
Projects in Adams County

Othello

Grant Award: \$1,350,000

Developing a Playground and Basketball Zone in Lions Park

The City of Othello will use three grants to improve Lions Park. The City will replace unsafe, 1950s equipment and playground surfacing with the new Pride Rock Playground. The new playground will have equipment and surfacing that are accessible to people with disabilities as well as landscaping and furnishings that offer shade and comfort during the hot Othello summers. The City also will develop a basketball zone. Two aging and deficient basketball courts originally installed in 1974 will be replaced by four, state-of-the-art courts, including a championship court with a decorative design, a grass seating area for spectators, and team benches. Upgrading the court quality and doubling its capacity will improve the safety, playability, and availability of the facility. These projects will benefit Othello's large youth population, 35 percent of whom live in poverty. Othello will contribute \$141,000 in cash and donated cash. These grants are from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#), the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#), and the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of this project at these three links: Projects [20-1361](#), [20-1362](#), [20-1363](#).

Projects in Asotin County

Boys & Girls Clubs

Grant Award: \$334,306

Renovating the Clarkston Club Athletic Field

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lewis Clark Valley will use this grant to renovate two regulation-length soccer fields, increasing the athletic opportunities. The clubs will add new soil, irrigation, and a concrete walkway around the field. In addition, the clubs will add concrete viewing areas and an entrance for people with disabilities. The 2-acre field behind the Clarkston Club was built 17 years ago. The soil composition does not support the amount of traffic this field gets and consistently has issues with grass growth, hydration, dirt patches, dry spots, and weeds. This field is also difficult to access for those with mobility issues. The Clarkston Club Unit provides programming to more than 1,200 kids. The Boys & Girls Clubs will contribute \$38,146. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1211)

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Projects in Benton County

Kennewick **Grant Award: \$135,000**
Renovating Columbia Park Boat Launch Boarding Floats

The Kennewick Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate three boat launch boarding floats at Columbia Park boat launch. The City will replace the decking and floats to improve access to the Columbia and Snake Rivers. Kennewick will contribute \$45,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2323)

Tri-Cities Shooting Association **Grant Award: \$77,878**
Building Range Facilities

The Tri-Cities Shooting Association will use this grant to build a rifle range at the Rose Iris Range in the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility in Benton County. The association will build a small-bore rifle range and a high-power rifle silhouette range and pave the parking lot. The Tri-Cities Shooting Association will contribute \$82,022. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. (20-2049)

Washington State Conservation Commission **Grant Award: \$504,539**
Conserving the Hoch Family Farm in Kennewick

The State Conservation Commission will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve a nearly 26-acre farm in Kennewick. The farm, which is used for raising livestock and produce, has important silt loam soils and has been farmed since the 1930s. Through a partnership with Washington State University, the landowner has opened the farm to students for education and research purposes. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (20-1547)

Projects in Chelan County

Chelan **Grant Award: \$500,000**
Renovating Lakeside Park

The Chelan Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate Lakeside Park. The heavily used park provides significant public access to Lake Chelan. The goals of the renovation are to expand capacity, improve accessibility, and increase recreational opportunities. The City will add swim platforms and float lines, enhance the launch for nonmotorized boats, add parking, renovate the restroom, expand accessibility for people with disabilities with pathways

and other improvements, renovate the playground with natural and sculptural elements, and expand the beach landward to increase access while decreasing erosion. Other sustainability features include a green roof and natural lighting in the restroom, native plants to improve habitat near the beach and for pollinator species, permeable paving in parking areas, and stormwater treatment. Chelan will contribute a \$687,596. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (20-1943)

Chelan County

Grant Award: \$3,000,000

Buying Nason Ridge for Community Forestland

The Chelan County Natural Resources Department will use this grant to buy Nason Ridge in north central Washington near Lake Wenatchee and Leavenworth. The purchase will protect 3,714 acres of forestland for habitat, recreation, and sustainable forest management. The area includes 2.5 miles of Nason Creek, a tributary to the Wenatchee River and habitat for salmon and steelhead. In coordination with nearby public lands, the primary recreation opportunities offered are hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and hunting. Chelan County will contribute more than \$2.2 million in local and federal grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Community Forest Program](#). (20-2023)

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust

Grant Award: \$590,000

Conserving Land on Chafey Mountain near Wenatchee

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, on 600 acres of high-quality wildlife habitat near Wenatchee on Chafey Mountain. The land has been owned by the same family for more than 100 years, and the family is committed to protecting this unique property from the development that has spread into the canyons and foothills just outside Wenatchee and bordering this property in recent decades. Three sides of Chafey Mountain border land already protected from development, and this purchase would add corridors for animals to move to the larger protected lands. Habitat on the land includes stream bank, shrub steppe, and mixed conifer forests, and actively supports a healthy mule deer population, golden eagles, and migratory songbirds, as well as many others. The land trust is donating an additional 21 acres in the same canyon as part of this grant. Both properties also protect important viewsheds that enhance the recreational experience for users of local popular trail systems. The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will contribute \$609,450 in donations of cash and land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Critical Habitat Category](#). (20-1487)

Manson Renovating Manson Bay Marina

Grant Award: \$82,500

The Manson Park and Recreation District will use this grant to develop a plan to replace the breakwater at its Mason Bay Marina in Manson Bay Park on Lake Chelan. The project will include a facility assessment, construction drawings, engineering, and required permits for the future renovation of the deteriorating breakwater, which will include removal of the tire floats. The plan also will assess the feasibility of expanding the breakwater to accommodate more marina slips. A variety of recreational boaters, from Jet Skiers to anglers to paddle boarders and kayakers, enjoy Lake Chelan year-round. The Manson Park and Recreation District will contribute \$27,500. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2101)

Manson Park and Recreation District Expanding Manson Bay Park

Grant Award: \$630,000

The Manson Park and Recreation District will use this grant to buy and then develop .17 acre next to Manson Bay Park, a property known locally as the "Old Swim Hole." Buying the land will enable the district to conserve dwindling waterfront park space in an area that is closed because of severe erosion and safety hazards. The district will restore the rapidly eroding shoreline, build a waterfront boardwalk, and add a dock to give nonmotorized watercraft access to Lake Chelan. The project area is unique in offering swimming and water access for both people and dogs, as part of a no-leash play area. The Manson Park and Recreation District will contribute \$210,000 in donations of equipment, labor, and land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). (20-1483)

U.S. Forest Service Caring for Front Country Trails in Chelan County

Grant Award: \$103,000

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four- to six-person trail crew to maintain 120 miles of front country and multiuse trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County. The crew will remove fallen trees and clear debris, repair trail structures, and maintain signs. The grant also will buy hand tools and one to two motorcycles as the current fleet is more than 10 years old and has outlived its usefulness. The work will allow continued use of trails for motorized activities, mountain bikers, hikers, and others. The Forest Service will contribute \$72,400 in staff labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2250)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$75,000

Caring for Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails

The Chelan Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to maintain about 296 miles of trail used for hiking, Nordic skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and motorized activities. Work will include clearing trails of debris, improving trail surfaces, and replacing trail elements, such as bridges. The project also will include grooming trails in the winter for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and fat-tire biking. The Forest Service will contribute \$130,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1955)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$188,346

Developing Part of Number 2 Canyon Trail System

The Wenatchee River Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to build 6 miles of trail and a trailhead with a kiosk, picnic tables, and a toilet, as the third of four phases of development of the Number 2 Canyon Trail System, about 4 miles west of Wenatchee. In addition, the ranger district will decommission an old trail to improve habitat and install a day-use shelter and signs. When complete, the trail system will have more than 30 miles of trail for nonmotorized activities such as mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, and trail running. The final phase will include building a mountain bike skill trail area for youth and beginners and another trailhead to accommodate horses. The Forest Service will contribute \$396,200 in staff labor, local and federal grants, and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2195)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$117,000

Developing the Lake Chelan South Shore Access Trail

The Chelan Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to develop 4.3 miles of hiking trail accessible by both car and boat along the south shore of Lake Chelan. The proposed route will allow visitors to hike down a ridge with expansive views to a camping area on the shoreline. Visitors would be able to hike beyond the developed areas of lower Lake Chelan without taking a ferry. The Chelan area sees more than 2 million visitors a year. This route allows day and overnight hiking with a true wilderness feel. The route starts high above the shore. After a descent through rocky terrain, the route reaches a tranquil camping spot, tucked among trees and cliffs with swimming holes nearby. Kayakers and canoers also could pull in at the campsite with the opportunity for easy hikes. The Forest Service will contribute \$78,020 in equipment, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the

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[Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2030)

U.S. Forest Service Funding Wilderness and Backcountry Patrols

Grant Award: \$105,585

The Wenatchee River Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund three seasonal rangers and volunteers to patrol high-use areas in the wilderness and backcountry areas of the district for two seasons. The rangers will educate visitors about environmental stewardship, safety, and forest regulations. The Wenatchee River Ranger District encompasses some of the most globally significant hiking, backpacking, and horse packing destinations in Washington, such as Stuart Lake, Spider Meadows, Lake Valhalla, Colchuck Lake, and Ingalls Lake. Educational contacts are paramount to keep the public safe and the wilderness in tack. The Forest Service will contribute \$130,440 in equipment, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2301)

U.S. Forest Service Investing in Two Snow Rangers for Wenatchee River and Entiat Ranger Districts

