bridge and upgrade portions of the trail tread with the goal of eliminating the backlog of maintenance on this heavily used system. If this grant is awarded, volunteer crews should be able to stay on top of most future tread maintenance by maintaining the high level of volunteer work that has been ongoing on these trails for the last ten years. (07-1461 D)



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Mountains to Sound Greenway	\$50,000	\$42,500	\$92,500
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Granite Mountain Trail Renovation 2008

This project will rehabilitate the severely impacted Granite Mountain Trail - USFS #1016, in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness of Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest. Reached from Exit #47 of I-90, the trail climbs 3000 feet in just 3.1 miles to reach a fire lookout on Granite's summit. Thanks to its easy access and expansive 360-degree views, the trail has become hugely popular with Puget Sound metropolitan region hikers and visitors. In summer, several hundred people a day climb Granite Mountain to take in the views, that include the South Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, Mount Rainier and large expanses of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

Extremely heavy use and inadequate maintenance have led to significant environmental damage and deteriorated trail conditions including frequent gullying, dramatic trail widening, and extreme trail braiding as hikers seek to avoid wet areas, and loose rock and soil in the trail tread. Project renovations will address the most heavily impacted areas. Conservation corps crews and volunteers will reconstruct switchbacks and install waterbars, dip drains, ditching, check dams and steps to halt erosion, as well as conduct restoration activities to address trail widening and braiding. (07-1463 D)

Grays Harbor County of	\$8,670	\$2,200	\$10,870
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Straddleline ORV Park Campsite Upgrades

Straddleline Off Road Vehicle park is the only ORV park of its kind in Western Washington (there are only 3 public ORV parks in the entire state). It was formerly operated as the Thurston County ORV Park, but was closed in 2002. Grays Harbor County assumed ownership and management of the park in 2005 to restore this unique recreation opportunity. While the park provides organized events, it also serves as the only manned trailhead for the State DNR Capitol Forest. 100 miles of motorized backcountry trail are available from this trailhead. One-third of the park's 25,000 overnight camping visitors are here to access this backcountry trail system. The campground has 300 dry campsites for RVs and tents, a dumpsite for RV holding tanks, and heated restroom with showers. The park also offers trail information and maps at its kiosk, and personnel to assist trail riders. This project will install power and water utilities at 20 campsites. (07-1467 D)

State Parks	\$5,600	\$3,600	\$9,200
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Fort Ebey Trails Education

Fort Ebey State Park is a 645 acre park located on Central Whidbey Island. The park has an extensive trail system with access to over 35 miles of trails. The goal of our project request is to improve trail information and signage in order to educate trail users at trailheads and trail junctions. The project will help by bringing consistency of information available to trail users by posting signs and maps to educate about the trail system in Fort Ebey State Park. We will sign trails by placing travel management, direction and distance, and boundary signs. Trails will be signed following State Park guidelines from the Trail Signing Manual. Signs will be similar and consistent throughout the park trail system. Sign materials will be 3"x18" or 3"x22" brown aluminum strips with white lettering and trail use decals placed on 4'x4' posts. At complex trail junctions we will use larger aluminum signs with distance and direction information to reinforce the information at the trailheads and maps carried by the user. (07-1475 D)

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USFS CNF Newport RD **\$23,000** **\$12,750** **\$35,750**

Bead Lake Trail Rehabilitation

The purpose of this project is to reduce long term maintenance needs and prevent future resource damage by replacing 2 bridges and creating hardened stream crossings where appropriate at various locations. 13 bridges have been identified as "failing" as well as 2 puncheon and 2 turnpike that are in need of repair/replacement. The recreation experience will not be impacted as the water level is not sufficient to make the crossings challenging or dangerous. The bridges can be replaced either by minor relocation (no longer crossing the creek), or by a combination of constructed rock fords and hardened approaches. Many of the structures have failed, or are in the process of failure (rotting). The most urgently in need of fixing, with the aim of reopening the trail to public use in 2008, are the three bridges located at Mile Post (MP) 4.66, MP 4.714 and MP 4.78. Costs are designed around using volunteer labor and Northwest Youth Corps, or the SKY Program Youth which is part of the Pacific Northwest Trail Assn. The project requires approximately 1580 ft. of trail relocation, construction of 235 linear feet of rock fords and hardened stream approaches, dismantling and scattering 222 linear feet of existing structures as well as clean-up. This trail system has an annual use of 4500 visits, including horses, mountain bikers and hikers. This trail is within 9 miles of Newport and 45 minutes from Spokane. Trailhead improvements will be done with this project by adding hitching posts and putting gravel in the parking area. (07-1477 D)

Spokane Nordic Ski Educ Founda **\$19,923** **\$78,142** **\$98,065**

MSSP Nordic Grooming Equip. Replacement

Our project entails the purchase of a professional grade snowmobile, and 84" ski trail groomer, track setter, roller/compactor and additional storage garage in which to securely house them.

This equipment is greatly needed at the Mt. Spokane Nordic area to replace aging equipment and improve the grooming conditions for recreational Nordic Skiers. Also, our Bombardier groomer is only used 5 nights per week, we need supplemental and backup grooming capability. This extra equipment will allow for early and late season grooming when it is difficult to operate the larger groomer. There is often snowfall in the early morning hours which needs to be packed and tracks set for recreational skiers, especially the elderly and children. Supplemental grooming is often needed for citizen events. This year, there was a 12 day period where our large groomer was inoperable. Our current snowmobile from the 1980's can barely move itself uphill, let alone pull a grooming device. A new snowmobile with a wider grooming device to allow trail grooming in 2 passes is needed. After purchase of the snowmobile and grooming equipment, park staff and certified volunteers would be able to perform the needed grooming. (07-1479 M)

WA Trails Association **\$65,000** **\$195,500** **\$260,500**

WTA 2008 Backcountry Trail Teams

In 2008, WTA will lead at least two dozen volunteer Backcountry Trail Teams in locations throughout the Cascades and Olympics, from the northernmost reaches of the Pasayten to scenic Bird Creek Meadows on Mt Adams. Through more than 10,000 volunteer hours, WTA backcountry crews will maintain more than 100 miles of trail, most of which is open to equestrian use.

