



STATE OF WASHINGTON

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

October 19, 2007

**TOPIC #16a: NOVA PROGRAM FUNDING,  
EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS (E&E)**

Approved by the Director: 

Prepared & Presented By: Greg Lovelady, Manager 

**Proposed Action:** Funding decision

**Summary:**

Twenty-eight E&E projects requesting \$3,647,010 out of an available pool of \$1,477,453<sup>1</sup> in Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA) motor vehicle fuel tax funds are presented for funding approval.

**Staff Recommendation:**

The Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) staff and the NOVA advisory committee recommend approval of funding for the projects listed in "*Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations, NOVA Program Education and Enforcement Category, State Fiscal Year 2008.*"

- Each project meets program legal and procedural requirements,
- Each project was evaluated and ranked using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) approved criteria,
- Sufficient funds are available to support the recommended projects.

To assist the Board in considering funding these projects, Resolution #2007-32 (Attachment 1) is provided.

**Background:**

This is RCFB's third grants cycle (E&E projects are considered every two years) since the March 2004 major update to the NOVA Act when new fund distribution percentages and eligible activities were adopted. Projects in the E&E category are intended to help preserve opportunities for all NOVA recreationists through programs that assist with awareness, education, and related law enforcement.

This program is guided by RCW 46.09, WAC 286-26, the *NOVA Plan: 2005-2011*, and Policy Manual #13, *NOVA Program: Education-Enforcement Policies and Project Selection*. The Manual describes:

<sup>1</sup> Amount does not include the \$450,000 set-aside for the ORV Noise Enforcement Program per the 2007-09 Capital Budget (ESHB1092, Chapter 520, Laws of 2007).



- **Eligible Applicants** [Tribes, federal, state, and local governments].
- **Project Types** [Education programs address nonhighway road, nonmotorized, and/or off-road vehicle activities and include information on safety, land use ethics, laws, opportunities, and environmental issues; enforcement programs include encouraging responsible recreational behaviors through positive management techniques].
- **Project Elements** [Capital equipment such as vehicles, computers, radios; operating expenses such as salaries, clothing, software, insurance, fuel, equipment maintenance].
- **Fund Assistance** [\$200,000 per project; no matching share is required; evaluation criteria encourages matching contributions by awarding additional points].

#### Grants Process Timeline.

*October 2006.* Staff discusses the upcoming grants cycle with the advisory committee.

*March 2007.* Staff conducts workshops to help potential applicants understand the funding process.

*May-July 2006.* In May, applications are due. In July, the evaluation team reads the applications and provides advice to applicants.

*September-October 2007.* In September, project information is sent to evaluators for review. Later, the team spends four days listening to applicants, asking questions, and scoring projects. In October, the team meets to confirm funding recommendations.

#### Advisory Committee/Evaluation Team.

This year's E&E evaluators, in accord with RCW 46.09.280, were:

- Mike Blankenship (Boyd)
- Arlene Brooks (Auburn)
- Robert Brooke (Spanaway)
- Paul Dahmer (Olympia)
- Richard Elkins (Mercer Island)
- Jonathan Guzzo (Seattle)
- James Horan (Olympia)
- Ken Irwin (Yakima)
- Gary Johnson (Yelm)
- Theresa Julius (Aberdeen)
- Jeff Lambert (Spokane)
- Pene Speaks (Olympia)
- John Spring (Mercer Island)
- Amy Tinderholdt (Wenatchee)
- Art Tuftee (Seattle).

#### **Analysis:**

*Funding.* The statute relates that this RCFB NOVA funding category receive "...Not more than thirty percent... for ORV education, information, and law enforcement programs...". Following this edict, and as shown in Table 1, funding is recommended for the projects ranked 1-12.

#### **Next Steps:**

After funding approval, RCO staff will ensure funded applicants complete any post-approval requirements (for example, obtaining permits, etc.), ensure project agreements are executed, and monitor compliance.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1 – Draft adoption resolution.
- Table 1 – Project listing in the order recommended for funding
- Attachment 2 – Evaluation criteria summary.
- Attachment 3 – Question-by-question summary of average evaluation scores.
- Attachment 4 – Project descriptions in advisory committee ranked order.

**RESOLUTION #2007-32**  
**Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program**  
**Education-Enforcement Category Funding**  
*Fiscal Year 2008*

**WHEREAS**, through the early months of 2007, until the May 1 application deadline, the staff of the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to communicate to interested parties the benefits and application procedures for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA); and

**WHEREAS**, in answer to these efforts, 28 Education-Enforcement (E&E) projects were submitted to RCFB for funding consideration and subsequently evaluated by the statutorily mandated advisory/evaluation committee using RCFB-approved criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, all projects meet the program requirements stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and policy;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that RCFB hereby approves the ranked listing in "*Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations, NOVA Program Education and Enforcement Category, State Fiscal Year 2008*"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that RCO's Director is authorized to execute project agreements to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 2, 2007

**Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List  
And Funding Recommendations  
NOVA Program - Education and Enforcement, State Fiscal Year 2008**

