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RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

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Topic #15: Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Grant Funding

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Approved by the Director:

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Proposed Action: Funding Decision

Summary

The Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) Program provides funding to support firearm and archery recreation. This includes facilities for handgun, muzzleloader, rifle, shotgun, and archery activities. This year, 17 local agency and non-profit shooting organization projects requesting approximately \$850,000 were submitted and reviewed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for funding consideration. In this memorandum are the results of the evaluation process and staff's recommendation for approval of the ranked list and funding for fiscal year 2008 projects.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the ranked list as scored by the FARR Advisory Committee and funding for projects in ranked order, until all available funding is committed. Table 1 shows staff's recommendation for distribution of approximately \$660,000 for this list of projects.

Resolution #2007-31 is provided for the Board's consideration.

Background

Established by the Legislature in 1990, the FARR program receives funds from the sale of concealed pistol licenses. The RCO receives \$3 from each permit sold. The primary goal of the program is to assist with the acquisition, development, and renovation of firearm and archery range facilities to provide for increased general public access to ranges. The FARR program is generally only offered in the odd year of the biennium.



The program is guided by policies outlined in RCFB Manual #11, *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program: Policies and Project Selection*. Specific program policies to keep in mind are:

- Real property acquisition, development, and renovation projects are eligible for funding.
- State and local agencies and qualified nonprofit shooting organizations are eligible applicants.
- Applicants may submit multiple applications each grant cycle.
- Grant requests are limited to \$100,000¹ per project.
- Applicant matching shares are:
 - 33% for safety or noise abatement elements in range renovation projects.
 - 50% for all other project costs.
- Liability insurance is the only operational expense eligible for funding;
- Facilities acquired or developed with fund assistance must be open to the general public for a minimum of eight hours per month, with special emphasis on access for the following:
 - Hunter and safety education classes
 - Law enforcement personnel
 - Members of the public with concealed weapons permits
- Funded facilities must be kept open and available for public use for a minimum of 10 years after project completion.
- A public hearing or meeting is required for projects that will:
 - Acquire or develop a range facility where one does not currently exist.
 - Result in substantial new external impact on the surrounding area of an existing range.

Evaluation Summary

The FARR Advisory Committee is appointed by the Director and is comprised of representatives from various shooting disciplines and interests groups as provided in statute. The advisory committee convened on September 25 and 26, to evaluate and score projects. Members of this committee who evaluated projects were:

Name	City	Discipline/Interest
Robert Jaeger	Seattle	General Public
Patricia Sprague-Binder	Port Angeles	Black Powder
Jim Sell	Battle Ground	Pistol
Pamela Schmitz	Vancouver	Hunter Education
Gerald Graham	Seattle	Rifle

¹ The RCFB temporarily increased the grant ceiling from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for the 2007 grant cycle to stimulate interest and to ensure all grant funds were committed to projects.

Mr. Graham is the committee's technical representative from the National Rifle Association and usually serves in a non-voting ex-officio capacity on the team. This year at the evaluation session, however, RCO was faced with several last minute cancellations so Mr. Graham scored projects.

The results of the evaluations, provided to RCFB for consideration, are found in *Table 1 – Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Evaluation Ranked List, State Fiscal Year 2008*.

Analysis

Fiscal year 2008 funding available for the FARR program is \$472,000. In addition, our fiscal staff estimates that there is an additional \$189,202 in uncommitted² funds. Combined, RCFB has \$661,202 available to commit to FARR projects.

Next Steps

After funding approval, RCO staff will ensure funded applicants complete any post approval requirements (e.g., submittal of project milestones, verification of control and tenure documents, etc.) that are still outstanding, ensure project agreements are executed, and begin to monitor project progress. If an applicant is unsuccessful in meeting the post approval requirements, or if additional funds become available from projects that are completed under budget, the ranked list of alternate projects will remain eligible for funding through February 1, 2008.

Attachments

- Resolution #2007-31
- *Table 1 - Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Evaluation Ranked List, State Fiscal Year 2008*
- FARR Evaluation Criteria Summary
- FARR Evaluation Scoring Summary
- FARR Project Synopses

² Uncommitted funds include funding that was not previously committed to other projects or funds that have been returned from projects that could not be completed or were completed under budget.