WTA's Backcountry Trail Teams work beyond the reach of a single day crew. Each weeklong crew sets up base camp and focuses on a particular backcountry area. Two thirds of these crews will perform important early season log out and annual maintenance in popular Wilderness areas such as the Pasayten, Sawtooth and Alpine Lakes. A single crew can clear more than 100 trees and take care of basic maintenance needs on more than twenty miles of trail. The remainder of the crews will tackle more involved maintenance projects to bring a popular backcountry area, such as Marmot Lake or the Little Wenatchee, back up to standard.

WTA multiples the spending power of an NRTP grant by four times, matching every grant dollar with cash contributions and donated labor. A backcountry crew costs \$13 an hour, including all related cash expenses, including project layout, volunteer recruitment and management, agency coordination, as well as all logistics, supplies, volunteer food, and, of course, a rewarding and productive backcountry trail experience. (07-1482 M)

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WA Trails Association	\$65,000	\$324,625	\$389,625
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WTA 2008 Volunteer Trail Teams

In 2008, Washington Trails Association will field 200 day trips throughout the Cascades and Olympics. Our priority will be to maintain popular day hikes, accessible from communities throughout the Puget Sound region and Southwest Washington. In doing so, we serve hundreds of thousands of hikers and other users who enjoy recreating close to home.

With more than 200,000 hours donated, WTA will spend half this time conducting annual maintenance on more than 50 different trails, with the work designed to help our most popular trails sustain continued, heavy use. Another 20 locations will see more intensive work to address maintenance backlogs. Additionally, volunteers in 2008 will still be cleaning up from recent floods and fires, fixing damaged trails and maintaining trails that have been inaccessible for multiple seasons due to road closures.

WTA matches every NRTP dollar with cash contributions and further leverages this with volunteer labor, thus increasing the spending power of an NRTP dollar by five times. With a volunteer hour costing \$6.60 or less, WTA's program is a cost-effective and efficient use of scarce resources.

Each year, 1,750 people volunteer with WTA, and we partner with many other organizations, including user groups, local clubs and conservancies. WTA maintains trails on a variety of federal, state and local lands. We clear paths to the highest alpine country and maintain low-elevation walks that can be enjoyed year-round right out our back door.
(07-1483 M)

USFS Colville National Forest	\$50,000	\$168,260	\$218,260
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Kettle Crest NRT Maint: 2008-2009

The Kettle Crest National Recreation Trail is a 45 mile trail system that has 53.5 miles of (feeder) access trails that lead from the lower elevations to the pristine Kettle Crest. The Kettle Crest is intersected by the Sherman Pass Scenic Byway, with the NRT traversing both North and South from the Highway. The trail has been heavily impacted by the several wildfires over the last 20 years (White Mt. 1988, Copper Butte 1994, Leona 2001 and Togo 2003). The impacts from these fires are evident today as the burned timber continues to fall into the trail prism impeding travel. Currently there is a need for funding assistance due to the increased frequency of maintenance following these fire events. The Colville has secured CIP funding to reconstruct the trail from Sherman Pass South in 2008.

The scope of this proposal would be to support the North end of the trail, and feeder trails, by maintaining the logout, tread cleaning, brush cutting, and drainage structures for a two year period. At this time the Colville does not have sufficient funding to maintain the Kettle Crest to standard and the trail will sustain impaired conditions in the near future if the maintenance is not held to that standard. The expected outcomes will be a NRT 4 season trail maintained to standard for the recreating public. The public has shown great interest that this trail system continue to be maintained at a level benefiting it's many users.(07-1485 M)



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Mountains to Sound Greenway **\$75,000** **\$75,000** **\$150,000**

Mountains to Sound Trail Maint - 2008

This project would conduct maintenance on 55+ miles of trails in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, some of the heaviest used trails in the state. This proposal requests funds for materials, tools, staffing and conservation corps crew time. Several trails to be maintained have recently been constructed or rehabilitated and regular upkeep will ensure that they remain in a non-impaired state and provide a safe and enjoyable recreational experience. These trails include the Mt Si Trail, Ira Spring Trail and the Rattlesnake Ledge Trail. Other trails to be maintained include the Twin Falls Trail, trails on Tiger Mtn, and USFS trails in the South, Mid and North Forks of the Snoqualmie River as well as the remainder of the trails in the Mount Si NRCA. Conservation corps members would have a large role in this program and be further leveraged by donated materials and thousands of hours of donated labor.

The wild land trails system in the Greenway consists of over 1,000 miles of trails and has a service area population of over 2 million people. To assist in management of this system, the Greenway Trust has built a trails program with land managers and key stakeholders in the I-90 corridor who meet quarterly as the Greenway Trails Committee. This group would assist in prioritizing and further leveraging maintenance activities and ensure there is no conflict between this and other existing and pending grants. (07-1488 M)

State Parks **\$75,000** **\$75,000** **\$150,000**

Squak Mountain Trail Improvements

The scope of this project is to bring the trails at Squak Mountain State Park up to current trail standards. This project will improve drainage and tread work and will realign some trails in order to improve safety.