Grant Award: \$10,000

The Wenatchee River and Entiat Ranger Districts in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund two snow rangers to improve safety and educate the public at five Sno-Parks, one highly visited parking area, and 185 miles of groomed winter trails across about 250,000 acres of backcountry area. The snow rangers, along with volunteers, educate visitors about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, trail etiquette, avalanche awareness, winter survival, winter wildlife, and respect for wilderness and other visitors. An estimated 500-700 people use the winter trails every weekend. The Forest Service will contribute \$12,900 in a federal appropriation, equipment, a state grant, and donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2408)

U.S. Forest Service Maintaining Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Camping Areas

Grant Award: \$150,000

The Entiat Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to maintain camping areas in Chelan County. The ranger district will maintain and repair 7 campgrounds, 100 dispersed camping areas, a rental cabin, two lookout towers, two group sites, and informational signs. In addition, the ranger district will remove hazardous trees and trash, test water sources, and maintain a hand well. An estimated 60,000 campers visit the forest from spring to fall at the same time that funding has decreased 30 percent. The Forest Service will contribute \$80,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the

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[Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1964)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$51,000

Maintaining Snowmobile Trails

The Entiat Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to maintain about 150 miles of trails. Work will include removing fallen trees, clearing trail debris, repairing minor washouts, and maintaining 250 trail signs. By keeping the trails and roads clear of debris, the district ensures snow groomers can keep the trails open in the winter. The Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts have more than 200 miles of trails that are groomed weekly during the winter. An estimated 45,000 people visit this area annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$122,000 in staff labor, a state grant, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2221)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$118,000

Maintaining Trailheads, Campgrounds, and Recreation Areas

The Wenatchee River Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to add four staff to maintain trailheads, dispersed recreation sites, and campgrounds. The staff will remove trash, clean restrooms, maintain kiosks and bulletin boards, and remove hazardous trees. More than 1 million people annually visit the district's 26 campgrounds, 52 trailheads, and more than 300 dispersed recreation sites, and visitation continues to grow. The Forest Service will contribute \$82,800 in staff labor and materials. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2316)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$199,500

Maintaining Trails in the Entiat and Chelan Ranger Districts

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to support staff, volunteers, and the Northwest Youth Corps to maintain 195 miles of multiuse trails in the Entiat and Chelan Ranger Districts in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County. The crew will remove fallen trees, clear debris, repair and replace bridges and other trail structures, improve trail surfaces, and install signs. The trails are in the heart of the hugely popular, interconnected, 225-mile trail system that spans from Lake Wenatchee across the Entiat and Chelan Mountains to Lake Chelan. The Forest Service will contribute \$137,000 in equipment and staff and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1965)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Award: \$145,000**
Maintaining Wilderness Trails in the Wenatchee River Ranger District

The Wenatchee River Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to help fund a four- to six-person crew to maintain some of the more than 500 miles of wilderness trails in Chelan County. The crew will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and bridges, and fix trail surfaces. The grant also will be used to buy small tools, minor equipment, and stock animals to support the crew. The trails are used by hikers, climbers, mountain bikers, backpackers, horseback riders, and other outdoor enthusiasts. The Forest Service will contribute \$101,000 in staff labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2245)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Award: \$90,000**
Developing the Swakane Canyon Rifle and Pistol Range

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to create a shooting range with parking, signs, and shooting lanes with berms and backstops at a range in Swakane Canyon in the Swakane Unit of the Chelan Wildlife Area. The facility features 25-yard, 100-yard, and 200-yard ranges. This marks the second phase in development for this range. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will contribute \$180,000 in a state appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. (20-1995)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$2,622,472**
Expanding the Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve to Protect a Rare Plant

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 2,161 acres about 10 miles south of Wenatchee to expand the Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve. The preserve was established in 1989 to protect a rare endemic plant species, Whited's milkvetch, the entire global distribution of which is known only to live in less than 9 square miles centered around the preserve. The purchase will allow the department to conserve the land containing virtually all the plants, increasing the potential for the plant's long-term survival. There is great public support from the community in expanding the preserve and protecting this rare plant community. This expansion of the preserve also will offer exceptional research opportunities to study the population, biology, and ecology of an extremely rare species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Natural Areas Category](#). (20-1335)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Award: \$2,520,000
Building a Pedestrian Bridge in Lake Wenatchee State Park

State Parks will use this grant to build a pedestrian bridge in Lake Wenatchee State Park, dramatically transforming one of Washington's most stunning and popular destinations. The bridge will link the northern and southern portions of the park, which are separated by the Wenatchee River. Sited at the previously disturbed location of an old abandoned roadway alignment, the new bridge and its approaches to existing trails will improve user safety and experience by allowing them to move freely between the more developed southern portion and the more natural northern portion without having to walk along a 1.1-mile stretch of State Route 207, Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Parks Category](#). (20-1603)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Award: \$200,000
Planning Replacement of Guest Moorage at Twenty-Five Mile Creek State Park

State Parks will use this grant to survey, permit, and produce designs to replace 16 guest moorage floats, a boarding float, and boat ramp decking at Twenty-Five Mile Creek State Park in Chelan County. Built in the 1990s, the floats are dilapidated, have exceeded their useful life, and require continual maintenance to replace wood decking and repair the bulkhead. The heavily used site is the farthest west launch point on Lake Chelan. Replacement of the failing floats is critical to support the primary recreational activity at this very popular state park. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2302)

Wenatchee Grant Award: \$491,750
Expanding the Wenatchee Foothills Regional Recreation Area

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to buy 650 acres on the southern edge of the city. The purchase is one of the final pieces needed to create a consolidated block of public land and will provide expanded outdoor recreation and environmental educational space, preserve habitat, and provide critical links to complete the Foothills Trails System in the Wenatchee foothills. The land likely will be used year-round for hiking, wildlife viewing, horseback riding, snowshoeing, mountain biking, and outdoor education. Wenatchee will contribute \$491,750 in cash, staff labor, and donations of labor and property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1446)

Wenatchee
Renovating the Wenatchee City Pool

Grant Award: \$350,000

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to replace the plaster liner and tiles in the city pool to maximize safety, sustainability, and the visitor experience. The pool liner, which was replaced in 1996, is showing significant wear and requiring excessive maintenance, as well as leaking water into the ground. The pool is used by more than 25,000 people annually for swimming lessons, recreational and lap swimming, water fitness, special needs programming, swim teams, local and regional competitions, and the Apple Capital Swim Meet, one of the largest tourist events in the Wenatchee Valley. Wenatchee will contribute \$538,000 in cash and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1238)

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Projects in Clallam County

Clallam County
Extending the Olympic Discovery Trail from Forks to La Push

Grant Award: \$905,456

The Clallam County Public Works Department will use this grant to buy 196.3 acres to complete the 12-mile western end of the Olympic Discovery Trail. The new trail segment will connect Forks to the Quileute Tribe land in La Push and the popular second and third beach trailheads in Olympic National Park. The new section will run on undeveloped forestland along the south side of State Route 110 between U.S. Highway 101 in Forks and the national park boundary. The trail will provide a buffer to the highway and logging areas. The trail will be 10 feet wide and paved with a 4-foot-wide gravel equestrian path and a 2-foot-wide gravel shoulder. The Olympic Discovery Trail is planned to run 130 miles from Port Townsend to the Pacific Ocean at La Push, connecting communities, parks, and other destinations. The trail is 61 percent complete. Clallam County will contribute \$301,819. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Trails Category](#). (20-1494)

North Olympic Land Trust
Conserving the Hoko River Watershed

Grant Award: \$566,020

The North Olympic Land Trust, in collaboration with the Makah Tribe, will use this grant to buy 151 acres in the Hoko River watershed to conserve wildlife habitat. The land includes grazing habitat, mature forests, a large wetland complex, and 1.65 miles of streambank habitat. The waterways are used by Chinook, chum, and coho salmon and steelhead and cutthroat trout. In addition, the area is used by a wide variety of animals including river otter, small mammals (mice, chipmunks, squirrels, etc.), small mustelids (weasels, skunks, etc.), birds (hawks, eagles, waterfowl, heron, corvids, songbirds, migratory birds, etc.), deer, elk, coyote, bobcat, bear, and

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pollinators (bees, butterflies, and moths). There likely will be access for low-impact recreational activities such as bird watching and fishing. The North Olympic Land Trust will contribute \$566,248 in a local grant and a grant from the state Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Riparian Protection Category](#). (20-1333)

Olympic Peninsula Boys & Girls Club Building a Multiuse Athletic Field

Grant Award: \$35,542

The Olympic Peninsula Boys & Girls Club will use this grant to build a multipurpose athletic field next to the Sequim Boys & Girls Clubhouse. The field will be used for youth soccer and football, along with other physical activities. This project is part of the club's strategy to expand outdoor activities and will complement the club's organic garden, playground, and basketball court. The Olympic Peninsula Boys & Girls will contribute \$11,848 in donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1880)

Port Angeles Building a Bicycle Pump Track

Grant Award: \$350,000

The City of Port Angeles will use this grant to build a bicycle pump track in Erickson Playfield. A pump track is a series of looped paths that allows riders to build bicycle skills in a contained area away from traffic. With the loop design, parent easily can watch or ride and supervise kids with different skills and interests. A unique feature of this track is an inclusive loop with mild features suitable for beginning riders and people in wheelchairs, a first for pump tracks in Washington. Pump tracks in other locations are destination facilities for tourists and host competitive events. The City is partnering with world renown design-build team Velosolutions to ensure our track offers a great ride for kids and can host official competitions. Port Angeles will contribute \$47,500 in cash, local and private grants, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1237)