RESOLUTION #2007-31
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Funding
State Fiscal Year 2008

WHEREAS, seventeen Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program projects were submitted to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board for consideration for fiscal year 2008 funds, and

WHEREAS, all seventeen projects have been evaluated by the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Advisory Committee in an open public meeting using evaluation criteria approved in an open public meeting by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, and

WHEREAS, all projects have been determined to meet program requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and policy, and

WHEREAS, the amount of requested grant funds exceeds the amount of funding available,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the ranked list of projects as depicted in Table 1, *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program State Fiscal Year 2008*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board approves funding for the projects as specified in Table 1, *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program State Fiscal Year 2008*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Office Director be authorized to execute project agreements for the funded projects, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ranked list of alternate projects remain eligible for funding through February 1, 2008.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 2, 2007



**Table 1
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Evaluation Ranked List
State Fiscal Year 2008**

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	RCFB Grant Request	Sponsor Match	Total	Cummulative Request	RCO Staff Recommends
1 of 17	77.000	07-1236D	BISC Pistol Range Upgrade	Bainbridge Island Sportsmen	\$57,957	\$52,043	\$110,000	\$57,957	\$57,957
2 of 17	73.800	07-1396D	South Boundary Fence	Spokane Rifle Club Inc	\$8,860	\$4,565	\$13,425	\$66,817	\$8,860
3 of 17	69.800	07-1289D	Custer Range Fence	Custer Sportsmens Club	\$27,664	\$14,725	\$42,389	\$94,481	\$27,664
4 of 17	68.800	07-1509D	200 Yard Safety & Noise Upgrade	Tacoma Sportsmens Club	\$86,859	\$57,286	\$144,145	\$181,340	\$86,859
5 of 17	68.400	07-1508D	100 Yard Safety & Noise Upgrade	Tacoma Sportsmens Club	\$100,000	\$108,095	\$208,095	\$281,340	\$100,000
6 of 17	68.200	07-1510D	Shotgun Safety & Noise Upgrade	Tacoma Sportsmens Club	\$99,093	\$54,952	\$154,045	\$380,433	\$99,093
7 of 17	67.400	07-1470D	NCSC Rifle Range Improvement, Phase 1	North Cascades Sportsmen Club	\$19,539	\$10,322	\$29,861	\$399,972	\$19,539
8 of 17	66.400	07-1511D	Issaquah Range and Safety Improvement	Issaquah Sportsmens Club	\$21,062	\$13,231	\$34,293	\$421,034	\$21,062
9 of 17	65.800	07-1213D	Cowlitz County Shooting Range Phase 1	Cowlitz Game and Anglers	\$100,000	\$101,600	\$201,600	\$521,034	\$100,000
10 of 17	64.400	07-1377D	Safety Fence and Access Enhancement	Seattle Skeet and Trap Club	\$41,500	\$31,500	\$73,000	\$562,534	\$41,500
11 of 17	63.200	07-1399D	CSC Berm Improvements	Custer Sportsmens Club	\$15,357	\$7,912	\$23,269	\$577,891	\$15,357
12 of 17	62.800	07-1455D	BISC Public Archery Range	Bainbridge Island Sportsmen	\$41,000	\$50,100	\$91,100	\$618,891	\$41,000
13 of 17	61.600	07-1287D	Spokane Gun Club Renovation	Spokane Gun Club	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$140,000	\$688,891	\$41,000
14 of 17	61.000	07-1339D	Marlin Gun Club Phase 1	Marlin Gun Club	\$37,150	\$40,150	\$77,300	\$726,041	Alternate
15 of 17	58.600	07-1383D	Sporting Clays Improvements	Seattle Skeet and Trap Club	\$17,500	\$19,400	\$36,900	\$743,541	Alternate
16 of 17	54.400	07-1068D	Plantation Indoor Range HVAC Replacement	Whatcom County of	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$843,541	Alternate
17 of 17	40.800	07-1251D	Plantation Range Road Repairs	Whatcom County of	\$5,420	\$5,420	\$10,840	\$848,961	Alternate
					\$848,961	\$791,301	\$1,640,262		\$661,202

FARR funds available \$472,000 for 2007-2009 biennium plus unused funds \$189,202. Total funds available \$661,202.
P = Partial

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Evaluation Criteria

The FARR Program is a state grant program administered by the RCO to assist with preservation and development of firearm and archery range recreation facilities.