Squak Mountain State Park is a 1,657-acre park just south of Issaquah. The State Park encompasses most of the mountain. The popular recreation areas of Tiger Mountain (DNR) and Cougar Mountain (King County) are on either side of Squak Mountain. The park is part of the Issaquah Alps and the Mountains to Sound Greenway. State Parks acquired most of its land in the last 12 years, and inherited a system of user-built trails that do not meet current standards.

The service area for Squak Mountain is the 3 million people who live within 60-90 miles of the park, and it is only 18 miles from downtown Seattle, so it serves as a very valuable backcountry recreational trail experience in close proximity to the largest population center in the state.

Squak contains some of the only trails open to horses in the area, and they serve as links between Cougar and Tiger Mountains. This project will improve safety within Squak Mountain State Park, and it could relieve some of the pressure on resources at nearby Tiger and Cougar Mountains. (07-1497 D)

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Mount Tahoma Trails Assn	\$75,000	\$91,000	\$166,000
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Mt Tahoma Snow Vehicles Project

This proposal is to provide 40 miles of trails linking four backcountry ski huts open during the winter season for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. The project requires purchasing 4 new snowmobiles for grooming trails and a 4x4 pickup truck and trailer to haul the snowmobiles for maintenance and deployment on the trails. Groomed trails using reliable snowmobiles are critical to the maintenance of the trails.

Mt. Tahoma Trails Association is prohibited from charging a fee for use of the trail system by state statute and relies on grants for capital equipment funding. The project scope is to provide a winter recreation for the Puget Sound area to keep up with an annual 30% trail usage growth. In the event of emergencies involving the public, availability of groomed trails and reliable snowmobiles facilitates access by emergency personnel and search and rescue. The trail system has been in operation for 17 years with heavy use each succeeding year seeing more than 100,000 trail users in the past 17 years. The local Ashford business community supports the MTTA ski trail system along with a dedicated group of volunteers who donate 9,000 hours each year to keep the trail system operational. The expected benefits are the consistent grooming of trails, the attraction of many skiers and snowshoers to a depressed local economy, and the assurance of a safe trail experience for the 8,000 day users and 2,300 overnights who use the trails each winter. (07-1504M)

Mount Tahoma Trails Assn	\$50,000	\$117,000	\$167,000
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Trail Maintenance

This proposal is to keep 40 miles of ski trails which link four ski huts groomed during the winter season for skiers and snowshoers, and maintained during the summer for hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use. During the winter, snowmobiles and snocats are used to groom the trails. The project scope is to clear trails of brush, trees, maintain the trail system year round. Project funds also provide for keeping the snocat and snowmobiles maintained.

This project requires crucial funding because MTTA is prohibited from charging a fee for use of the trail system by state statute. In the event of injuries or emergencies involving public users of the trail, the availability of groomed trails facilitates access by emergency personnel and Search And Rescue (SAR). The trail system has been in operation for 17 years and has grown every year with more than 100,000 trail users. The local Ashford business community supports the MTTA ski trail system along with a dedicated group of volunteers who donate 9,000 volunteer hours each year to keep the trail system operational. The expected benefits are the consistent grooming of trails, the attraction of many skiers to a depressed local economy, and the assurance of a safe trail experience for the 8,000 day users and 2,000 overnights who use the trails each season. (07-1505 M)

Total projects selected: 84

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Project Sponsor	Program Funding Amount	Matching Share	Total
USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$9,840	\$9,924	\$19,764

Cle Elum Wilderness Rangers 07

The Cle Elum Ranger District administers 86,000 acres of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Due to its outstanding scenic qualities, recreation opportunities, and close proximity to the Puget Sound Region, it is one of the most popular areas in Washington for backpacking, day hiking, horseback riding, horse packing, and mountaineering. The Wilderness and adjacent area contains 12 trailheads, 157 miles of trail, numerous high country routes, over 60 lake destinations, and over 750 wilderness campsites. The area typically receives greater than 25,000 visits per year.

This project will fund one wilderness ranger to patrol trails, campsites, and lakeshores in Alpine Lakes Wilderness. One-on-one educational contact is the primary duty of the rangers. Rangers explain and demonstrate Leave-No-Trace principles designed to reduce impacts and protect the trail and adjacent wilderness resource. Rangers explain regulations implemented to protect the resource. In addition, rangers design brochures and posters for trailheads, coordinate volunteers, teach trail etiquette to minimize user group conflicts, and demonstrate safe backcountry travel techniques. Other duties include documenting trail conditions to address safety concerns and maintenance needs.

For the past decade decreasing budgets have resulted in fewer ranger staff while wilderness day and overnight use has steadily increased. Additional funding is vital to protect the trail and wilderness resource and educate a stewardship ethic to the public. (07-1198 E)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$9,840	\$9,924	\$19,764
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Cle Elum Backcountry Trail Education 07

The proposal is for one backcountry trail use education ranger on the Cle Elum Ranger District. The need for the program is due to the large and diverse number of trail users on the district including motorcycles, mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians. Numbers of motorcyclists, equestrians, and mountain bikers have increased markedly in past two years, resulting in more problem areas and the need for more education. This ranger will broaden the trail related education program by patrolling multiuse trails and adjacent areas on foot and occasionally horseback. Some patrol time would also be spent on mountain bikes. Patrol will occur on some 400 miles of non-wilderness trails. This ranger will also allow us to patrol some non-motorized multiuse trails where problems and user conflicts are developing and no patrol presently occurs.