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	RCFB Amt	Sponsor Amt	Total Amt	Cum Amt	Recommend Funding 30% Statutory Minimum
1 of 28	61.400	07-1388E	Cle Elum ORV E&E 08-09	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$199,820	\$96,310	\$296,130	\$199,820	\$199,820
2 of 28	60.000	07-1159E	Forest Lands E&E Project 2008-09	Anacortes City of	\$11,200	\$18,200	\$29,400	\$211,020	\$11,200
3 of 28	58.533	07-1275E	NW Region E&E 07	Natural Resources Dept of	\$100,672	\$104,088	\$204,760	\$311,692	\$100,672
4 of 28	58.133	07-1272E	Capitol Forest E&E 07	Natural Resources Dept of	\$116,800	\$51,500	\$168,300	\$428,492	\$116,800
5 of 28	54.733	07-1005E	Yakima County Sheriff's Outdoor E&E	Yakima County Sheriff's Office	\$200,000	\$134,702	\$334,702	\$628,492	\$200,000
6 of 28	53.800	07-1206E	OK-WNF Central Zone Backcountry E&E	USFS WNF Entiat RD	\$184,760	\$150,508	\$335,268	\$813,252	\$184,760
7 of 28	50.400	07-1197E	Cle Elum Wilderness E&E 07	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$27,680	\$33,058	\$60,738	\$840,932	\$27,680
7 of 28	50.400	07-1369E	Evans Creek E & E 2008-2009	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$76,800	\$49,130	\$125,930	\$917,732	\$76,800
9 of 28	48.400	07-1261E	Snoqualmie Unit E&E 2007	Natural Resources Dept of	\$85,673	\$89,348	\$175,021	\$1,003,405	\$85,673
10 of 28	48.333	07-1363E	Grant County E&E 2008	Grant County Sheriff Dept	\$200,000	\$210,600	\$410,600	\$1,203,405	\$200,000
11 of 28	47.867	07-1223E	Chelan County Sheriff Education and Ento	Chelan County Sheriff's Office	\$200,000	\$145,155	\$345,155	\$1,403,405	\$200,000
12 of 28	47.733	07-1448E	Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol '08-	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$132,078	\$192,395	\$324,473	\$1,535,483	\$200,000
13 of 28	47.467	07-1164E	Spokane County Parks E&E Program:	Spokane County of	\$179,500	\$120,507	\$300,007	\$1,714,983	\$74,048 P
13 of 28	47.467	07-1271E	Tahuya/Green Mtn. E&E 2007	Natural Resources Dept of	\$191,890	\$82,899	\$274,789	\$1,906,873	alternate
15 of 28	47.133	07-1273E	Yacolt Burn & SW WA E&E 07	Natural Resources Dept of	\$112,920	\$54,350	\$167,270	\$2,019,793	alternate
16 of 28	46.467	07-1250E	Naches Front Country E&E Rangers '08-	USFS WNF Naches RD	\$190,805	\$90,772	\$281,577	\$2,210,598	alternate
17 of 28	46.200	07-1274E	DNR Olympic Region E&E 07	Natural Resources Dept of	\$176,114	\$80,390	\$256,504	\$2,386,712	alternate
18 of 28	45.733	07-1472E	Pend Oreille Education and Enforcement	Pend Oreille County Sheriff's	\$200,000	\$54,850	\$254,850	\$2,586,712	alternate
19 of 28	45.467	07-1432E	Pomeroy Motorized Trails	USFS UNF Pomeroy RD	\$27,000	\$20,518	\$47,518	\$2,613,712	alternate
20 of 28	44.000	07-1415E	Off Road Education & Enforcement	Mason County Sheriff's Dept	\$115,500	\$68,346	\$183,846	\$2,729,212	alternate
21 of 28	43.733	07-1445E	Snohomish County Sheriff's Office	Snohomish County Sheriff's Off	\$200,000	\$90,000	\$290,000	\$2,929,212	alternate
22 of 28	43.067	07-1245E	Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers	USFS WNF Wenatchee River	\$58,213	\$63,296	\$121,509	\$2,987,425	alternate
23 of 28	41.067	07-1443E	Darrington Education and Enforcement	USFS MBNF Darrington RD	\$80,000	\$158,500	\$238,500	\$3,067,425	alternate
24 of 28	41.800	07-1296E	Methow Valley Rangers	USFS OKNF Methow RD	\$63,850	\$24,980	\$88,830	\$3,131,275	alternate
25 of 28	38.933	07-1299E	Gifford Pinchot NF E&E	USFS Gifford Pinchot NF	\$181,836	\$180,857	\$362,693	\$3,313,111	alternate
26 of 28	37.333	07-1263E	Trailhead Patroller 2008	USFS WNF Wenatchee River	\$21,524	\$22,402	\$43,926	\$3,334,635	alternate
27 of 28	32.800	07-1450E	KC Lands Trail Protection & Education	King County of	\$112,775	\$164,000	\$276,775	\$3,447,410	alternate
28 of 28	13.533	07-1420E	WDFW Region 5 ORV E&E	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$199,600	\$164,000	\$363,600	\$3,647,010	alternate
					<b>\$3,647,010</b>	<b>\$2,551,661</b>	<b>\$6,198,671</b>		<b>\$1,477,453</b>

Note: \$1,477,453 in fuel tax funds is available this grants cycle.