FARR Program Criteria				
Scoring	Number	Item	Mult/Mx	A/D
Team	1	Need	3/15	A/D
Team	2	Immediacy of threat	2/10	A
Team	3	Project design	2/10	D
Team	4	Impact on surrounding property*	1/5	A/D
Team	5	Expansion/renovation	1/5	A/D
Team	6	Health & safety	3/15	A/D
Team	7	Budget development	1/5	A/D
Team	8	Mandated uses	2/10	A/D
Team	9	Public access	3/15	A/D
Team	10	Need satisfaction	2/10	A/D
RCO Staff	11	Applicant match	-/5	A/D
RCO Staff	12	GMA preference	-/0	A/D
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE – Existing sites			95	A or D
New sites			90	A or D

KEY TO PRECEEDING TABLE:

- Team = Criterion scored by the evaluation team
- RCO Staff = Criterion scored by RCO staff
- Number = Item number
- Item = Criteria titles
- Mult/Mx = Multiplier and maximum points possible for this criterion
- A/D = Criterion applicable to either an acquisition or development/renovation project

* Applies only to existing sites and projects certified as qualifying for a higher funding level.



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**Evaluation Scoring Summary
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation
State Fiscal Year 2008**

Rank	Name/Sponsor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
		Need	Immediacy of Threat	Project Design	Impact on Surrounding Property	Expansion Renovation	Health & Safety	Budget Development	Mandated Use	Public Access	Need Satisfaction	Applicant Match	GMA	
1	BISC Pistol Range/Bainbridge Island	12,600		8,400	4,200	4,200	12,000	4,200	9,600	12,600	9,200	0,000	0,000	77,000
2	South Boundary Fence /Spokane	13,200		8,000	4,400	3,400	13,200	4,400	8,400	10,800	8,000	0,000	0,000	73,800
3	Custer Range Fence/Custer Sportsmen	12,000		7,200	4,200	3,800	13,200	3,400	8,400	9,600	8,000	0,000	0,000	69,800
4	200 Yard Safety/Tacoma Sportsmen	10,800		6,400	3,800	4,200	10,200	3,200	9,600	12,600	8,000	0,000	0,000	68,800
5	100 Yard Safety/Tacoma Sportsmen	10,800		6,800	3,800	4,000	10,200	3,200	8,800	11,400	8,400	1,000	0,000	68,400
6	Shotgun Safety /Tacoma Sportsmen	12,600		6,000	3,800	4,400	11,400	2,600	7,200	12,600	7,600	0,000	0,000	68,200
7	NCSC Rifle Rang/North Cascades	10,800		6,400	2,400	4,000	10,200	4,000	8,400	13,200	8,000	0,000	0,000	67,400
8	Issaquah Range /Issaquah Sportsmen	12,000		6,000	3,400	4,200	10,200	2,800	8,000	12,600	7,200	0,000	0,000	66,400
9	Cowlitz County /Cowlitz Game	13,800		6,800		0,000	12,000	3,400	8,400	12,600	8,800	0,000	0,000	65,800
10	Safety Fence & Access/Seattle Skeet	12,000		7,200	3,200	3,600	9,600	3,800	4,800	12,600	7,600	0,000	0,000	64,400
11	CSC Berm Improv/Custer Sportsmen	10,800		5,600	3,600	4,400	11,400	2,400	7,600	10,200	7,200	0,000	0,000	63,200
12	BISC Public Archery/Bainbridge Island	9,600		7,200		4,600	10,200	3,800	5,600	12,000	8,800	1,000	0,000	62,800
13	Spokane Gun Clu/Spokane	12,000		6,400		3,400	10,800	3,400	5,600	12,000	8,000	0,000	0,000	61,600
14	Marlin Gun Club/Marlin Club	12,000		6,400		4,400	7,800	3,600	5,600	12,600	7,600	1,000	0,000	61,000
15	Sporting Clays /Seattle Skeet	10,200		7,600		4,000	7,800	3,400	4,800	12,600	7,200	1,000	0,000	58,600
16	Plantation HVAC/Whatcom County	7,800		4,800		3,400	9,000	2,400	7,600	12,000	6,400	2,000	-1,000	54,400
17	Plantation Rang/Whatcom County	3,600		4,400		1,600	5,400	2,400	7,600	12,000	4,800	0,000	-1,000	40,800