One-on-one educational contact is the primary duty of the ranger. Rangers explain and demonstrate Leave-No-Trace and Tread Lightly principles designed to reduce impacts and protect the trail and adjacent backcountry resources. Rangers explain regulations implemented to limit trail and backcountry resource degradation. In addition, the ranger will coordinate volunteers, teach trail etiquette to minimize user group conflicts, and demonstrate safe backcountry travel techniques. Other duties include documenting trail conditions to address safety concerns and assisting search and rescue efforts. (07-1199 E)

USFS WNF Entiat RD	\$10,000	\$28,325	\$38,325
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Lake Wen. Entiat Snow Rangers 07-08

The Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Ranger Districts in Chelan County groom over 200 miles of snowmobile trails weekly. This area provides snowmobilers a premier riding experience. During the 06-07 winter use season it was estimated that over 36,000 snowmobilers used this trail system and facilities. The USFS Safety/Education Snowmobile patrol teams made personal verbal contacts with 6040 snowmobilers. This proposal, which has been funded through the NRTP over the last eight winter seasons starting in 1999, would provide two teams of Safety/Education Snowmobile patrols three days per week (Fri. Sat. Sun.) for the peak winter recreation months starting in mid December and running through late March.

The goals of this project will be to educate winter snow trail travelers on safe and courteous operation, including safe travel speeds, avalanche awareness, winter survival, respect of other trail travelers, and to help minimize user conflicts between users. Teams will also help in the maintenance of over 250 safety signs and hand out tread lightly information and area maps. These employees will assist Chelan County Sheriffs in winter search and rescue of lost or injured snowmobilers. Patrol Rangers will assist the county in putting on snowmobile safety classes to the states youth and adults, both in Puyallup and Lake Wenatchee. We strongly feel that these patrol/education efforts over the last eight years have greatly reduced the number of serious accidents on this very popular trail system. (07-1203 E)

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USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	\$10,000	\$12,800	\$22,800
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Mountain Steward Volunteer Project

This grant would provide for a volunteer coordinator to support the Mountain Stewards Program volunteers. Without this grant, there would not be a volunteer coordinator available to coordinate the volunteers who would want to provide this service to the Forest Service (FS). Funds that previously supported the volunteer coordinator position are no longer available.

The Mountain Steward Program is an adult based volunteer program dedicated to the education of visitors on 3 of the busiest trail systems on the Mt. Baker Ranger District. These trails, located in the Mt. Baker Wilderness & National Recreation Area, and around the Heather Meadows area, are extremely popular and receive heavy use from a diverse public. Mountain Steward volunteers are on these trails to educate visitors about wilderness ethics, Leave No Trace, forest regulations and safety, and to provide information about the area such as camp locations. Specialized training allows volunteers to interact with forest visitors and help them understand how to reduce their recreational impact on the resources and on other visitors. Volunteers have engaged in over 7000 visitor contacts during the past five seasons that they have been out on the trails.

North Cascades Institute (NCI) would partner with the FS for this project and would contribute through recruitment of volunteers and assisting with the training. The Mountain Stewards volunteer coordinator would work with NCI to develop the training and would provide daily support for volunteers during the program. (07-1224 E)

Backcountry Horsemen of WA

Leave No Trace 2008/2009	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$12,500
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Backcountry Horsemen of Washington has been teaching and promoting **Leave No Trace Ethics** for 30 years. LNT is a nationally recognized educational program teaching minimum impact camping techniques for all outdoor users groups. With the help from previous NRTP grants, BCHW has developed an ever expanding program to teach LNT Ethics to many user groups throughout the state.

BCHW members are not the only ones who benefit from this program. BCHW instructors teach LNT through outdoor educational opportunities at Camp Wooten to sixth graders. Other instructors from Gig Harbor focus on the scouting and campfire programs. BCHW LNT trainers provide instruction to these youth groups and then serve as evaluators for the merit badges. This year, BCHW held it's first LNT Basic Skills Class just for youth. All LNT education spills over into other outdoor activities. When horsemen get off the horse and they hike, fish, hunt, mountain bike, snowmobile or what ever, they take the LNT Ethic with them. This program is compatible with all outdoor recreation and it is our intent to expand into other activities. When we see people picking up after themselves from backyard to backcountry, we know we have done our job.

This grant will support the efforts of these instructors by providing additional projection and educational classroom materials, travel expenses, booth space, signs and banners, and an awning for the LNT Trailer. BCHW is a non-profit organization who contributed over 62,000 hours of volunteer last year. (07-1228 E)

Friends of Willapa Refuge	\$9,500	\$8,500	\$18,000
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Headquarters Creek Interpretive Edusystem

The Friends of Willapa National Wildlife Refuge is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation chartered to support the objectives of the Willapa Refuge Complex in Southwest Washington. An interpretive trail was constructed in 2003 and enhanced in 2007 to celebrate the successful restoration of the chum salmon run at Headquarters Creek at the Refuge. A special feature of the trail is a boardwalk, fish and wildlife viewing stations, and public artwork that conveys impressions of the salmon lifecycle and other wildlife interacting with the Willapa Bay ecosystem. A self-guided and hosted curriculum is now needed to support the visitor volume (schools, adult groups and drop by visitors) and deliver a consistent, quality learning experience about the successful restoration of the creek and the overall ecology of the region. The site is receiving approximately 20,000 visitors a year.