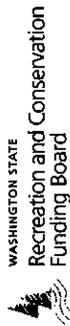
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program  
Evaluation Criteria  
**Education and Enforcement Category**

*The purpose of the E&E program is to support the provision of quality opportunities for NOVA recreationists – opportunities that protect user needs, are environmentally responsible, and minimize conflict between user groups. E&E funding is intended to encourage responsible recreational behaviors through positive management techniques.*

<b>NOVA – Education and Enforcement (E&amp;E) Criteria Summary</b>				
Scoring	Number	Item	Mult/Mx	NOVA Plan Policy
Team	1	Need	3/15	A-1, B-1, B-4
Team	2	Need satisfaction	3/15	A-1, B-1, B-4
Team	3	In-field contacts	2/10	B-2
Team	4	Targeting current users	2/10	B-3
Team	5	Project support	2/10	A-1, B-4
RCO staff	6	Matching shares	1/5	A-1, B-4
<b>TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE</b>			<b>65</b>	

**KEY:**

- Team = Criteria scored by Advisory Committee/evaluation team  
 RCO staff = Criteria scored by Recreation and Conservation Office staff  
 Mult/Max = Multiplier and maximum points possible for this criterion  
 Policy = See RCFB's *NOVA Plan* (2005-20011)



**Preliminary Evaluation Summary  
NOVA - Education and Enforcement Category**

Rank	Name/Sponsor	Need	Need Fulfillment	In-field contacts	Targeting current users	Project Support	Non-gov contrib	Matching Shares	Total
1	Cle Elum ORV E&/USFS WNF	13,200	13,600	9,067	9,067	9,200	4,267	3,000	61,400
2	Forest Lands E&/Anacorte	12,400	13,200	8,533	9,067	8,667	3,133	5,000	60,000
3	NW Region E&E 0/Natural	13,400	12,000	7,867	8,400	7,867	4,000	5,000	58,533
4	Capitol Forest/Natural	12,800	12,600	8,400	8,267	9,600	3,467	3,000	58,133
5	Yakima County S/Yakima C	12,000	11,600	7,867	8,400	8,000	2,867	4,000	54,733
6	OK-WNF Central /USFS WNF	13,000	12,000	7,733	7,867	6,267	2,933	4,000	53,800
7	Cle Elum Wilder/USFS WNF	11,000	10,400	7,600	6,667	7,200	2,533	5,000	50,400
7	Evans Creek E &/USFS MBN	11,800	11,600	6,800	7,600	7,067	2,533	3,000	50,400
9	Snoqualmie Unit/Natural	10,200	9,400	7,067	6,133	7,733	2,867	5,000	48,400
10	Grant County E&/Grant Co	10,400	10,200	7,333	8,000	5,733	1,667	5,000	48,333
11	Chelan County S/Chelan C	10,600	10,000	7,733	7,600	5,467	2,467	4,000	47,867
12	Snoqualmie RD F/USFS MBN	10,400	9,600	6,400	6,800	6,400	3,133	5,000	47,733
13	Spokane County /Spokane	9,400	10,000	6,667	7,600	7,067	2,733	4,000	47,467
13	Tahuya/Green Mt/Natural	10,000	9,800	7,600	7,467	6,667	2,933	3,000	47,467
15	Yacolt Burn & S/Natural	10,200	10,800	7,067	6,800	6,400	2,867	3,000	47,133
16	Naches Front Col/USFS WNF	10,800	10,800	6,667	6,667	6,000	2,533	3,000	46,467
17	DNR Olympic Reg/Natural	10,200	10,800	6,533	7,200	6,267	2,200	3,000	46,200
18	Pend Oreille Ed/Pend Ore	10,200	10,400	7,200	6,800	6,667	2,467	2,000	45,733
19	Pomeroy Motoriz/USFS UNF	11,400	10,400	6,667	6,933	4,933	1,133	4,000	45,467
20	Off Road Educat/Mason Co	10,400	11,000	6,800	7,067	4,533	1,200	3,000	44,000
21	Snohomish Count/Snohomis	10,000	9,400	6,533	7,067	5,600	2,133	3,000	43,733
22	Wilderness and /USFS WNF	8,800	9,400	6,000	6,667	5,467	1,733	5,000	43,067
23	Darrington Educ/USFS MBN	9,000	9,000	6,000	5,733	4,800	2,267	5,000	41,800
24	Methow Valley R/USFS OKN	8,600	9,000	6,667	6,667	5,333	2,800	2,000	41,067
25	Gifford Pinchot/USFS Gif	9,643	9,000	5,857	6,286	4,857	1,786	4,000	38,933
26	Trailhead Patro/USFS WNF	8,800	7,400	5,467	6,133	3,867	0,667	5,000	37,333
27	KC Lands Trail /King Cou	6,600	5,800	4,533	4,267	4,933	1,667	5,000	32,800
28	WDFW Region 5 O/Fish & W	4,600	3,800	2,267	1,867	0,667	0,333	0,000	13,533