Port Angeles Building the Race Street Trail to Olympic National Park

Grant Award: \$400,000

The City of Port Angeles will use this grant to build Race Street Trail, a multiuse trail that connects Olympic Discovery Trail to the Olympic National Park Visitor and Back Country Information Center. As the first trail spur to bisect Port Angeles in a north-south direction, the 2.7-mile Race Street Trail will provide an essential spine for a trail network that will connect users to recreational opportunities both within and outside the city. Special care will be given to landscape elements to extend the aesthetics of the national park further into the community via the new trail. The trail also will connect two major parks—Civic Field and Erickson Park—through a

curb-less design. The project has been designed as a showcase that demonstrates that trail users do not have to drive to a trailhead when entry points are linked to their neighborhoods. Port Angeles will contribute more than \$3.1 million in a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Trails Category](#). (20-1778)

Port Angeles

Grant Award: \$350,000

Installing Synthetic Turf on a Baseball Field

The City of Port Angeles Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to replace the grass on the baseball field with synthetic turf. Bad weather limits use of the field. Synthetic turf will allow the baseball field to host youth baseball and softball games. The renovation will increase use of the field and the number of participants. Port Angeles will contribute \$255,500 in cash, a private grant, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1356)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Award: \$500,000

Conserving Habitat on the Strait of Juan de Fuca

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 216 acres of habitat for fish and other wildlife along the Strait of Juan de Fuca, about halfway between Port Angeles and Seiku. The land includes shoreline, river, coastal wetlands, and forested uplands. Conservation will allow the department to protect the natural processes in one of the last remaining functional ecological systems in western Washington. The East Twin River and West Twin River reach has some of the most complex shorelines of the Salish Sea and the near-shore one of the most diverse. The waterways are used by bull trout and Chinook salmon, both of which are species listed as at-risk of extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, and by forage fish, steelhead and cutthroat trout, and coho salmon. In addition, the area has intact eelgrass and kelp beds, which are vital to salmon. The land also provides rich shorebird and migratory bird habitat and includes a flight corridor for marbled murrelet, which is a species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Riparian Protection Category](#). (20-1226)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Award: \$325,000

Redeveloping the Leyendecker Access Area

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the Leyendecker Access Area on the Bogachiel River. The department will install a toilet, add parking and a loading platform for people with disabilities, install a ramp at a better location, and remove hazardous trees. People use the access area for boating, fishing, wildlife viewing, and photographing nature. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this](#)

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[project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Development and Renovation Category](#). (20-1410)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Northern Olympic Peninsula Trails

Grant Award: \$163,008

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 38 miles of off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in the Foothills and Sadie Creek trail systems near Port Angeles. The department will reroute sections of trail, clear trails, maintain trail structures, lay gravel to harden trail surfaces, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, remove litter, and maintain restrooms. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$111,508 in equipment, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1997)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Expanding Miller Peninsula State Park

Grant Award: \$621,173

State Parks will use this grant to buy 21 acres near Miller Peninsula State Park. The land will provide more than a quarter-mile of shoreline to the public and a second, much needed water access. The park near Sequim includes about 2,800 acres of the north Olympic Peninsula and a trail system popular with hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, and wildlife viewers. The land to be purchased is one of the few places along the north side of the Miller Peninsula with low enough bank to build access to the beach. Much of the existing state park land is on a very high bank. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Water Access Category](#). (20-1295)

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Projects in Clark County

Clark County Developing Sports Fields in Curtin Creek Community Park

Grant Award: \$350,000

The Clark County Department of Public Works will use this grant to build two multiuse fields in its new 16-acre Curtin Creek Community Park, in Vancouver. The County will build one natural multiuse field prioritized for rugby and one synthetic multiuse field with lighting for soccer and baseball. There is a deficit of 54 sport fields and no rugby fields in the county's current park system. The park includes gently rolling pasture with mountain views. The future development plan includes walking paths, a large parking lot, wildlife viewing areas, picnic shelters, benches, a combined restroom and maintenance building, and playground areas. Clark County will contribute more than \$1.9 million in cash and a grant from the Washington Wildlife and

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Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1664)

Port of Camas-Washougal Improving Parker's Landing Marina

Grant Award: \$1,072,813

The Port of Camas-Washougal will use two grants to improve Parker's Landing Marina on the Columbia River. The Port will replace the concrete breakwater access ramps with two, 80-foot-long, grated ramps, which will be accessible to people with disabilities. In addition, the Port will replace the gangway with a wider structure, build two overlook landings, and renovate a third to connect the ramps and gangway. The Port will add water hook ups and eight electrical pedestals to expand amenities on the breakwater dock for guest boaters. Finally, the Port will replace the 1978 fuel dock and float system. The new dock and float will be the same size but made from polyethylene and steel instead of concrete and wood. The walking surface will be grated to allow for light to pass through, which is better for fish. Parker's Landing Marina is the only marina between Kennewick and Kalama that offers a fuel and guest moorage dock to boaters on the Washington side of the Columbia River. The Port of Camas-Washougal will contribute \$494,098. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-2000](#) and [20-1328](#). These grants are from the [Boating Facilities Program](#) and the [Boating Infrastructure Grant](#) program.

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving the Lacamas Prairie Natural Area

Grant Award: \$2,910,430

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 218 acres of oak forest, farmland, stream bank forest, and wetland for inclusion in the Lacamas Prairie Natural Area, northeast of Vancouver. The purchase will conserve a key part of a watershed that feeds a protected, rare remnant of Willamette Valley wet prairie, which is the only example of its size and quality in Washington. This plant community, designated a priority one plant community by the Natural Heritage Program, is seriously threatened by one of the most rapidly urbanizing counties in the state. The department will restore the oak and stream bank forest and wet prairie and will enlarge the protected habitat and its buffers. The greater Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve protects the second largest of 20 known populations of Bradshaw's Lomatium, a globally critically imperiled, federally endangered plant species. It also contains habitat for seven state sensitive plant species and one rare animal species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Natural Areas Category](#). (20-1334)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding Parking at Jones Creek ORV Trailhead

Grant Award: \$124,900

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to increase parking at the Jones Creek ORV Trailhead and day-use area in the Yacolt Burn State Forest. The department will add

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parking for about 31 additional vehicles, with a focus on space for vehicles hauling motorized equipment trailers. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$125,000 in a state appropriation. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2039)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding the Washougal Oaks Natural Area

Grant Award: \$4,477,035

The Department of Natural Resources will use two grants to buy 345 acres at the western edge of the Columbia River Gorge for inclusion in the Washougal Oaks Natural Area. The land includes important streambank forest, oak forest, and salmon habitat. A fish-bearing stream inside a steep forested ravine runs through the heart of the site. This project is part of an ongoing effort to acquire land encompassing the largest, high-quality, native oak woodland remaining in western Washington. The woodland is of major conservation concern due to historic losses and ongoing degradation. The land also supports two state sensitive plant species and four rare or threatened animal species: slender-billed nuthatch and lower Columbia River steelhead trout, coastal cutthroat trout, and coho salmon. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1336](#) and [20-1337](#). These grants are from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Natural Areas Category](#) and [Riparian Protection Category](#).

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Projects in Columbia County

Blue Mountain Land Trust Conserving the Peyton Ranch

Grant Award: \$743,300

The Blue Mountain Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve a 1,947-acre ranch. The ranch contains the headwaters of north Patit Creek and straddles the ridge between the Patit Creek and Tucannon River basins. The agreement will ensure the grazing land remains in agricultural use and that the ranch can't be subdivided. The Blue Mountain Land Trust will contribute \$743,300 in a federal grant and donated land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (20-1435)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Maintaining Blue Mountains Snowmobile Trails

Grant Award: \$59,050

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at four Sno-Parks, and groom 138 miles of snowmobile trails in the Umatilla National Forest. These trails tie into trail systems in Oregon and open riding opportunities into the mountains of northeastern Oregon. The unique terrain of

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this area provides open ridges with panoramic views and winding valleys with forests of Ponderosa pine and grand fir. State Parks will contribute \$15,000 in a state appropriation. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2251)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$75,000

Maintaining Wilderness and Backcountry Trails

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to maintain wilderness trails in the Umatilla National Forest. Crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces, maintain drainage structures, and inspect and maintain trail bridges. The work will allow continued public access, enhance safety, and protect natural resources. The work will be done in the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness and the Wenatchee backcountry, which are the only wilderness-backcountry areas in the southeast corner of Washington. The communities in Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield Counties rely on the many visitors who come to the area to ride horses, hike, backpack, hunt, and fish. The Forest Service will contribute \$75,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2021)

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Projects in Cowlitz County

Cowlitz County

Grant Award: \$117,586

Enhancing the Cowlitz Public Shooting Range

The Cowlitz County Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to add two trap facilities at its Cowlitz Public Shooting Range. The project also will include new electrical lines, professional range designs from acoustic engineers, and chip sealing the gravel roads and parking lots to reduce dust. These additions will allow the range to accommodate trap competitions for the community's school and club teams. Cowlitz County will contribute \$117,586. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. (20 1987)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Award: \$147,173

Providing Education and Enforcement in the Pacific Cascade Region

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a warden to patrol the Pacific Cascade Region, which includes the Yaacolt Burn State Forest, in southwest Washington. The warden will patrol 770 miles of road, 126 miles of trail, 8 campgrounds, 11 trailheads, and 6 day-use areas on more than 480,000 acres. The warden will focus on identifying potential

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health, safety, and resource damage concerns; providing public outreach; engaging user groups; and providing an additional enforcement presence. The warden also will support Forest Watch volunteers, who educate visitors about the rules and environmental stewardship. The grant also will buy education materials and electronic equipment to deter crime and increase public safety. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$81,500 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2008)