Curricula, handouts, and instructional/interpretive signage will be provided to assist student and adult group visitors to collect insights and perspectives on habitat preservation. (07-1229 E)

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USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD **\$8,800** **\$3,940** **\$12,740**
Wilderness Snowmobile Ed. 2008

The Wenatchee River Ranger District and Cle Elum Ranger District offer excellent opportunities for snowmobiling. A number of legitimate areas where snowmobilers use road systems and backcountry terrain are adjacent to congressionally designated wilderness where motorized use is illegal. Unfortunately, with the development of more powerful machines, snowmobile use of wilderness has become commonplace. The problem usually intensifies in late winter and early spring as the snow in the high country becomes more stable and the grooming on snowmobile trail systems comes to a conclusion at lower elevations. In addition, illegal snowmobile use in the Stevens Pass Ski Area leads to conflicts and resource damage.

This project would serve to strengthen current educational efforts and would improve winter wilderness boundary signing. Rangers will have contacts with the public through regular patrol in these areas during peak use times during weekends in late winter and spring to make snowmobilers more aware of regulations. Our current brochure explaining snowmobile use and wilderness would be distributed to dealers. The district would help staff the information booth at the Washington State Snowmobile Association Convention. (07-1238 E)

USFS WNF Chelan RD **\$10,000** **\$10,000** **\$20,000**

Chelan Snowmobile Ranger 07-08

This project is to provide a snowmobile user education program on 149 miles groomed snowmobile trail system on the Chelan and Methow Valley Ranger Districts. The program goals are to:

- increase the safety and enjoyment for snowmobilers;
- reduce winter search and rescue activities; and
- reduce human impacts on deer in critical winter habitat and Canadian Lynx.

The educational messages will be shared by having the ranger:

- discuss educational topics with snowmobilers contacted at trailheads & on trails;
- put up educational and interpretive signs;
- post bulletin boards with educational posters; and
- hand out educational brochures during contacts.

The educational topics include:

- safe winter travel precautions;
- safe snowmobile operations;
- survival techniques;
- effects of human activity on wildlife in the winter; and
- ways to reduce impacts on wildlife.

The snowmobile ranger will be out during periods of high use, weekends & holidays, and will cover trailheads and popular trails. (07-1249 E)

USFS OKNF Methow RD **\$10,000** **\$8,430** **\$18,430**

Pacific Crest Ranger

A Forest Service ranger and volunteer will patrol and educate visitors along the 62 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail and approximately 56 miles of trails which connect to the Pacific Crest Trail on the Methow Valley Ranger District in the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests. The Pacific Crest Trail is one of the most heavily used trails on the district.

Portions of the Pacific Crest Trail from Highway 20 and Hart's Pass can experience several hundred recreationists per day during the summer months. Other trails in the Harts Pass area, such as Buckskin Ridge, provide loop trips which include the Pacific Crest Trail.

Much of the Pacific Crest Trail and associated trails are above timberline with sub-alpine vegetation and conditions making the area particularly vulnerable to resource impacts with very slow recovery. Appropriate stock sites and graze are limited in this area. Ranger presence has been infrequent in the area over the past 10 years. Recreationists are developing new campsites in inappropriate locations due to a lack of information and education. Education and information provided by personnel in the field can help prevent long term campsite impacts. The ranger and volunteer can also provide current information on trail conditions and closures, snow, water availability, and wildfires both to recreationists in the field and to the district. Having current information at the district helps recreationists plan their trips to maximize their experience and minimize potential resource impacts. (07-1264 E)

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Jefferson Land Trust

Quimper Trails Signage

\$10,000

\$11,950

\$21,950

The Quimper Wildlife Corridor (QWC) links 6 wildlife habitat areas in eastern Jefferson County. The corridor also contains areas of significant habitat value. Admiralty Audubon Society estimates that more than 200 bird species currently make use of the corridor, as well as a wide variety of small and large mammals. The QWC is in relatively close proximity to the County's largest population center of Port Townsend. Hikers, bikers and horseback riders recreate within the corridor on a regular basis. This close proximity to town allows users to have a backcountry experience without having to drive out of the area.

The QWC stretches 3 1/2 miles and has a number of informal trails. Jefferson Land Trust seeks to create a sense of community stewardship of the land, water resources and wildlife within the corridor through this project, which will provide directional and interpretive signing. Occasionally, trail users become lost within the corridor, and installation of these signs will focus on environmental protection for the resources and safety for the users. According to the QWC Management Plan, "Effective communication regarding the location and value of natural resources within the corridor can prevent further impact and degradation." The plan made specific recommendations regarding both trail signage and interpretation and general education and outreach. This project seeks to implement those recommendations. (07-1286 E)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD

\$10,000

\$10,845

\$20,845

Cle Elum Winter-Patrol Volunteers

Snow Rangers would work closely with skiers, snowshoers, dog mushers, and snowmobile volunteer rangers to patrol winter trails; focusing in areas with high density use between mixed user groups. The intent would be to work closely with volunteers to assess ever changing user patterns to try and stop user conflicts before they happen, or at least before they become a major conflict. Snow rangers would work with the many ski, mushing, and snowmobile club volunteers that frequent the Cle Elum Ranger District in a coordinated effort to patrol places that the user groups themselves identify as hot spots. Working with user group volunteers will facilitate a two way exchange of information sharing where our rangers and volunteers will benefit. Adding a cadre of informed volunteers to our program will help us manage our busiest shared use areas and benefit all winter user groups. Mutual understanding between user groups will also be enhanced, as the intent will be to utilize volunteers to contact all user groups. This project would call on our personnel to utilize all forms of winter transportation so our winter program truly represents the diversity of users in Washington State's busiest winter recreation area. (07-1290 E)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD

\$10,000

\$21,711

\$31,711

Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol 07

The Cle Elum Ranger District, located in Kittitas County, has over a third of the snowmobile use in the State of Washington based on the most recent snowmobile studies. Cle Elum Education/Safety Rangers patrol approximately 21 sno-parks and trailheads, 500 miles of groomed trails, and thousands of acres of snowmobile off-trail riding areas. With thousands of users on system trails and facilities per season, safety and education is a high priority.