Evaluation Score Questions: 1-6

Prescore Questions: 7-7

Date created: 10/09/2007

NOVA Program  
***Education and Enforcement Project Summaries***  
Ranked Order  
Fiscal Year 2008

**Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle  
Activities Program (NOVA)  
Education/Enforcement Category**  
State Fiscal Year 2008 Projects  
*(In Evaluation Ranked Order)*

**Grant Request**

**USFS, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District** **\$199,820**

**Cle Elum ORV E&E 08-09**

The forest service will use this grant to support four education and enforcement rangers in the ranger district, which manages more than 700 miles of front country trails, 400 of which are open to motorized uses. The rangers will talk with visitors and encourage their cooperation in protecting existing opportunities. They also will work with volunteers, associations and clubs; conduct educational clinics; coordinate projects; and patrol and educate users during large events, including club rides, poker runs, fairs, etc. This was the top ranked project of 28 competing for funding in the education and enforcement category of the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities grant program. The forest service will contribute \$96,310 in equipment, labor and donated labor. (07-1388E)

**Anacortes** **\$11,200**

**Forest Lands E&E Project 2008-09**

Anacortes will use this grant to provide police patrols along with Anacortes Community Forest Lands staff throughout the city's trail system with an emphasis on the most popular trail heads and recreational areas. Patrols will work during peak summer months. The Anacortes Community Forest Lands include 2,800 acres of forest and sensitive wildlife habitat and 50 miles of multi-use, recreational trails on Fidalgo Island. Anacortes will contribute \$18,200 in labor. (07-1159E)

**Department of Natural Resources** **\$100,672**

**NW Region E&E 07**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a fully-equipped and commissioned education and enforcement trail specialist to serve as the point of contact for the recreating public in four areas: Walker Valley off-road vehicle area, Les Hilde/Harry Osborne, Blanchard Mountain and Reiter. The combined trail mileage exceeds more than 100 miles, and visitation is estimated at more than 140,000 visitors a year. The goal is to provide an on-the-ground presence at the four areas, assisting the public, educating when needed and enforcing when necessary. The department will contribute \$104,088 in equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. (07-1275E)

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Activities Program (NOVA)  
Education/Enforcement Category**  
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**Grant Request**

**Department of Natural Resources  
Capitol Forest E&E 07**

**\$116,800**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a full-time education and enforcement specialist who will coordinate efforts in the Capitol Forest. The specialist will focus on visitors using the 167 miles of trail, seven campgrounds and five trail heads. The grant also will provide labor, signs, supplies and some transportation costs to help agency staff and volunteers in their efforts to educate and inform recreational visitors about rules, policies and principals of good stewardship; identify and address potential health, safety and resource damage concerns; and create educational opportunities. The department will contribute \$51,500 in labor, materials and donated labor. (07-1272E)

**Yakima County Sheriff's Office  
Yakima County Sheriff's Outdoor E&E**

**\$200,000**

Yakima County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to provide an education and enforcement program in Yakima County. The grant will fund salaries of patrol officers, a new patrol car, maintenance costs of patrol vehicles, signs for trails and trail heads, and communication costs. The program's goal is to preserve outdoor recreation opportunities by encouraging safe, responsible recreational behavior. Yakima County has about 1 million acres available for outdoor recreation, hundreds of mile of trails for motorcycles, mountain bikes, off-road vehicles, hikers and horses, 10 rock climbing areas and more than 30 campgrounds. Yakima County will contribute \$134,702 in cash, labor, and donations of labor and materials. (07-1005E)

**USFS, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat RD  
Okanogan-WNF Central Zone Backcountry E&E**

**\$184,760**

The forest service will use this grant to support an education and enforcement program that spans four ranger districts in Chelan and Okanogan counties, encompassing more than 600 miles of trail and more than 2,000 miles of forest roads. The program supports three rangers, two AmeriCorps volunteer backcountry patrollers, forest deputies and volunteers. Program staff contact visitors April through October, educating them on how to minimize environmental damage, trail etiquette and safety. They also conduct educational clinics and distribute information to commercial outlets. The forest service will contribute \$150,508 in cash and donated labor. (07-1206E)

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**Grant Request**

**USFS, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum RD** **\$27,680**

**Cle Elum Wilderness E&E 07**

The forest service will use this grant to fund one wilderness ranger to patrol trails, lakeshores and campsites in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The wilderness and adjacent area contain 12 trailheads, 157 miles of trail, numerous high country routes, more than 60 lake destinations and more than 750 wilderness campsites and receive 25,000 visits annually. The wilderness ranger will educate visitors on how to reduce trail and resource impacts, explain and enforce regulations, monitor trail degradation, update trail head posters and teach trail etiquette and safe backcountry travel techniques. The forest service will contribute \$33,058 in staff and donated labor. (07-1197E)

**USFS, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie RD**

**Evans Creek E&E 2008-2009** **\$76,800**

The forest service will use this grant to help fund law enforcement patrols at Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle area during the evening and early morning hours. Forest service seasonal employees coordinate the daily maintenance and operation of the campground and trail system but have limited law enforcement training. The forest service will coordinate patrols with the county sheriff's office to provide coverage when most unregulated and illegal activity occurs. The forest service will contribute \$49,130 equipment, labor and donated equipment. (07-1369E)