Evaluation Team Score Questions: 1-10

RCO Staff Scored Questions: 11-12

Date Created: 10/11/2007

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program

State Fiscal Year 2008

Project Synopses

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)

State Fiscal Year 2008 Projects

(In Evaluation Ranked Order)

Grant Request

- 1. Bainbridge Island Sportsmen** **\$98,957**
Upgrading a Pistol Range, Creating an Archery Range
The Bainbridge Island Sportsmen Club will use this grant to renovate a building, berms and parking areas. The club will renovate a small, 560 square foot building by adding gravel-filled walls and roof to allow for 360 degree trajectory control, adding insulation to suppress noise and revamping the firing line from four to six lanes. It also will make an area accessible to people with disabilities and add adjustable lighting and heaters to allow for all-weather use. The club also will add more beams to control ricochets and renovate berms and its parking area. This was the top ranked project of 17 competing for funding in the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation grant program. The club will contribute \$52,043 from donations of cash, labor and materials. (07-1236D)

- 2. Spokane Rifle Club Inc.** **\$8,860**
Building a South Boundary Fence
The Spokane Rifle Club will use this grant to extend and complete its perimeter security fence. Located in Riverside State Park, the rifle club is bordered by the Spokane River to the west and the Aubrey L. White Parkway to the east. The parkway is used by cars as well as people walking, running and bicycling. There is no fence along the parkway and across the club's southern boundary. Work will include building a 6-foot-tall, chain link fence from the club's south gate entrance, south for 400 feet below Aubrey L. White Parkway, then west for 200 feet, ending at the river bank. The fence will end at the top of the low river bank, allowing wildlife to move through the area along the steep bank. The club will contribute \$4,565 in cash donations. (07-1396D)

- 3. Custer Sportsmen's Club** **\$43,021**
Adding Berms and Fences at the Custer Range
The Custer Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to complete the fencing of the club's property. Work will include relocating and extending a 200-yard-long berm along the western property line, removing brush in the right-of-way along the western and northern property lines and installing more than a quarter mile of six-foot-tall, chain link fence along the western and northern property lines. The berm will reduce noise and contain the line of fire for all of the front ranges. The club will contribute \$14,725. (07-1289D)

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)

State Fiscal Year 2008 Projects

(In Evaluation Ranked Order)

Grant Request

- 4. Tacoma Sportsmens Club** **\$86,859**
200 Yard Safety & Noise Upgrade
The Tacoma Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to upgrade its 200-yard range to increase safety and decrease noise. The club will remove its existing shooting shelter and replace it with a new structure that will include an additional two shooting positions. The new shelter's ceiling and walls will be reinforced with rock to prevent stray bullets from exiting the shelter. The shelter also will have baffles and berms to ensure there is no visible sky from the shooting positions and lights will be installed. The club will contribute \$57,286. (07-1509D)
- 5. Tacoma Sportsmens Club** **\$100,000**
100 Yard Safety & Noise Upgrade
The Tacoma Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to upgrade its 100-yard range to increase safety and decrease noise. The club will remove its existing shooting shelter and replace it with a new structure that will include an additional 50-yard pistol range with eight pistol shooting positions. The new shelter's ceiling and walls will be reinforced with rock to prevent stray bullets from exiting the shelter. The shelter also will have baffles, berms and shooting alley sidewalls to ensure there is no visible sky from the shooting positions. Lights and fencing also will be installed. The club will contribute \$108,095. (07-1508D)
- 6. Tacoma Sportsmens Club** **\$99,093**
Shotgun Safety & Noise Upgrade
The Tacoma Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to install telephone poles and hang belting from them to stop bullets and reduce sound at its shotgun trap and skeet ranges, which face a housing area. The club will contribute \$54,952. (07-1510D)
- 7. North Cascades Sportsmen Club** **\$19,539**
Improving Safety at the Rifle Range
The North Cascades Sportsmen Club will use this grant to install concrete berms to improve safety at its youth and adult rifle range. The result will be an 8-foot-tall wall that will allow archery, pistol and small bore shooting at the same time with maximum safety. The club will contribute \$10,322 in donations of cash, equipment, labor and materials. (07-1470D)