This project would help to provide full staffing of six education/safety Snow Rangers to patrol the district on weekends and a three to five member crew on weekdays. This schedule maximizes our ability to contact users, dispense information about snowmobile opportunities, maintain sno-park and trail signing, and aid in search and rescue efforts as needed. Snow rangers will educate trail users on safe and courteous operation, safe travel speed, winter survival, avalanche awareness, respect for wilderness and other non-motorized areas, and trail etiquette. Snow rangers help minimize user group conflicts and preserve snowmobile riding opportunities on National Forest lands. Uniformed Forest Service presence in Washington State's busiest winter recreation area is a benefit to all winter enthusiasts. (07-1292 E)

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USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD

\$8,900

\$4,300

\$13,200

ATV and Mountain Bike Patroller 2008

The Shaser Creek road system is the only authorized ATV trail system on the Wenatchee River Ranger District. However, there are inherent management difficulties associated with this system. The lands in this area have a "checkerboard" ownership pattern where every other square mile section is owned by a large private landowner, the alternate sections being National Forest. As ATV recreation has increased, some users have started riding off road and on tributary roads owned solely by the private land owner. This grant proposes to patrol the Shaser Creek ATV system, educating users, posting signs, assessing resource impacts, and making management recommendations.

Mountain bikers flock to the Leavenworth area for it's excellent pedaling terrain. There are many miles of roads and trails available to ride. However, some riders, especially downhill riders, have been constructing their own trails on USFS lands. Our open "east side" vegetation types lend themselves to illegal trail construction. The trails and attendant structures also pose public safety and liability concerns. A bike ranger would facilitate a cooperative relationship with the local mountain bike community. The Forest Service will better meet the biker's needs and at the same time perhaps gain assistance in maintaining and constructing trails, obliterating unwanted trails, better provide for public safety, and better manage the resource. This grant proposes to outreach, to educate, and to promote cooperation between recreationists and land managers. (07-1311 E)

USFS WNF Naches RD

\$10,000

\$13,195

\$23,195

Naches RD Snowmobile Rangers 2007-08

This is a request for funding for the motorized portion of the Naches winter education program. Two Snow Rangers will educate the public at motorized sno-parks and on snowmobile trails 2-3 days/week - including weekends, holidays, and during other heavy use periods. Education will center on safety topics and appropriate/responsible behavior. Topics will include avalanche awareness, winter survival, appropriate speeds, current weather conditions, trail etiquette between snowmobilers and with nonmotorized users, general outdoor knowledge, current State and Forest Regulations, excessive noise, wildlife encounters, and respecting Wilderness Boundaries. Trail signing and conditions will be monitored on approximately 150 miles of snowmobile trails with 16 sno-parks. Wilderness boundaries will also be signed and monitored in areas susceptible to snowmobile incursions. (07-1333 E)

USFS MBNF Skykomish RD

\$10,000

\$20,320

\$30,320

Alpine Lakes Wilderness Education

Approximately 66,000 acres of the Alpine Lake Wilderness is administered by the Skykomish Ranger District. Its close proximity to the Puget Sound urban metropolitan area makes the wilderness area an attractive destination for recreational activities such as climbing, hiking, hunting, fishing, and horseback riding. More than 700 campsites and over 150 alpine lakes are accessible by 10 trailheads and 75 miles of maintained trails including 22 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic trail. Currently, the wilderness receives over 40,000 visits annually, with increased use expected as the urban population grows. Due to steadily decreasing budgets there are fewer regular wilderness patrols in the area which has led to increased user conflicts, resource damage, and sanitation problems.

This project will fund two Student Conservation Interns who will patrol and monitor trails, lakeshores and campsites in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The SCA's will patrol the wilderness and interact one on one with the wilderness users to demonstrate and promote Pack It Out and Leave No Trace Practices. A volunteer trailhead host program will be implemented & staffed during peak weekends and holidays to make contacts and provide handouts to individuals, and large users groups to address user conflicts, trail etiquette, human waste disposal, & explain safe backcountry travel techniques.

The Skykomish High School will assist with developing brochures & posters, construct toilets, signs, & bulletin boards to be installed in the wilderness. (07-1345 E)

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USFS MBNF Skykomish RD

\$10,000

\$20,320

\$30,320

Henry M Jackson Wilderness Education

Approximately 48,000 acres of the Henry M. Jackson Wilderness is administered by the Skykomish Ranger District. It's close proximity to the Puget Sound metropolitan area makes the wilderness area an attractive destination for recreational activities such as climbing, hiking, hunting, fishing, and horseback riding. The wilderness is easily accessible by 18 trailheads and receives over 30,000 visits annually. Due to decreasing budgets there are few regular patrols in the area which has resulted in heavy resource damage and sanitation problems. In the past several years there has been increasing problems with large amounts of exposed human waste left at destination areas and adjacent to lakes and streams. Irreversible damage is occurring by stock use and hikers camping and building campfires in riparian and fragile meadows.