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Projects in Douglas County

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Improving Pygmy Rabbit Habitat

Grant Award: \$161,850

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve 150 acres of shrub steppe habitat in the Sagebrush Flat Unit of the Sagebrush Flat Wildlife Area. The wildlife area is managed to recover three species: the endangered Columbia basin pygmy rabbit and the sage grouse and sharp-tailed grouse, both of which are listed as threatened with extinction by the State. The department will remove invasive plants, reseed areas with native vegetation, and do controlled burning. The unit is at increasing risk of high intensity wildlife because of climate forecasts, nearby housing development and agricultural practices, and sagebrush that is mature. Without proactive intervention to diversify the age of the sagebrush and efforts to alter the understory plants, pygmy rabbits face extinction. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1640)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring West Foster Creek

Grant Award: \$119,100

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to place structures to mimic beaver dams in west Foster Creek in the Well Wildlife Area to help restore the creek. Beaver dams create ponds in fast-moving water, giving fish a place to rest. They also block and slow the water, keeping it at a stable level, even in drought. This reach of the creek has a deeply carved channel and the mock beaver dams will help reduce the erosion and improve water quality. In addition, the department will remove invasive Russian olive trees and plant native plants along the creekbanks. Planting trees and bushes long a creekbank helps shade the water, cooling it for fish. The plants also drop branches and leaves into the water, which provide food for the insects fish eat. Finally, the roots of the plants help keep soil from entering the water. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1638)

Projects in Ferry County

Republic Developing Republic Skatepark

Grant Award: \$359,600

The City of Republic will use this grant to buy and develop land for a skatepark near the Golden Tiger Trail and across from the Republic School Complex. This will be Ferry County's first skatepark. The park will accommodate beginner, intermediate, and advanced skill levels for skateboarders, BMX bicyclists, scooter users, and inline skaters as well as a place for people to relax and spectate. The park will include two shaded viewing areas with benches and a bike rack. Republic will contribute \$44,000 in a private grant and donations of labor and land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1632)

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Projects in Franklin County

Pasco Improving Goal Posts and Restrooms in Highland Park

Grant Award: \$221,870

The City of Pasco will use this grant to install goal posts on two football fields and a restroom building in Highland Park. The new goal posts will be Y-shaped instead of H-shaped, improving safety by reducing on-field collision points. The restrooms, which will be accessible to people with disabilities, will be installed centrally, instead of at the current location at the far edges of the field. The current restrooms are outdated, undersized, and supplemented by portable toilets. Pasco will contribute \$82,000 in cash and donations of cash and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1639)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Building Educational Displays

Grant Award: \$9,623

State Parks will use this grant to develop educational displays in Palouse Falls State Park. The agency will create models of the terrain and soil crust and aerial displays of the park and surrounding shrub-steppe landscape. These educational tools will enhance visitor awareness of park boundaries and increase understanding of the importance of avoiding off-trail activities as well as increase appreciation for the park's unique geology, natural and cultural resources, and delicate habitat. State Parks will contribute \$2,948 in staff labor. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2289)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Award: \$200,000** **Planning a Project to Improve Sacajawea Moorage and Parking**

State Parks will use this grant to permit and design a project to replace the moorage floats and pave the parking lot and access area at Sacajawea Historical State Park. The moorage floats have outlived their useful life, are not accessible to people with disabilities, and do not meet regulatory requirements for fish protection. State Parks will replace the floats with more sustainable materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2340)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Award: \$200,000** **Planning the Sacajawea Snake River Floats**

State Parks will use this grant to permit and design the replacement of three floats on the Snake River that have outlived their useful life, are not accessible to people with disabilities, and do not meet regulatory requirements for fish protection. Built in the 1990s, the wooden floats have deteriorated. New floats will be designed of sustainable materials, such as aluminum or steel, and designed to be accessible. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2417)

Projects in Garfield County

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Award: \$19,000** **Grooming and Maintaining Trails in the Umatilla National Forest**

The Pomeroy Ranger District in the Umatilla National Forest will use this grant to fund a two-person crew and volunteers to provide winter grooming and maintain 138 miles of snowmobile trails in the Umatilla National Forest. The crew will remove fallen trees, clear debris, improve signs and trail markers, and install snow poles. The Forest Service will contribute \$80,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, a state grant, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2019)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Award: \$40,000** **Maintaining Pomeroy Ranger District Camping Areas**

The Pomeroy Ranger District in the Umatilla National Forest will use this grant to maintain 13 campgrounds, 5 areas of high use, and dispersed campsites. Work will include pumping out toilets, removing garbage, cleaning fire rings, repairing and painting picnic tables, maintaining feed mangers and hitching rails, and repairing bulletin boards and forest signs. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and materials.

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This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2020)

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Projects in Grant County

Grant County

Grant Award: \$40,000

Maintaining the Moses Lake Sand Dunes

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to maintain the Moses Lake Sand Dunes, which are south of Moses Lake and a popular spot for off-road vehicles. The sheriff's office will repair fences, clean bathrooms, repair and replace signs, control noxious weeds, and remove litter. Grant County will contribute \$36,000 in equipment, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2337)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Award: \$965,000

Redeveloping Million Dollar Mile North Access Area

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the Million Dollar North Access Area on Banks Lake in Grant County, about 9 miles north of Coulee City. The department will pave the entrance road and parking lot and install a restroom, loading platform, a concrete boat launch, and large boulders to denote boundaries. The department also will level and lay gravel on the parking and camping areas. The 3-acre access area is used by anglers, hunters, boaters, skiers, and all the other water sports. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2230)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Award: \$195,100

Removing Russian Olive Trees in the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to remove the highly invasive Russian olive trees and restore native species in the Lower Crab Creek Unit of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area. The Columbia Basin Wildlife Area supports what is suspected to be the most significant monarch butterfly summer breeding site in the state and a natural area preserve established to protect an exemplary saltgrass-greasewood vegetation community. About 1,600 acres of the unit are infested with Russian olive trees, which are an aggressive noxious weed. Russian olive can transform relatively open streambank and wetland areas into forests, outcompeting native vegetation, including flowers used by monarch butterflies. The trees also hinder recreation because of their dense, thorny branches. The department will remove the trees and restore native species at a site next to the core monarch breeding site and on 30 acres of the preserve. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this](#)

[project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1304)

Projects in Grays Harbor County

Aberdeen

Grant Award: \$261,900

Replacing Fencing and Restrooms in Pioneer Park

The City of Aberdeen will use this grant to replace the restrooms and fence around the Little League field in Pioneer Park. The 4-foot-tall fence was installed in the 1980s and will be replaced with 6-foot-tall fences. The 1970s restroom next to the Little League field is not accessible to people with disabilities and will be demolished. In its place, the City will install a pre-fabricated, concrete restroom that is universally accessible along with a paved path from the park sidewalks to the restrooms. Aberdeen will contribute \$39,960 in cash, staff labor, and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1355)

Hoquiam

Grant Award: \$350,000

Repairing and Preserving Olympic Stadium

The City of Hoquiam will use this grant to repair and preserve Olympic Stadium, one of the last remaining Works Progress Administration wooden stadiums in the country. The stadium is used year-round for football, baseball, and soccer. The City will repair and improve the fields and grandstands, fix and paint the siding, and improve access for people with disabilities. Hoquiam will contribute \$100,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1829)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Award: \$437,780

Expanding the Buffer Around the Davis Creek Wildlife Area

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy up to 416 acres of mostly floodplain habitat along the Chehalis River, near Oakville. The purchase will help expand the buffer around the department's Davis Creek Wildlife Area Unit and will connect two habitat corridors. It will connect about 4 miles of Chehalis riverbank to other habitat (including off-channel habitat and wetlands) that extend another 1.2 miles downstream and 1 mile upstream to a bridge. It also creates a permanent and near continuous north-south link between the Capitol State Forest and the Lower Chehalis State Forest. The land contains remnant oak woodland and historic prairie habitats. Bordering lands are known to support waterfowl, elk, beaver, salmon, band-tailed pigeon, wood ducks, and the Olympic mudminnow. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Riparian Protection Category](#). (20-1216)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Improving Elk River Unit Habitat for Marbled Murrelets

Grant Award: \$96,200

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to remove Scotch broom, reed canary grass, and other weeds in the Elk River Unit of the Johns River Wildlife Area to make the habitat more hospitable for marbled murrelet, dusky Canadian geese, and other wintering waterfowl. Murrelets need nesting sites near saltwater with trees tall enough to provide cover from predators. The extensive Scotch broom has prevented existing trees from growing tall enough and in greater number. In addition to removing Scotch broom, the department will plant trees in some areas. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1417)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Redeveloping the Fuller Bridge Access Area

Grant Award: \$760,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to install a double boat ramp at its Chehalis River Fuller Bridge Access Area off Keys Road in Elma. The department also will level the gravel parking area, place barrier rocks, and move a sign to improve the parking lot and make it easier to launch and retrieve boats. The department also will replace the toilet with a restroom that is accessible to people with disabilities and add an accessible parking stall and walkway. The launch area is used mostly by motorize boats trying to access the Chehalis and Satsop Rivers. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2072)

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Projects in Island County

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Restoring Rare Prairies in the Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve

Grant Award: \$56,000

The Department of Natural Resources, partnering with the Whidbey Camano Land Trust, will use this grant to restore rare costal prairie and endangered plant habitat in the Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve, 2.5 miles south of Coupeville in the Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve on Whidbey Island. The department will remove invasive and non-native species and then reseed and plant native dominant prairie species, including golden paintbrush. The rare prairies contain 2 of the only 12 naturally occurring populations of golden paintbrush, which is a species listed by the federal government as threatened with extinction under the Endangered Species Act and designated as endangered by the State. The department will restore more than 2 acres in two portions of the preserve. The work will help preserve and perpetuate the last native prairies in north Puget Sound, including one that is extraordinarily rare. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1592)