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)

State Fiscal Year 2008 Projects

(In Evaluation Ranked Order)

Grant Request

8. Issaquah Sportsmen's Club **\$21,062**

Making Safety Improvements

The Issaquah Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to add a backstop system for its pistol range, complete fencing and re-roof a shed. The club will add a backstop system for three short range pistol shooting areas that will be close to the target frames thereby eliminating rounds from ricocheting off the ground and damaging the baffle system and possibly leaving the range. Work also will include completing security fencing of range property and re-roofing the existing outdoor shooting shed with a metal roof. The club will contribute \$13,231 in cash and donated labor. (07-1511D)

9. Cowlitz Game and Anglers **\$100,000**

Building a new Cowlitz County Shooting Range

The Cowlitz Game and Anglers will use this grant to construct a new public shooting range on 80 acres of the county-owned 320-acre Toutle River dredge spoil site at the end of Toutle Park Road. In a first phase, the group will build a 200-yard combination rifle and pistol range with 24 shooting positions, an American Trap field, 100-yard archery target range, fencing, a gravel road, 50 parking spaces and portable toilets. Berms, baffles and other elements will be added to prevent stray bullets from exiting the property. Three sided covered firing lines will have noise reduction walls and ceilings with noise abatement insulation. Future phases will include additional range opportunities and a building. The Cowlitz Game and Anglers will contribute \$101,600 in cash and donations of cash, equipment, labor and materials. (07-1213D)

10. Seattle Skeet and Trap Club **\$41,500**

Improving Safety and Security

The Seattle Skeet and Trap Club will use this grant to improve safety and security by installing a barbed wire fence and adding a lockable entrance gate flanked by berms. The fence will be 4-feet tall and run 2,000 feet with informational signs every 50 feet. The berms will be 5-feet tall, run 100 feet and be covered with native plants. Work also will include laying gravel on the roadway and parking areas to prevent slipping in the mud and installing cameras on each of the seven shooting fields to improve visibility for the range master. Currently, the range has no safety fence or warning signs and hikers, bikers and others have wandered onto the site. The entrance is clay, very slippery in wet weather and does not restrict vehicles from entering when the range isn't open. The improvements will increase safety, security and control of the range. The club will contribute \$31,500 in cash and donated labor. (07-1377D)

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)

State Fiscal Year 2008 Projects

(In Evaluation Ranked Order)

Grant Request

11. Custer Sportsmen's Club

\$15,357

CSC Berm Improvements

The Custer Sportsman's Club will use this grant to increase the height and improve berms at the range to improve safety and decrease noise. Crews will use heavy equipment to move sand on the range to improve a berm on the southern portion of the range. Work also will increase the height of a berm in the southeast corner, which is used by law enforcement officers; add a berm in the northeast bay that extends to the west to provide additional protection; build up the northwestern-most bay to extend south; and increase other berms. In addition to improving safety and reducing noise, the work will create a discrete separation of the range from the woods, allowing for a roaming archery course to be placed there. The club will contribute \$7,912. (07-1399D)

12. Bainbridge Island Sportsmen

\$41,000

BISC Public Archery Range

The Bainbridge Island Sportsmen will use this grant to build a 60-foot-long building open at one end for archery. The building will create a shooting area of 15 yards inside the building and 25 yards beyond. It will be heated and lit for day and night, all weather use. The building fascia at the open end, the fence walls and a backstop will prevent arrows from entering the neighbor's property and people from walking into the active shooting area. Currently, the club uses straw bales on the rifle or trap range for archery activities. Club volunteers will manage the building. The sportsmen will contribute \$50,100 in donations of cash, labor and materials. (07-1455D)