This project will provide funding to hire two Wilderness Rangers who will patrol and interact with the wilderness users one on one in an effort to educate them on Leave No Trace practices and increase public awareness of human waste disposal methods. This will begin the effort to improve human health and safety and protect, maintain and preserve the wilderness resources. A volunteer trailhead host program will be implemented during the peak hunting season to provide information to hunters on user conflicts, trail etiquette and promote Leave No Trace camping practices. Rangers will work with the local high school to develop brochures and posters and construct back-country toilets, signs, and boards. (07-1346 E)

USFS GPNF Mt Adams RD

\$10,000

\$18,634

\$28,634

Gifford Pinchot Snow Ranger 07-08

The Gifford Pinchot Snow Ranger provides education and safety patrols throughout the Gifford Pinchot National Forest with a focus on snowmobilers. The Forest includes nearly all of the snow country of the southern Washington Cascades. With nearly 165 miles of groomed snowmobile trail and over 100 miles of cross-country ski trails, the Gifford Pinchot offers winter recreation opportunities to tens of thousands of visitors each year.

The Snow Ranger works with volunteers from local clubs to increase the number of contacts made on the trails. They educate people on safe and responsible trail use, avalanche hazards and respecting all user groups. The Snow Ranger and volunteers also work off-trail, signing Wilderness boundaries. The Snow Ranger multiplies uniformed Forest Service presence in the field during busy weekends, to better serve the recreating public. (07-1362 E)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD

\$10,000

\$32,749

\$42,749

Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Program 2008

This project will fund salary, per diem, and supplies for the Volunteer Ranger program for one year. Proximity to Seattle and outstanding backcountry recreation opportunities contribute to the area's popularity and challenge land stewards attempting to protect resource and recreation values. Permits and trail registers indicate over 100,000 visitors use trails on the Snoqualmie Ranger District each year. For the past 10 years, 40 to 60 volunteers have donated between 3000 and 5000 hours each season. Uniformed volunteer rangers contact thousands of visitors each season, making a major contribution to resource protection and environmental education efforts in the backcountry.

Funds will be used to hire a seasonal program coordinator. The program coordinator recruits, trains, supervises, and provides logistical support for volunteer rangers patrolling the Alpine Lakes Wilderness (ALW) and backcountry. The volunteer coordinator and volunteers design educational programs and materials, and patrol. In addition, volunteer rangers contact visitors to disseminate trail safety and resource protection information, maintain bulletin boards, trails and campsites, and assist in emergencies. Volunteers also help with interpretive, environmental education, and community outreach programs including walks, talks, work parties, slide shows, and visitor center displays. (07-1372 E)

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USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD

Mt. Baker Climbing Program	\$10,000	\$10,970	\$20,970
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The Climbing Program on the Mt. Baker Ranger District currently funds only one ranger. Working solo, this person can not safely access all the areas on Mt. Baker where the climbing activities occur. This grant proposal would provide for a second ranger to partner with the first ranger, and together they would be able to safely work as a rope team on the mountain. As a skilled and experienced rope team, they would be able to access the camps, routes, and the summit to interact with the climbing public. Due to the sheer number of climbers on the mountain there are concerns about climbing safety issues such as unroped climbers, and resource management issues such as human waste and campsite impacts. The rangers would be able to contact the public and educate them on Leave No Trace techniques, including proper waste disposal and campsite selection, and safe climbing practices such as roping up on the glacier.

The Mt. Baker summit (10,781') is attempted by thousands of climbers each year. The climb is physically challenging and all the routes require technical skills. Climbers need to be experienced in glacier travel and crevasse rescue, proficient at route finding and have the proper equipment before attempting the summit. There are many approaches and varying degrees of technical difficulty for the routes. Experienced climbing rangers would work together as a team and would be able to interact with the public to reduce resource degradation, promote proper climber preparedness and increase safe climbing practices on Mt. Baker. (07-1393 E)

USFS Colville National Forest	\$10,000	\$6,604	\$16,604
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CNF West Zone Snowmobiles

The scope of this project is to help acquire the equipment needed to support the Winter Recreation Program in the area of safety and environmental stewardship education in the field. At the current time the Three Rivers and Republic Recreation Departments do not have snowmobiles to help access the 650 plus miles of groomed system trails or the large amount of ungroomed system trails and play areas being utilized by snowmobile enthusiasts. The program has been relying on generous volunteers for their time and equipment to accomplish this task. At the current time safety and educational public contacts are not being met adequately and a Forest Service presence is not felt in the field. The purchase of this equipment will allow the CNF to be successful in engaging its snowmobile enthusiasts, volunteers and grooming contractors in the field. This will strengthen the existing good working relationship while providing for a progressive responsible winter program. The expected outcome from this project would be to strengthen existing and encourage new partnerships, provide safety and educate the winter recreating public about the environment and their sport. This will help the Forest Service and its partners to provide a meaningful recreational experience for the public. (07-1405 E)

NPS Olympic National Park	\$10,000	\$5,500	\$15,500
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Olympic Wilderness Rangers

Over 95% of Olympic National Park is designated as wilderness and is one of the primary wilderness destinations in the state. From the mid-1970's to mid-1990's funding was sufficient to provide adequate ranger coverage throughout the backcountry, ensuring that visitors were provided on-site education in minimum impact hiking and camping and information to help prevent emergency situations such as becoming injured or lost. Funding has declined dramatically since that time and today there are few paid seasonal wilderness positions. This summer the east and most rugged side of the park wilderness with over a third of a million acres and 416 miles of trails, will have a total of four summer staff: two paid seasonal rangers and two volunteer Student Conservation Association (SCA) aids, where previously there were thirteen: seven paid seasonal backcountry rangers and six backcountry SCAs. Ranger coverage is critical to protection of this world-class wilderness area and protection of the visiting public. This proposal seeks funding to add three positions most cost-effectively: two SCA positions and a full-time summer volunteer to the wilderness ranger cadre on the park's east side. (07-1436 E)