**Department of Natural Resources** **\$85,673**

**Snoqualmie Unit E&E 2007**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide an education and enforcement presence in one of the state's most popular recreation areas – the Mountains to Sound Greenway along Interstate 90. The education and enforcement specialist will focus on trails and trail heads to improve public safety and security, educate visitors, and prevent abuse of public lands. The department will contribute \$89,348 in equipment, labor and donated labor. (07-1261E)

**Grant County Sheriff's Department** **\$200,000**

**Grant County E&E 2008**

The Grant County Sheriff's Department will use this grant to fund two full-time deputies to patrol the off-road vehicle areas and educate users in the field, at special events and in training. The deputies will spend most of their time in Beverly and Moses Lake Sand Dunes. With alcohol ban in both areas, the deputies will post signs to educate people about the ban and other regulations. Grant County will contribute \$210,600 in cash, equipment, labor, and materials. (07-1363E)

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**Grant Request**

**Chelan County Sheriff's Office** **\$200,000**

**Chelan County Sheriff Education and Enforcement**

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to fund two, part-time deputies for education and enforcement efforts in the field, at special events and at trail heads throughout the county. The deputies will patrol trail heads, trails and roads frequented by hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians, as well as provide rider safety classes. The deputies will educate trail users about safe trail use, minimum impact riding and state and federal regulations. Plans also include providing needed feedback to land managers and owners. The deputies will work 10 months a year from April 2008 through March 2010. The grant also will help purchase supplies and a truck. The county will contribute \$145,155 in cash and donated labor. (07-1223E)

**USFS, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie RD** **\$132,078**

**Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol**

The forest service will use this grant to provide three pairs of officers to patrol the district's 300,000 acres, more than 50 trail heads and thousands of campsites. The district has been plagued with vandalism and increased patrols have helped curb this activity in the past. The forest service will contribute \$192,395 in cash, labor, and donated labor. (07-1448E)

**Alternates**

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**Spokane County** **\$179,500**

**Spokane County Parks E&E Program**

Spokane County Parks seeks a grant to provide E&E services to 6,000 plus acres of NOVA eligible lands. These lands serve over 30,000 visitors each year and offer a wide variety of recreational and natural resource opportunities. They are regionally of great value and represent important public heritage and therefore are managed to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens. This grant will provide resources to fund a second park ranger position, purchase new E&E equipment, and expand our E&E program from one to 10 sites. Spokane County Parks recognizes the increasing pressures on these lands and the need for an effective site based management program. This new E&E program will help meet these needs by providing 5,571 in-field face to face program hours. This will include 4,821 hours of Park Ranger and Sheriff Deputy patrols and 750 hours of volunteer education time on these properties. In the past, Spokane County has been a fortunate recipient of this grant program. Our goal now is to protect past NOVA investments and allow the County to serve a much larger group of NOVA recreationists using this E&E program as our model. (07-1164E)

**Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle  
Activities Program (NOVA)  
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**Grant Request**

**Department of Natural Resources  
Tahuya/Green Mtn. E&E 2007**

**\$191,890**

The scope of this E&E project will be to help provide for a safe and responsible recreational experience for ORV enthusiasts and other NOVA users in the west-side of the South Puget Sound Region. The primary focus will be on the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests, both of which are open to recreationists 365 days a year, and offer 213 miles of multiple-use trails, campgrounds, trailheads, and miles of DNR managed roads. We are requesting funds to continue an established Education and Enforcement Program, with two fully trained Education and Enforcement Specialists to patrol multiple-use trails and trailheads, educate the public about proper trail use and its correlation to the environment and public safety, give assistance to lost or injured riders, and to protect RCO and Departmental investments. Both E&E Specialists have the training and ability to write and issue citations. The E&E Specialists are currently and will be supported by a fully commissioned DNR Law and Enforcement Officer with the ability to issue verbal warnings, written citations, and make arrests to violators and serve as a resource for the E&E Specialists. The E&E Specialists will be assisted by DNR's South Puget Sound region recreation staff and volunteers, including an active Forest Watch and Hosting program. (07-1271E)

**Department of Natural Resources  
Yacolt Burn & SW WA E&E 07**

**\$112,920**

This proposal will provide support in the form of labor, signs, supplies, and transportation costs for education and enforcement efforts in SW Washington on DNR managed land, with an emphasis on the Yacolt Burn State Forest. The primary focus will be identifying and addressing safety and enforcement concerns on 18 miles of motorized trails, 61 miles of non-motorized trails, 7 campgrounds, 5 trail heads, and 2 day-use areas. The patrol area is comprised of approximately 275,000 acres of DNR managed land that receives dispersed recreation use in addition to those trails and facilities listed above. There is an estimated 200+ miles of undesignated trails within the project area. This proposal will provide for a full time E&E Specialist who will serve as a critical link between DNR recreation staff, DNR Law Enforcement staff, and our visitors, volunteers, and neighbors. The E&E Specialist will be responsible for serving as the primary point of contact for our visitors in the field. They will assess education, safety, and enforcement needs and with the assistance of DNR staff, neighbors, and volunteers, the E&E Specialist will develop and implement projects and processes for addressing those concerns. The majority of the E&E Specialist's time will be committed to trail and trailhead patrol. In addition, there will be a significant amount of time spent on outreach visits, E&E program development, and organized event support. (07-1273E)