13. Spokane Gun Club

\$70,000

Renovating the Spokane Gun Club

The Spokane Gun Club will use this grant to renovate its facility, including upgrading equipment and making areas accessible to people with disabilities. The club will renovate eight skeet houses to provide weather-tight enclosures, fix fences, pour a new concrete floor in the shop building, remodel the restrooms, widen walkways, create pads and approaches at one skeet and one trap field for people with disabilities and fix the ramp approach at the rear of the clubhouse. The club also will upgrade equipment, including adding six high-capacity automatic skeet and three high-capacity automatic trap machines and five trap voice call sets. The club will contribute \$70,000 in cash and donations of cash, equipment, labor and materials. (07-1287D)

Grant Request

Alternates

14. Marlin Gun Club \$37,150

Marlin Gun Club Phase 1

The scope of this project is to expand the Marlin Gun Club (MGC), located near the community of Marlin in Grant County. MGC currently owns approximately 9 acres of land with structures including a cement clubhouse building, two trap fields and two port a potty units. In 2005 the club expanded the clubhouse from 20'x40' to 40'x40' to have adequate space for our 90 members and guests. The club would like to improve the safety standards of the range and be able to host Amateur Trapshooting Association shooting events. One scope element includes the relocation of electrical lines underground. Additional elements include two new trap fields and trap houses, which will meet current ADA requirements with five foot walkways. We have the local Job Corps. commitment to assist us in the construction of this expansion project, along with club members and other community volunteers. (07-1339D)

15. Seattle Skeet and Trap Club \$17,500

Sporting Clays Improvements

Sporting Clays is the fastest growing shotgun sport and there are limited sporting clays facilities in the area. Seattle Skeet & Trap Club's 5-stand sporting clays field is seeing increasing participation including shooters with disabilities. The 5-stand field is not ADA compatible. With increased demand the lack of covered shooting stations limits the usage of this field. Improvements needed are: Make field ADA compatible; Purchase four high capacity target throwing machines; Purchase one scissor lift or comparable lift to raise a target machine to a height of a least 30 feet or more; Build houses and trailers for the four new target throwing machines and existing machines; Construct five 16x12 covered shooting structures with concrete floors to allow shooting during inclement weather. These changes would make the 5-stand ADA compatible, more efficient to operate, comply with national standards and provide more days of operation. (07-1383D)

16. Whatcom County \$100,000

Plantation Indoor Range HVAC

Renovate/replace indoor range ventilation system. The current system was designed and installed over 32 years ago and met the standards for the time. It has been upgraded and modified several times since then, but is nearing the end of its life. Because of stricter indoor range air quality standards and changes in the type of training law enforcement does, as well as the physical size of the existing unit another modification is not feasible. Approximately 15,000 shooters use the indoor range annually, including 26 law enforcement agencies. It is necessary at this time to replace the system in order to fully meet current health standards, an important factor for range employees that spend much of their time on the indoor range. (07-1068D)

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)

State Fiscal Year 2008 Projects

(In Evaluation Ranked Order)

Grant Request

17. Whatcom County

\$5,420

Plantation Range Road Repairs

The road leading to the range is in need of repair and resurfacing. Typically in the past the road has been resurfaced, chip sealed, about every twelve years. For the past six years, extensive logging has occurred beyond the range with logging trucks using the road to the range for access, which resulted in some areas of shoulder breakdown and well as surface deterioration in sharper corners. The logging operation is complete and it is now time to repair the road before extensive deterioration occurs as a result of its current condition. This request is only addressing the need for asphalt repair which is beyond normal maintenance, which is the chip sealing. Whatcom County Public Works has specified the repairs necessary and recommends that the asphalt repair work be bid to a private contractor. Contractors contacted have provided a cost estimate for the 106 tons of asphalt required, as well as the cost to make the repairs and provide the labor and equipment necessary. Approximately 25,000 vehicles use the road to reach the range each year and repairing the road would result in a safer transit by getting vehicles back on their side of the road instead of taking the current smoother path up the center, especially around the worst areas on the many blind corners on this road and during the frequent snowy condition that occur most winters. (07-1251D)