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USFS CNF Sullivan Lake RD	\$10,000	\$5,225	\$15,225
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Pend Oreille Valley Snowmobiles

The scope of this project is to acquire a snowmobile to be used to support the Winter Recreation program on the Colville National Forest and in particular the Newport and Sullivan Lake Ranger Districts. Currently, the ranger districts do not have snowmobiles to help access and monitor the 650 miles of designated, groomed snowmobile trails on the forest as well as the numerous miles of undesignated trails. At the present time the Forest Service is not able to monitor snowmobiling activities nor make educational contacts with its users. If this project is funded it will enable the ranger districts to maintain good working relationships with area snowmobile clubs and provide a needed service for the recreating public. (07-1442 E)

Colville National Forest	\$10,000	\$5,170	\$15,170
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POV Caribou Recovery Area Education Project

The Sullivan Lake Ranger District which lies on the north end of the Pend Oreille Valley is the only place in the state of Washington, and one of the few places in the United States that the endangered Woodland Caribou resides. The Colville National Forest would like to take a proactive approach in actively educating snowmobilers on what type of snowmobiling activities are compatible for the protection of this endangered species within the recovery area as well as reducing the likelihood of conflicts between users and the animals.

This project would fund two snow rangers who would make contacts with snowmobilers during peak use times (weekends and holidays) to explain regulations concerning use in threatened and endangered wildlife habitat as well as specific closure areas which do not allow motorized use. The patrols would also educate users on avalanche awareness, current snowmobile regulations, trail etiquette and winter survival methods. The rangers would also monitor use in the project area, maintain information boards and travel management signs as well provide informational brochures. (07-1444 E)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$10,000	\$8,650	\$18,650
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Snoqualmie RD Backcountry Steward 2008

This project will fund salary, per diem, and education supplies for a professional Backcountry Steward for the Snoqualmie Ranger District in summer 2008. The 300,000 acre district includes 111,000 acres in Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak, and Clearwater Wilderness areas with over 400 miles of trails and hundreds of lakes, streams and peaks. A broad spectrum of recreation opportunities draw over 100,000 of visitors a year.

The Backcountry Steward will contact visitors in backcountry areas to provide in-field education to visitors who are camping, hiking, fishing, backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking, hunting, and wildlife viewing. The Steward will participate in both hiking and mountain bike patrol activities to assist in building positive relationships on shared-trail systems. In-field communication will focus on trail safety, resource protection, and user group cooperation. Existing educational outreach tools and publications as well as newly developed and updated materials will be distributed to trail users. Materials include trail etiquette, safety, and Leave No Trace brochures, maps and interpretive media.

Recreation use levels continue to rise, yet Forest Service funding is inadequate to pay for professional education outreach or provide funds to replace outdated education materials. This program will enhance visitor appreciation for natural resource protection and provide necessary tools to create a safe and enjoyable recreation experience. (07-1452 E)

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WA Water Trails Association

	\$10,000	\$6,750	\$16,750
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Puget Sound Leave No Trace SEA Kayaker

The purpose of this project is to educate the growing population of kayakers, shore users, and other people using non-motorized boats on low impact recreation practices to preserve and protect Puget Sound. The Washington Water Trails Association Sound Education and Action (SEA) Kayaker team will directly convey a Leave No Trace message to people outdoors when they are most receptive to learning about the environment. The Leave No Trace trained educators kayak the Cascadia Marine Trail, a National Recreation Trail, from city launches to backcountry campsites during peak summer weekends, teaching state citizens and visitors to protect the environment of the nation's second largest estuary and preserve its natural resources for future generations.

The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics presented Washington Water Trails Association the sole non-profit Recognition Award in 2006 for its low impact recreation education programs. The Award is inscribed "For outstanding commitment, leadership, and innovation in the teaching and promotion of Leave No Trace in Puget Sound." (07-1478 E)

	\$5,328	\$2,900	\$8,228
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WA Off Highway Vehicle Assn

ORV Sound Testing Certification

The Washington Off-Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA) works statewide to protect and enhance safe responsible motorized OHV recreation. This non-profit alliance includes OHV clubs and organizations, OHV related businesses, and individual OHV enthusiasts. The goal of this project is to preserve motorized outdoor recreation opportunities by educating users about the effects of ORV sound. Grant funds will be used to purchase sound testing equipment needed for certification training seminars. The equipment will also be used to support sound testing at ORV events throughout Washington state. (07-1486 E)

	\$6,452	\$5,950	\$12,402
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Vancouver Parks & Rec Dept

Backcountry Way-finding Signage

Install access and mileage marker signage for Whipple Creek Trail, a 2-mile primitive trail system and the Hartwick Road to Moulton Falls Trail, a 2.5 mile trail back-country experience trail system. The new signs and mileage markers will improve and enhance way-finding and emergency response to trail users. (07-1495 E)

	\$6,939	\$6,650	\$13,589
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Vancouver Parks & Rec Dept

Regional Park Trailhead Maps

Design, fabricate and install 7 trailhead maps for three back-country experience regional trails to provide better way-finding, safety and site-specific environmental education for trail users. Trail maps will be installed at the trailheads; additionally, trail maps will be digitized and made available on the department's website for downloading. (07-1496 E)

Total projects: 28