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**Grant Request**

**USFS WNF Naches RD**

**\$190,805**

**Naches Front Country E&E Rangers '08**

The Naches District's central location in WA State allows recreationists easy access to a diverse forest environment. The mild, sunny climate and abundant opportunities draw over 300,000 visitors annually to the District during the snow free season. Opportunities available on 295,000 non-Wilderness acres include over 1,900 primitive camping areas, 100 developed sites, 1,200 miles of open road, 250+ miles of motorized trails and four-wheel drive routes, as well as 25 additional nonmotorized trail miles. Use is extremely heavy, and continues to increase as the state's population explodes. The Naches E&E Ranger program contacted an estimated 50,000 visitors in 2006 - motorized vehicle users, campers, hunters, mountain bikers, hikers, stock users, and forest product gatherers. This request will fund the OHV portion of the District Front Country E&E Program, including four OHV Rangers during the high use season. The OHV Rangers specialize in motorized education and enforcement, contacting over 13,685 visitors in 2006. The Naches District OHV Ranger Program is entering its 20th year of service to the public. As use has increased and diversified, the educational aspect of the program has been adjusted to emphasize responsible National Forest use & ecosystem preservation. Rangers strive to provide information that enhances the visitors' experience & maintains diversity. (07-1250E)

**Department of Natural Resources**

**\$176,114**

**DNR Olympic Region E&E 07**

The scope of this two-year grant is to fund two DNR E&E Specialists within the Olympic Region. These E&E Staff will interact directly with recreationists on trust lands and recreation facilities in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. This grant will allow the Olympic Region to continue work which began with a one year RCO NOVA E&E grant then continued with a very dedicated short term budget allotment which expired June 30th, 2007. During the first three months of 2007 these E&E Staff have made 700 plus field contacts, written 17 warning citations, 3 tickets for dumping and gate violations, attended one organized event and two volunteer trail maintenance/construction work parties. With increasing pressure on natural resources, due to growth in all types of recreation, the Olympic Region needs to continue this program. DNR is striving to ensure a safe positive experience, while protecting investments in recreation facilities and state trust lands. This grant will fund 2 full-time E&E Specialists; by reinstating these valuable positions we will be able to continue to work that we started in 2006 and allow us to forge a new partnership with Clallam County. In addition, the E&E staff will undertake a project at Sadie Creek Trailhead that will help control access and limit vandalism to the site. (07-1247E)

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**Grant Request**

**Pend Oreille County Sheriff's** **\$200,000**

**Pend Oreille Education and Enforcement**

This project will allow the Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Department and the USFS Pend Oreille Valley Ranger District to work together on a joint Education and Enforcement program. Pend Oreille County has been actively engaged in enlarging the designated OHV routes with Colville NF for the last two years. Last year, the county passed an ordinance to allow OHV use on county roads associated with accessing National Forest OHV recreation sites. The total number of roads and trails available for riding is 850 miles in Pend Oreille County. Pend Oreille County has had extensive use of OHV's for many years, even though the area was closed to OHV access for the most part. The lack of Education and Enforcement program has created doubts by the nonmotorized and environmental community that the new system will be enforced as designed. It will be essential for short and long term support of the OHV system to provide an appropriate amount of Education to explain what are now LEGAL activities, enforcement to meet the intent of the new OHV county ordinance, and trails contacts to keep OHV riders on the designated trails. This project will fund 1 full time deputy with the County, two seasonal law enforcement officers for the Forest Service, one pick up for the County, two ATV's for the County, and maintenance equipment for both USFS and County. (07-1472E)

**USFS UNF Pomeroy RD** **\$27,000**

**Pomeroy Motorized Trails**

The scope of this project will focus on educating the recreating public on the areas that are open to OHV use and the applicable rules and regulations on the Umatilla National Forest. Education activities would include handing out brochures and interacting with the recreating public. Funding for this project will be used to purchase an ATV and fund a Forest Protection Officer (FPO). The ATV will be used solely for the education and enforcement of OHV recreationists. The FPO will work in conjunction with the Forest Law Enforcement Officer and State Wildlife Officers to cover a greater area and provide information to an increased number of recreationists. In recent years, Pomeroy Ranger District has seen a dramatic increase in OHV's on the forest. Increased OHV use has been accompanied by an increase in OHV related violations. Law enforcement personnel have responded to complaints of careless and reckless ATV use on roads, illegal use of ATV's by underaged drivers, significant damage to soils and vegetation, and construction of unauthorized trails. Cross-country wheeled motorized travel is prohibited on most of the forest. However, this prohibition is routinely violated, mostly by ATV's. The top five problems facing the Umatilla National Forest, as identified by the forest leadership team and law enforcement, are: off Road vehicle violations, illegal motorized use on closed roads, illegal/ unauthorized fires and fire related violations, firewood violations and property crimes. (07-1432E)