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Projects in Jefferson County

Jefferson County

Grant Award: \$500,000

Building Jefferson Universal Movement Playground

Jefferson County Parks and Recreation will use this grant to build the first phase of the Jefferson Universal Movement Playground in HJ Carroll Park. The playground will expand outdoor recreation opportunities for children with disabilities who have no accessible playgrounds within an hour's drive. The playground will include an elevated play structure, a net climber, a merry-go-round, two spring riders, musical instruments, a disk swing, an elevated play mound with roller slide, and three connected climbing rocks. The County will install interpretive panels and small plankton sculptures to represent a sea theme. Finally, the County will add seating, tables, and drinking fountains. Additional accessible features include parking and a pull-through, drop-off area. The County also will build pathways to connect the playground to Chimacum Creek, picnic shelters, a bicycle area, trails, athletic fields, and a bus stop. The County will contribute \$286,615 from private grants, community donations, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1210)

Jefferson County

Grant Award: \$2,189,021

Connecting Olympic Discovery Trail to Anderson Lake State Park

The Jefferson County Department of Public Works will use this grant to build 2.7 miles of Olympic Discovery Trail. This segment runs from the trailhead at the Jefferson Transit Authority facility through Pope Timber lands to Anderson Lake State Park. Building this segment will allow trail users to reach the state park on 10 miles of trail, with only one-third mile of non-trail travel. The Olympic Discovery Trail is planned to run 130 miles from Port Townsend to the Pacific Ocean at La Push. The trail is 61 percent complete. Jefferson County will contribute more than \$1.1 million in a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Trails Category](#). (20-1745)

Jefferson Land Trust

Grant Award: \$255,000

Conserving the Hannan Farm

The Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to permanently protect the 115-acre Hannan Farm, 4 miles

south of Chimacum. The agreement will preserve permanently one of the largest historical working farms in the Chimacum watershed by preventing subdivision of the land and future development. The agreement also will help protect nearly 1 mile of Chimacum Creek and seasonal streams. The farm is designated as farmland of statewide importance and has prime soils, salmon spawning habitat in Chimacum Creek, and scenic open space. The mother and daughter landowners are raising cattle and hay crops. The Jefferson Land Trust will contribute \$319,800 in local and federal grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (20-1405)

Jefferson Land Trust Conserving Port Townsend's Largest Farm

Grant Award: \$430,000

The Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to permanently protect 77 acres of Natemba Farm, which is on Port Townsend's city limits. The purchase will preserve the prime agricultural soils and productivity, wetlands, and the scenic character of the largest farm in Port Townsend. Natemba Farm provides land to six diverse operations that produce vegetables, fruit and nut trees, flowers, goat meat, and beef for local markets. Additional products include pickles, relish, preserves, and herbs. The agreement will prevent the majority of future development and help ensure there is prime farmland available for food production near Jefferson County's largest population center. The Jefferson Land Trust will contribute \$530,800 in Conservation Futures¹ and donated land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (20-1681)

Jefferson Land Trust Establishing Chimacum Ridge Community Forest

Grant Award: \$3,000,000

The Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to buy 853 acres of commercial forestland to establish the Chimacum Ridge Community Forest. Located near the unincorporated community of Chimacum, the ridge is a local landmark surrounded by farmland and forestland. The ridge mostly consists of second-growth Douglas fir and is home to 19 tributaries of salmon-bearing Chimacum Creek. The purchase will open 10 miles of new trails for activities such as hiking, biking, and birdwatching. In addition, the forest will provide resources to nonprofit and entrepreneurial endeavors for carpentry, woodworking, and wooden boat building, as well as botanical and berry harvests, guided experiences, and traditional food and tree harvests by local tribes. The Jefferson Land Trust will contribute \$897,500 in donated cash. Visit RCO's online

¹Conservation Futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Community Forest Program](#). (20-2016)

Port of Port Townsend Improving the Gardiner Boat Launch

Grant Award: \$539,877

The Port of Port Townsend will use this grant to replace and enhance access to the Gardiner Boat Launch, which is the only public recreational launch ramp on Discovery Bay. The launch is badly deteriorated, soon will be unsafe to use, and is not compliant for people with disabilities. The Port will build a new ramp, including a concrete access wedge and a seasonal boarding float, both accessible to people with disabilities, which will make it easier for all boaters to launch and retrieve their boats. The new float will provide a place for boaters to temporarily tie up boats while retrieving their trailers, potentially preventing the beaching of boats. This project is the first of a two-phase effort with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. In the second phase, the department, which owns a parking lot next door, will add parking and restrooms. This two-phase project will support the future of the Olympic Peninsula Salmon Derby, a popular fishing derby that has been hosted at the launch for more than 40 years. The Port of Port Townsend will contribute \$134,970. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2083)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving a Coastal Ecosystem at Dabob Bay

Grant Award: \$2,265,532

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 381 acres of the most threatened and ecologically important shoreline and forested uplands in the Dabob Bay Natural Area. Located in rapidly growing eastern Jefferson County, Dabob Bay is one of the most ecologically diverse and intact estuarine bays remaining in Puget Sound. The land includes property on Thorndyke Bay, which is a high-quality estuary identified within the Dabob Bay Natural Area for conservation by the Washington State Natural Heritage Program, and property along Anderson Creek, which is the last private land remaining within a high-priority restoration site along Dabob Bay. With this grant, the department can ensure protection and restoration of natural ecological processes and water quality at this site before further development greatly increases the costs and challenges of conserving this exceptional coastal ecosystem. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Riparian Protection Category](#). (20-1421)

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Projects in King County

Bellevue

Grant Award: \$1,850,000

Buying Lake Sammamish Waterfront

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to buy a half-acre on the western shore of Lake Sammamish. The land connects to 1.2 acres of undeveloped, city-owned land on the lake. This is part of a larger project to build Bellevue's first park on Lake Sammamish, which is surrounded by mostly private land with limited public access points. Bellevue will contribute more than \$1.8 million in cash and Conservation Futures.² Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Water Access Category](#). (20-1809)

Covington

Grant Award: \$500,000

Creating an Entry to Jenkins Creek Park

The City of Covington will use this grant to buy nearly 2 acres and develop them as the main entry to the 22-acre Jenkins Creek Park. The park sits in the center of Covington but lacks visibility from a major street, suffers from no main entrance, and is not well used. The City will add parking, entry signs, a trailhead kiosk, garbage cans, lighting, and a gate. In addition, the City will restore a stream and improve the natural environment that is known for rare native plants and animals. The land is zoned for commercial use and is at risk of development. Covington will contribute more than \$2.9 million in cash, Conservation Futures,³ and a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (20-1858)

Issaquah

Grant Award: \$1,877,401

Expanding Harvey Manning Park

The City of Issaquah will use this grant to buy 33.53 acres to expand Harvey Manning Park, protecting Cougar Mountain from deforestation. The land contains a mature forest, 6 streams, 12 wetlands, and 31.5 acres of upland habitat. The forest contains a variety of tree species, varied understory plants, and many habitat structures, including snags and logs. The purchase will expand the park to 43.53 acres. The land is next to more than 5,000 acres of conserved land in the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, Squak Mountain State Park, and Cougar-Squak corridor. The land serves as a gateway to Cougar Mountain and connects to the regional transit station parking garage serving as a weekend trailhead. This project is widely supported by the

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Trust for Public Land, King County, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, Save Cougar Mountain, Issaquah Alps Trails Club, Save Lake Sammamish, and Washington Trails Association. Issaquah will contribute nearly \$8 million in cash, Conservation Futures,⁴ and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Urban Wildlife Habitat Category](#). (20-1258)

Kent

Grant Award: \$562,999

Renovating Kent Memorial Park

The City of Kent will use two grants to renovate Kent Memorial Park by replacing a grass baseball field with an artificial turf, multipurpose field. The City also will replace lighting, bleachers, and a restroom. In addition, the City will renovate two smaller softball fields north of the main field to maximize opportunities in the area. Kent will contribute nearly \$4.4 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1254](#) and [20-1263](#). These grants are from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#) and the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: Projects

King County

Grant Award: \$1,000,000

Building Part of the East Lake Sammamish Trail

The King County Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to complete site preparations and pave a 1.65 miles of the 11-mile East Lake Sammamish Trail, which runs along an abandoned railroad corridor on the east side of Lake Sammamish. The new segment runs from Southeast 33rd Street to just past the intersection with East Lake Sammamish Shore Lane Southeast in the city of Sammamish. The trail will be 12 feet wide and paved, with 2-foot-wide gravel shoulders on each side. The County also will improve drainage and install a retaining wall, landscaping, fencing, and traffic controls. When eventually complete, the trail will connect the cities of Redmond, Sammamish, and Issaquah. The East Lake Sammamish Trail is part of a larger, 44-mile trail system extending from Puget Sound in Seattle to the Cascade foothills. Supporters of the project include the City of Redmond, Cascade Bicycle Club, Forterra, and Friends of the East Lake Sammamish Trail. King County will contribute nearly \$14 million in a voter-approved levy and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Trails Category](#). (20-1465)