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**Grant Request**

**Mason County Sheriffs Dept** **\$115,500**  
**Off Road Education & Enforcement**

The Mason County Education and Enforcement Program is designed to facilitate safety, education and land use conservation with off-road vehicle use. Project activities include the use of education classes in schools and to interested groups, information outlets at Fairs, and user destination areas, hands-on training classes for ATVs, Public service announcements and articles in the media. Enforcement will be provided to encourage proper off-road vehicle use and to work with public land managers and private landowners in and around Mason County. Mild weather allows for year round off road riding in and around Mason County, which draws hundreds of additional users in the winter when other areas are closed due to snow. This project will fund the personnel necessary to cover thousands of miles of roads and 300 miles of trail, virtually year round, with an emphasis on field contact during weekends and organized events. The Officer patrols areas used for ORV parking or camping, and coordinates with Forest Service and DNR personnel when needed. (07-1415E)

**Snohomish County Sheriff's Office** **\$200,000**  
**Snohomish County Sheriff's Office**

The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office has implemented and is in the process of deploying an Off Road Vehicle Enforcement unit (ORV). This unit consists of 2 Snohomish County Deputies utilizing primarily Duel Sport (on and off road) motorcycles in combination with 4x4 vehicles to patrol and conduct law enforcement/education. The purpose of this project is to add two more Deputies and motorcycles to the unit. The project will assist in the continuance of funding for the entire unit. With the implementation of the ORV unit we will be able to provide law enforcement and education activities in these areas. The intent is to prevent the closure of recreation area's which are currently being used by ATV and ORV enthusiasts. As a result, we are now working in close cooperation with the DNR Law Enforcement Officers. Larry Raedel, DNR's Chief of Law Enforcement Services, supports our efforts 100%. This close working relationship allows us to assist DNR in patrolling the 4,600 acres Reiter Trails area. This unit will benefit all outdoor recreational users in Snohomish County. Coupled with the law enforcement will be education. The purpose of an ATV/ORV safety training program will be to promote responsible, safe and ethical ATV/ORV use. By participating in the program students will obtain a better understanding of their obligations to the resources, landowners, other ATV/ORV users and to themselves. (07-1445E)

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**Grant Request**

**USFS WNF Wenatchee River**

**\$58,213**

**Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District stewards 320,000 acres of the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Glacier Peak Wilderness Areas as well as extensive backcountry areas such as Icicle Ridge and Nason Ridge. Within these areas, the District has 36 trailheads, 550 miles of trail, 138 lakes, many well-traveled high routes, and 2,000 dispersed backcountry and wilderness campsites. This responsibility is a daunting task in austere budget times. Fortunately, recreation fee dollars have helped to supplement some budgets like for the popular Enchantments Permit Area. But the remaining portions of our District's wilderness and backcountry areas often go unpatrolled. This project will fund three Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers and a Wilderness Specialist on the District. The Wilderness Rangers and specialist will make educational contacts to impart Leave No Trace principles and to explain and enforce regulations in place for resource protection. These Wilderness Rangers will also design informational publications and trailhead posters, make contacts with organized groups, and present school programs, report trail conditions, and work with volunteer groups.  
(07-1245E)

**USFS MBNF Darrington RD**

**\$80,000**

**Darrington Education and Enforcement**

This project will provide a 12 month Education and Enforcement presence on the Darrington District by funding 1 Snohomish County Deputy for two years. Patrol emphasis will focus on Forest Service sites and roads along the Mountain Loop Highway which connect approximately 300,000 - 400,000 visitors to 16 campgrounds, 33 trailheads and picnic sites and 2 snow play areas annually. Year round contacts with visitors will include providing area information, explaining forest rules and regulations, responding to disputes, accidents, and criminal activity. This position will be able to cite and/or arrest individuals who choose not to comply with posted regulations or engage in criminal activity. Winter emphasis and visitor contacts will occur on weekends along the Mt Loop at Mt Pilchuck and Deer Creek Snow Play Areas and adjacent roads during Christmas tree season. Duties will include coordinating snow play gate closures with partner agencies, ensuring regulations are posted at bulletin boards, explaining Christmas tree cutting policies and locations, resolving disputes, and assisting stranded motorists. The Forest Service has had a cooperative agreement with the Snohomish County Sheriffs Office since 1971 which initially funded a Deputy for 1400 hours/year. This funding has not changed despite increased costs. RAC grants are a supplemental funding source and match for other grants but will likely not be available in the future. NOVA funds would increase field time by 680 hours. (07-1443E)

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**Grant Request**

**USFS OKNF Methow RD  
Methow Valley Rangers**

**\$63,850**

The project would fund three rangers and two volunteers to work in the Pasayten and Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wildernesses, North Cascade Scenic Corridor, and at developed trailheads on the Methow Valley Ranger District. The Pasayten and Lake Chelan - Sawtooth Wildernesses provide 700 miles of trail and are visited by 59,600 recreationists annually. The North Cascades Scenic Corridor is visited by approximately 42,000 recreationists annually with the majority of that use concentrated on 40 miles of trail. Rangers would provide enforcement of regulations, resource education, local knowledge and information via contacts with recreationists in the field. Efforts would concentrate in areas of high use where lack of enforcement and education are causing unacceptable resource impacts. Volunteers would assist with education and information. Rangers and volunteers will travel on foot or horseback. (07-1296E)