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King County

Grant Award: \$65,000

Buying the Glendale Forest for a Neighborhood Park

The King County Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to buy and develop a 5-acre urban forest threatened to be developed into apartments in a Glendale neighborhood, which has no public parks or greenspace. The purchase will protect a mature forest, wetlands, and a year-round stream that provides habitat for songbirds, raptors, and amphibians. The County will build a half-mile trail and install a bridge across the stream, kiosks, interpretive signs, and benches. Three blocks from an elementary and middle school, the forest is surrounded by homes and large apartment complexes. The County will contribute \$433,564 in cash and Conservation Futures.⁵ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1532)

King County

Grant Award: \$500,000

Conserving the Forest in Vashon Island's Camp Sealth

The King County Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve 280 acres of forestland at Camp Sealth. The agreement would prevent future residential development permanently. The 381-acre Camp Sealth contains mature second-growth forest and is operated as a youth summer camp for 500 annual campers. For more than 25 years, Camp Sealth has cut trees, mostly to promote forest health, reduce the spread and threat from laminated root rot, and generate money for camp operations. King County will contribute more than \$3 million in cash and Conservation Futures.⁶ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Forestland Preservation Category](#). (20-1676)

King County

Grant Award: \$1,000,000

Continuing Renovations of Dockton Moorage

The King County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the dock and moorage slips at Dockton Park, which is on the shores of Quartermaster Harbor on Vashon-Maury Island in south Puget Sound. The County also will replace 36 pilings and 8 finger piers, renovate the breakwater pier with pre-fabricated floats, and install a fire safety system. Dockton Park's dock, moorage, and launching facilities were built in 1969 and renovated in the mid-1980s, and the boat launch was replaced in the early 2000s. King County will

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contribute \$2.2 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2080)

King County

Grant Award: \$500,000

Developing an Entry to Little Lake Forest Park

The King County Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to buy and develop 5.11 acres in unincorporated King County near Enumclaw as an entry to Little Lake Forest Park. The County bought the 155-acre forest in 2018 to increase public access to nature in south King County and to conserve this ecologically rich landscape. The County will install a play area, picnic shelter, seating areas, a restroom, native plants, and interpretive signs. King County will contribute \$826,065 in cash, Conservation Futures,⁷ and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1533)

King County

Grant Award: \$500,000

Replacing a Dock in Marymoor Park

The King County Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to replace a well-used dock at the mouth of the Sammamish River near the north end of Lake Sammamish in King County's Marymoor Park. The County will replace the 100-foot-long dock used annually by more than 3,000 kayakers, paddle boarders, and rowers, with a 200-foot-long dock and boat ramp. King County will contribute \$642,128 from a voter-approved tax levy and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). (20-1530)

Kirkland

Grant Award: \$500,000

Renovating the Shoreline in David Brink Park

The City of Kirkland will use this grant to renovate the shoreline along Lake Washington in David Brink Park. The City will remove part of a bulkhead and create two pocket beaches with native plants and terraced rock walls. In addition, the City will install a new seat wall and viewing area, replace the stairs to the beach and part of the concrete bulkhead, remove derelict pilings near the shoreline, resurface the pier with grated decking, create a universally accessible pathway loop, and install signs to educate visitors about the shoreline restoration project. The goal is to enhance access to the lake. Kirkland will contribute \$811,600. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). (20-1758)

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Lake Forest Park Buying Land Along Lake Washington

Grant Award: \$768,794

The City of Lake Forest Park will use this grant to buy 1.91 acres on the northwest shore of Lake Washington near the city's center, the Burke-Gilman Trail, and the Lyon Creek Waterfront Preserve. The purchase will help the City improve its low ratio of park acres to population while providing public access to the water and walkable park space. The land contains a lawn, about 150 feet of sandy beach, a dock, and the lake. The City will contribute \$2.5 million in a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Water Access Category](#). (20-1862)

Mercer Island Renovating the Luther Burbank Park Pier

Grant Award: \$379,320

The City of Mercer Island will use this grant to renovate a 240-foot-long pier to correct structural decay, bracing, and concrete deck deterioration. The City also will upgrade the moorage by adding fender boards, cleats, and user information for larger powerboats. The docks were built in 1974. The 58-acre Luther Burbank Park is on the north end of Mercer Island, between Seattle and Bellevue. It offers one of the only free, unrestricted day-use moorages on Lake Washington. The park provides boaters access to restrooms, a playground, a swim beach, picnic areas, tennis courts, and trails. Planned renovations will extend the life of the pier by at least 20 years. Mercer Island will contribute \$126,440. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Infrastructure Grant](#) program. (20-1714)

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust Recruiting Trailhead Ambassadors

Grant Award: \$10,000

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will use this grant to pay for staff and educational materials for use in its Mission Trailhead Ambassadors program, which recruits and teaches stewardship behaviors to those recreating on trails in the Snoqualmie River corridor. This is a collaborative program, encompassing land management agencies, nonprofits, and businesses in the Interstate 90-Snoqualmie River corridor. The trust will contribute \$2,500 in donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2282)

Renton Replacing the Trestle Bridge in Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park

Grant Award: \$500,000

The City of Renton will use this grant to replace the trestle bridge in Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park on the south shore of Lake Washington. The park is Renton's most popular park,

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drawing more than 15,000 people for events and in a recent 6-hour count, more than 800 people were counted crossing the bridge. The bridge is a critical part of the park's pedestrian trail and a possible future connection to the regional Eastrail. The new bridge will provide a new viewpoint along the pedestrian trail and will include interpretive signs. The City will remove all 58 piles and the new bridge deck will allow light through, which is better for fish. Renton will contribute \$999,572 in council bonds. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1731)

Rj's Kids **Grant Award: \$166,875** **Enhancing the Pump Track at the Burton Adventure Recreation Center**

Rj's Kids will use this grant to enhance the pump track at the Burton Adventure Recreation Center. The group will add a cross-path skate feature to the pump track and four pods with integrated skate features connected by a path. The improvements will enable the center to provide experiences for beginner and advanced users, allow for competitive bicycling and skateboarding for ages up to 18, and accommodate adult amateurs of all wheeled sports. The Burton Adventure Recreation Center features an indoor skate park, outdoor skate bowl, volleyball area, outdoor ping-pong table, mountain biking and walking trails, and a Frisbee disc golf course. Rj's Kids will contribute \$69,425 in a private grant and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1886)

Seattle **Grant Award: \$1,000,000** **Creating North Rainier Park**

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to create a 1-acre park in the Rainier Valley neighborhood of southeast Seattle, one of the most demographically diverse regions in the nation. The project will enhance this dense, urban, under-represented, residential, and commercial neighborhood by creating a community recreation and gathering space. The park design includes a fitness zone, barbecue and picnic amenities, plantings and trees, and pathways for strolling, jogging, or skating. Seattle will contribute more than \$2.1 million in cash, council bonds, and a private grant. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1297](#) and [20-1833](#). These grants are from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#).

Seattle **Grant Award: \$350,000** **Installing New Lights in West Queen Anne Playfield**

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to improve lighting at the West Queen Anne Playfield's east fields. The playfield was built in 1971 and the lights, which are mounted on wood poles, have not been replaced since. The City will replace the field lights that surround two baseball fields and an overlapping soccer and ultimate Frisbee field. The playfield is in the central west part of Seattle that has the fewest number of lit turf fields in the city. The

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playfield is in very high demand by local Little Leagues and serves as a nexus of recreation activity, next to the commercial core of a dense residential neighborhood, and within site of the Queen Anne Community Center, Queen Anne Pool, and McClure Middle School. Seattle will contribute \$441,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1303)

Seattle

Grant Award: \$850,000

Renovating Maple Wood Playfield

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use two grants to renovate 5 acres in Maple Wood Playfield in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of southeast Seattle, one of the most diverse areas in the nation. The City will add new drainage and irrigation, regrade the fields, resurface the basketball court, and add a grass playing surface, backstops, dugouts, and bleachers. The City also will install play equipment and reconfigure the play area to optimize accessibility, safety, and parental supervision. The City will make changes to parking and pathways to accommodate people with disabilities. The 9.4-acre Maple Wood Playfield is widely used by multiple groups, schools, and leagues for baseball, softball, soccer, and football. Seattle will contribute nearly \$2 million. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1298](#) and [20-1828](#). These grants are from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) and the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#).

Seattle

Grant Award: \$1,000,000

Renovating Terry Pettus Park

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use two grants to renovate Terry Pettus Park, the largest waterfront park on east Lake Union. The City will replace the failing retaining walls, seating, and dock. The City also will improve the paths connecting the Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop Trail and the access to the shoreline and dock for people using wheelchairs. This is the only park in Seattle's system that will provide free, waterfront access that is accessible to people with disabilities. Finally, the City will enhance landscaping features to improve lines of sight and safety, restore native habitat, and make shoreline improvements. The park is popular for walking, biking, and water activities and is a regional spot to launch hand-carried boats. Seattle will contribute \$740,000. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1302](#) and [20-1759](#). These grants are from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Water Access Category](#).

Snoqualmie

Grant Award: \$475,000

Developing Centennial Fields' All-inclusive Playground

The City of Snoqualmie will use this grant to develop an all-inclusive play area within Centennial Fields Park. No parks in the city or valley are designed for all-inclusive play. Centennial Fields is next to Snoqualmie Elementary School, which houses the special education team, which serves more than 500 elementary school students. The park will offer 15 play equipment pieces,

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including ramps for wheelchair access, equipment for those with mobility impairments (spinal muscular atrophy, cerebral palsy), and tactile and musical equipment for youth who are autistic or have sight impairments. The City also will designate parking spaces for people with disabilities and installing perimeter fencing. Snoqualmie will contribute \$495,400 in cash and local and private grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1739)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Award: \$75,000**
Addressing Backlogged Trail Maintenance in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to clear trail debris and improve trail surfaces and drainage on 150 miles of trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and surrounding backcountry. Work will be done in the watersheds of North, Middle, and South Forks of the Snoqualmie River, which include trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. More than 200,000 visitors use trails in the area each year. High visitor use, steep grades, dense forests, and winter storms created backlogged maintenance needs and existing Forest Service budgets are vastly insufficient. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,000 in donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2308)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Award: \$200,000**
Expanding the Denny Creek and Franklin Falls Parking Lot

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to build a parking lot for up to 60 cars and 4 buses, construct a road to connect parking lots, build a small trail to one of the parking lots, and install a new toilet at the Denny Creek-Franklin Falls recreation hub. This expansion is the second phase of a project that built a similar-sized parking lot in 2015. Denny Creek and Franklin Falls are among the most popular recreation destinations in the national forest. More than 90,000 users visit the area in an average summer season. The Forest Service will contribute \$495,000 in a federal grant. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2355)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Award: \$150,000**
Funding Front Country Patrols in the Snoqualmie Ranger District

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to pay for four officers and two volunteers from May through September for 2 years. The officers and volunteers will assist people visiting the 300,000 acres to hike, ride horses, camp, drive off-road vehicles, target shoot, and hunt at the districts 50 trailheads, 3 developed

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campgrounds, and thousands of dispersed camping sites. The presence of uniformed officers will decrease vandalism and forest infractions and improve the district's ability to respond to visitor needs. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (20-2292)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$200,000

Hiring Patrols in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to pay for four backcountry rangers and two interns to patrol trails in the Snoqualmie Ranger District for 2 years. The rangers will educate visitors hiking and biking to backcountry destinations in the 300,000-acre district. Rangers and volunteers will patrol more than 400 miles of trail and hundreds of destination lakes, streams, and summits, which provide a wide spectrum of recreation opportunities including hiking, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, foraging, and horseback riding for more than 300,000 visitors a year. Rangers contact visitors in the field and monitor and protect natural and cultural resources and backcountry facilities. The Forest Service will contribute \$200,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (20-2334)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$150,000

Maintaining National Park and Forest Trails

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to maintain trails damaged by wildfires and those not in fee areas. Work will include clearing debris and improving trail surfaces and drainage in both Mount Rainier National Park and the national forest. Up to 200,000 visitors use these trails every year. High use and storms created backlogged maintenance needs that the budgets of the Forest Service and National Park Service cannot address. The trails are used by hikers, mountain bikers, snowshoers, cross-country skiers, horseback riders, and backpackers. The Forest Service will contribute \$572,792 in equipment, staff labor, materials, a grant from the state Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle activities program, and donated labor. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project.](#) (20-2320)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$87,706

Maintaining Skykomish Ranger District Trails

The Skykomish Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to fund trail crews, contractors, and coordination of volunteer groups to maintain 144 miles of trails for 2 years. These trails include hiker and stock trails. Crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, repair bridges, restore slide areas, remove

boulders, and improve trail surfaces. Crews also will move a heavily eroded segment of Blanca Lake Trail. The trail system traverses the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Wild Sky Wildernesses and their adjacent backcountry areas and includes the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and the Iron Goat Trail in the Stevens Pass Historic District. An estimated 200,000 visitors a year use the trails that wind through old-growth forests, along subalpine lakes and meadows, and near wild creeks and rivers. The Forest Service will contribute \$130,500 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2234)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$200,000

Maintaining Trails in the Snoqualmie Ranger District

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to hire an equipment operator and a technician to support maintenance of the Evans Creek ORV Park and Campground and other trails for motorized activities along the State Route 410 corridor and throughout district. The Forest Service will contribute \$116,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2194)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$115,400

Patrolling the Snoqualmie Area Front Country

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to hire four summer officers and two volunteers. The presence of uniformed officers will decrease vandalism and other crime and improve staff's ability to respond to visitor needs. The district encompasses 300,000 acres of which more than half are accessible to a broad range of visitors including hikers, equestrians, campers, off-road vehicle riders, target shooters, hunters, and many others. During the past several years, declining budgets and retiring employees have decreased staff's ability to respond to recreation needs. The Forest Service will contribute \$51,000 in staff labor and materials and donated labor and materials. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2350)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Award: \$1,338,671

Buying Land in the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 167.4 acres of privately owned land for inclusion in the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area in east King County. The land is highly threatened by residential development and provides crucial wildlife habitat in an urban area. The land is a part of the Mountains to Sound Greenway, a 100-mile corridor of forests, wildlife habitat, and open spaces along Interstate 90, which is a National Scenic Byway and

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National Heritage Area. Distinctive features of this site include mature Douglas fir forests, pockets of old-growth forests, snag-rich wildlife habitats, numerous streamside systems, cliffs, steep slopes, and wildlife corridors. The quality of this site is high due to the habitat diversity, remote character, and wildlife connections it provides in the surrounding region. The area is used by a variety of wildlife including northern spotted owls, pileated woodpecker, peregrine falcon, black bear, Roosevelt elk, bobcat, cougar, fox, coyote, osprey, black-tail deer, and a variety of other mammals, birds, insects, and amphibians. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Urban Wildlife Habitat Category](#). (20-1424)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Caring for Snoqualmie Corridor Trails

Grant Award: \$117,950

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund staff time, materials, and agreements with partners to maintain more than 150 miles of trails, 4 trailheads, and 2 day-use areas in multiple areas in eastern King County, outside North Bend. Work will be done in the West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area, Tiger Mountain and Raging River State Forests, Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area, and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area. The work will be done on trails for non-motorized uses such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, rock climbing, and paragliding. The trails in this area are among Washington's most frequented, offering year-round recreational opportunities to the 4 million residents of the Puget Sound metropolitan area. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$118,000 in staff labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2235)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Completing Trails in Raging River State Forest

Grant Award: \$260,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build the final 10 miles of a 45-mile trail network in Raging River State Forest, about 20 miles east of Seattle. The trail is for non-motorized uses, such as hiking, bicycling, and riding horses. The proposed new trails will give visitors a safer alternative to using service roads, develop missing trail links, provide downhill mountain biking trails, and provide more trail access mostly for equestrian and hiking use. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$369,000 in a state appropriation, staff labor, and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Development and Renovation Category](#). (20-1445)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$10,000**
Educating Visitors at two Natural Resources Conservation Areas in King County

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund an educator to increase visitors' awareness in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Areas in east King County. The educator will patrol the popular backcountry trails and educate visitors about trail etiquette and regulations. The grant also will provide funding for educational materials to distribute to recreationists. Properly educated recreationists will decrease search-and-rescue missions, reduce harm to sensitive environments, and reduce misbehavior and crime. The department will contribute \$5,000 in staff and donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2131)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$525,000**
Expanding the Highpoint Trailhead

The Department of Natural Resources will use two grants to expand the Highpoint Trailhead in the West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area. The department will create a formal entry roundabout, double the parking to 158 parking spaces, add a shuttle stop and a school bus loading zone, create a picnic area, and install a toilet and informational kiosks. In addition, the department will build connections to hiking trails and environmental education facilities in the conservation area and in Issaquah's Tradition Plateau on the south side of Interstate 90, and to hiking and mountain biking trails in King County's Grand Ridge Park on the north side of the interstate. The work will better accommodate high use, improve public safety, and reduce unauthorized camping and dumping at the forest's entry. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$200,000 in a state appropriation, staff labor, and donations of labor and materials. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1503](#) and [20-2275](#). These grants are from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Development and Renovation Category](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$185,000**
Hiring a Patrol for the Snoqualmie Corridor

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund two education and enforcement specialists to patrol lands in the Interstate 90-Snoqualmie Corridor, in eastern King County, including the Marckworth State Forest, and federal lands in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The specialist in the Snoqualmie Corridor will patrol more than 200 miles of trails, 9 regional trailheads, several day-use sites, and other informal parking areas. The specialist on the federal lands will patrol 115 miles of trails, 5 trailheads, multiple day-use sites, and 1 campground. The grant also will pay for small tools, minor equipment, and educational materials. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute

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\$156,550 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2130)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Renovating the Tiger Summit Trailhead

Grant Award: \$325,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to renovate the Tiger Summit Trailhead, in Tiger Mountain State Forest, about 25 miles from Seattle. The department will add 100 parking spaces including an equestrian parking area with spaces for six horse trailers, install a toilet, develop picnic areas, install information kiosks, add an equestrian mounting ramp, and build a shuttle stop. In addition, the department will improve access to the trail system and to a new shelter with views of Mount Rainier and the Cascade Mountains. With continued regional population growth and record use levels approaching 250,000 visits a year, the 50-car gravel trailhead, which was built more than 30 years ago, is no longer adequate and people are parking along the highway and county roads. Tiger Mountain offers more than 50 miles of mountain biking, equestrian, and hiking trails and an accessible interpretive loop. The additional parking that is proposed is urgently needed to improve access and safety and to provide a high-quality outdoor recreation experience. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$388,000 in a state appropriation, staff labor, and donations of materials and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Development and Renovation Category](#). (20-1501)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Building the Issaquah Creek Loop Trail