**USFS Gifford Pinchot NF  
Gifford Pinchot NF E&E**

**\$181,836**

The scope of this project is to fund an E&E proposal that will enhance the visitor experience on the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District. IAC grant funds will provide for five seasonal Forest Protection Officers (FPO's / Rangers) to contact visitors, provide environmental messages and enforce regulations. Supported NOVA activities include hiking, motorized recreation, dispersed and developed camping, huckleberry and mushroom gathering, driving for pleasure, sightseeing, and hunting and fishing. Three primary areas will be patrolled on weekends: 1) MSHNVM - emphasis will be on the north and east sides of the monument where significant visitation occurs and visitors are seeking a greater sense of security; 2) the Blue Lake - High Lakes area where the majority of dispersed and rustic camps are located. This area also contains the majority of motorized trails on the forest; 3) Skate Creek area - this area experiences significant dispersed recreation and fishing pressure. It is one of the most heavily stocked streams in the State and resource impacts continue to grow. The GPNF receives thousands of visits from people from around the State and around the world - these individuals are seeking information about the Forest and Monument. Our growing urban population often needs a reminder about how to use our natural resources without creating unacceptable environmental impacts. This project will help provide for a safer and more pleasant experience. (07-1299E)

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**Grant Request**

**USFS WNF Wenatchee River  
Trailhead Patroller 2008**

**\$21,524**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District stewards 320 acres of designated wilderness and well as several extensive non-roaded backcountry areas. There are roughly 550 miles of trails with 36 trailheads. The trailheads have bulletin boards, trail registration and wilderness permits stations. Many of the trailheads are fee parking areas. The trailhead bulletin boards are often the first and only point of contact with our trail recreationists. They must provide up to date notices on regulations, pertinent user information, trail information, public safety concerns, and natural resource interpretation. Trailhead login sheets must be collected and monitored, wilderness permits must be collected and monitored. Unfortunately, trailheads bulletin boards and facilities are also the targets of a fair amount of vandalism. This proposal will fund a trailhead patroller. This person will post trailhead bulletin boards, engage visitors they meet at trailheads, educate and inform them on "leave no trace", wilderness ethics, pertinent regulations, and safety concerns. The ranger will also check cars for parking passes, enforce regulations and write Notices of Violation as needed. When needed, the ranger will also give formal presentations to groups on "leave no trace" and wilderness ethics. (07-1263E)

**King County**

**\$112,775**

**KC Lands Trail Protection & Education**

This project will provide increased enforcement and education to ensure appropriate use of the backcountry trails on lands managed by King County Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP). Over the past 7 years, King County has acquired over 3,600 acres of forest land, with over 25 miles of trails off of nonhighway roads. The trails are used by hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers. We are experiencing a dramatic increase in illegal activities from motorized vehicles. These new properties in remote locations are not routinely patrolled by county deputies. Illegal activities are degrading the sites' conservation values, recreational opportunities and the safety of visitors. Per King County Code, enforcement of park rules (infractions and misdemeanors) is the responsibility of King County Sheriff; park staff has no enforcement authority. Ongoing coordination with the Sheriff's Office has indicated that in order to get a higher level of enforcement, DNRP will need to pay for increased patrols that occur by foot, bike or motorcycle on the trails. This grant will allow us to have Sheriff Deputies patrol our lands three days a week for five months a year (peak use season). This program will be matched by Parks staff providing enhanced education to the public regarding site stewardship, resource protection, trail etiquette, and park rules. In addition, more signage and trail maps will be available. This grant will supplement existing work by Park staff and our current preserve/protect projects. (07-1450E)

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**Grant Request**

**Department of Fish & Wildlife  
WDFW Region 5 ORV E&E**

**\$199,600**

The intent of this grant application is to acquire sufficient funding to train and equip WDFW Region 5 enforcement officers to deal with ORV use on WDFW land. We also desire to develop and implement a public education methodology that facilitates protection of fish, wildlife and habitat and at the same time enhances the ORV public's recreational opportunities. Finally, we want to develop and implement a test program for citizens who have physical disabilities. This program will determine the viability of these citizens using ORVs to access previously inaccessible fishing and hunting areas. Currently, WDFW does not allow ORVs on any of our fishing access sites or in any of our Game Management Areas. I have developed a pilot program by which selected individuals with mobility issues and certain ADA issues may use an ORV to gain access to selected fishing sites and wildlife viewing areas. In order to monitor the use of the ORVs enforcement staff will need to have their own ORVs. Of course our enforcement officers have already been dealing with incursions onto WDFW lands and have had little success in apprehending the violators because of a lack of proper equipment, specifically ORVs. Educating the public to WDFW policies and procedures will be addressed, in part, by developing a DVD and printed material that will be made available to area ORV dealers who will distribute the DVD and printed material with the purchase of each ORV. WDFW will also make the DVD's and printed material available to schools and ORV clubs. (07-1420E)