Grant Award: \$2,617,968

State Parks will use this grant to develop a 1.25-mile loop trail near Issaquah Creek in Lake Sammamish State Park. State Parks will put a bridge over Issaquah Creek and shorter bridges over two drainage ditches. The trail will be crushed rock, except where it crosses through wetlands, where it will be boardwalk. State Parks also will remove some trail sections that are too close to the creek, including one that washed out in February 2020. Lake Sammamish had more than 1.3 million visitors in 2019, making it one of the most visited state parks. Most visitors stay in the more heavily developed areas of the park and are unaware of the beautiful wetlands, streams, and forested areas the park offers. This trail will allow visitors to venture into the park's natural areas on a short and easy loop trail that is accessible to people with disabilities. The trail also will link to other park trails to make larger loops. The State Parks and Recreation Commission will contribute \$110,000 in donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Parks Category](#). (20-1556)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Award: \$1,972,500**
Buying Land for a Trail in the Green River Gorge

State Parks will use this grant to buy 44 acres near Black Diamond, in the Green River Gorge Conservation Area. The land in Icy Creek Ridge is some of the last needed before State Parks can build a trail along the south rim of the gorge, from Kanaskat-Palmer State Park to Flaming Geyser State Park. The landowner has developed roads and has 14 building sites. The purchase will prevent the development and protect habitat corridors between the Green River and King County's Bass Lake complex to the south. The road will provide access to a future trailhead. The landowner is a willing seller. The State Parks and Recreation Commission will contribute \$727,500 in a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Parks Category](#). (20-1555)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Award: \$898,906**
Buying Land within Olallie State Park

State Parks will use this grant to buy 150 acres in Olallie State Park, ensuring this popular recreation area is protected forever for public use. Located just east of North Bend and within an hour's drive from Seattle, Olallie State Park is in the heart of the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area. Each season, thousands of hikers and rock climbers unknowingly traverse this private property, which includes 1 mile of the Mount Washington Trail, on their way to Mount Washington's summit or to more than 70 sport climbing routes in the Mount Washington Climbing Area. Though regularly used by hikers and climbers, no agreement is in place with the owner to ensure permitted access, nor is there an alternative access point given the site's topography. The State Parks and Recreation Commission will contribute \$27,750 in a private grant and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Parks Category](#). (20-1433)

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Projects in Kitsap County

Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District
Expanding Hidden Cove Park **Grant Award: \$749,750**

The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to buy a half-acre near Hidden Cove Park along the Cascade Marine Trail. The land will support a community boating program with a large dock, a shelter for instruction, equipment storage, and expanded access to the waterfront. The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District will contribute \$250,025 in voter-approved bonds and donated cash. Visit RCO's online

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Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Water Access Category](#). (20-1835)

Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club Renovating a Range Berm

Grant Award: \$48,480

The Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to renovate the berm at its pistol caliber range. The club will clean up the lead and metals in the existing berm, remove the dirt and sand, and replace the berm with easier-to-maintain rubber berm trap material. This project will reduce dust dramatically, noticeably reduce noise, lessen ricochets, and make future metal harvests easier. The Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club will contribute \$24,240 from cash and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. (20-1967)

Bremerton Renovating Haddon Neighborhood Park

Grant Award: \$850,000

The City of Bremerton will use two grants to develop pathways throughout Haddon Park so people with disabilities can reach places in the park, including a playground, restroom, shelter, and multiuse sports court. Currently no part of the park is accessible to people with disabilities. The 4-acre park is an aging neighborhood park with pathways and a sports court. Bremerton will contribute \$99,625 in cash, staff labor, and a local grant. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1289](#) and [20-1323](#). These grants are from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#) and the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#).

Great Peninsula Conservancy Developing the North Kitsap Divide Block Community Forest

Grant Award: \$2,935,000

The Great Peninsula Conservancy will use this grant to establish one of the last remaining large blocks of private timberland in northern Kitsap County as a community forest. The 487-acre area is threatened with conversion to a 24-house development. Ample moisture, road infrastructure, and moderate slopes gives this area some of the best growing conditions in western Washington. It is also the future route of the regionally significant Sound to Olympics Trail, which will connect the Mountains to Sound Greenway with the Olympic Discovery Trail. The land is in an important 1,800-acre wildlife corridor, which includes Kitsap County's 800-acre North Kitsap Heritage Park, Great Peninsula Conservancy's 280-acre Grovers Creek Preserve, and private forestland. This project is part of the larger Kitsap Forest and Bay Project, which was a decade-long initiative to protect some of the last remaining large blocks of land in northern Kitsap County. The Great Peninsula Conservancy will contribute \$2.8 million in a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Community Forest Program](#). (20-2035)

**KBH Archers Inc.
Constructing a Storage Building**

Grant Award: \$60,959

KBH Archers Inc. will use this grant to demolish and remove a storage trailer and replace it with a single-story building with restrooms. KBH Archers Inc. will contribute \$60,960 in donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. (20-2353)

**Port of Bremerton
Replacing the Port Orchard Marina Breakwater**

Grant Award: \$1,200,000

The Port of Bremerton will use this grant to replace a quarter-mile long breakwater built in 1973 at the Port Orchard Marina. The breakwater provides more than a half mile of guest moorage and protects the marina. The Port of Bremerton will contribute \$3.9 million in a state appropriation, city council bonds, and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Infrastructure Grant](#) program. (20-1855)

**Port of Brownsville
Enhancing Safety and Convenience at the Port of Brownsville**

Grant Award: \$86,025

The Port of Brownsville will use this grant to install a credit card pay station at the boat launch and fuel dock at its facilities. In addition, the Port will add security cameras and lighting on the docks and breakwater and in the parking lot to improve safety and security. In the past, the Port used a cash box at the ramp and fuel dock, which led to the loss of thousands of dollars. The new pay stations will be more convenient for visitors. The Port of Brownsville will contribute \$28,675. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2217)

**Port of Illahee
Improving Access to the Waterfront**

Grant Award: \$500,000

The Port of Illahee will use this grant to replace two recreational floats on the Illahee dock, expand parking, and improve pathways to the beach. The Illahee dock is a wood pier with gangways and two recreational floats, which have deteriorated and require immediate replacement. The upland area has a house, garage, and concrete boat ramp for small, nonmotorized boats. The Port will replace the floats in an improved configuration, demolish the house to expand parking, add new routes for people with disabilities, improve pathways to the beach, and install a toilet, educational signs, and viewpoints. The Port of Illahee will contribute \$312,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). (20-1711)

Port of Illahee
Improving Guest Moorage at Port Orchard Bay

Grant Award: \$851,065

The Port of Illahee will use this grant to create 11 slips for guest motorboats that are up to 26 feet long at the Port Orchard Bay moorage facility. The Port also will improve the configuration of the moorage to provide individual slips and better vessel maneuvering options. The Port recently bought a residential property with a boat launch ramp near the parking area that will provide the room to expand. The Port will use the land for more parking and a new toilet, and will open the launch ramp to public use. The Port will contribute \$299,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2059)

Port of Kingston
Replacing a Marina Restroom

Grant Award: \$246,000

The Port of Kingston will use two grants to replace its 1960s restroom, which is upland from the Port's marina and guest dock, with one that is accessible to people with disabilities. The restroom will be a prefabricated facility open to all port visitors. The Port of Kingston will contribute \$82,000. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1736](#) and [20-1420](#). These grants are from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) and the [Boating Infrastructure Grant](#).

Port of Silverdale
Improving the "Old Town" Silverdale Marina

Grant Award: \$1,128,288

The Port of Silverdale will use two grants to improve the "Old Town" Silverdale Marina in Kitsap County. The Port will expand moorage and improve public access by extending a finger pier and replacing the gangway from the existing pier to the marina dock. The Port also will install an 82-foot-long gangway from the existing pier to a new float that will be open to all non-motorized watercraft. In addition, the Port will upgrade wiring, power pedestals, and plumbing. Extending the finger pier by 1,700 square feet will provide wind and wave protection and allow larger boats to tie up. The new float will feature a low freeboard for easy access in and out of the water. The new gangways will improve access during low tides and allow use by people with disabilities. Finally, the Port will clean up derelict rock debris on the beach and restore the natural beach habitat to support wildlife, including salmon, listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. The Port of Silverdale will contribute \$250,000 in staff labor and a local grant. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1819](#) and [20-2142](#). These grants are from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) and the [Boating Facilities Program](#).

Poulsbo Building an Inclusive Playground in Raab Park

Grant Award: \$870,000

The City of Poulsbo will use this grant to develop an inclusive playground in the 21-acre Raab Park. The playground will include seven pieces of equipment and numerous sensory stations, all designed to accommodate people with physical disabilities and provide a sensory-rich experience. The equipment will include pieces such as a wheelchair friendly merry-go-round, inclusive teeter-totter, extra wide slides, and swing seats. The equipment will be next to the park's small playground, which is accessible to people with disabilities, but not fully inclusive. No play equipment will be removed. The 9,000-square-foot playground will feature a soft, padded synthetic surface and wheelchair accessible ramps. The inclusive playground is a community effort. The Poulsbo North Kitsap Rotary Club formed a partnership with the City and is co-leading this project alongside the Kitsap Community Foundation, special interest groups, and citizens. Raab Park is a well-used, community park and hosts a variety of activities, including the community gardens, a dog park, a walking trail, sport courts, and a skate park. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1648](#) and [20-1430](#). These grants are from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Buying Land in the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area

Grant Award: \$611,073

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 27 acres for inclusion in the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area. The purchase will protect forests along the forks of Stavis, Seabeck, and Boyce Creeks, which are used by chum and coho salmon on Hood Canal. The purchase also will protect rare forest communities in one of the most important corridors for biodiversity conservation in the Puget Trough. Both the conservation area and Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve, which is within the same conservation envelope, provide high-quality and rare wildlife habitat, making up a crucial part of a larger landscape of forests on the western Kitsap peninsula. The department will allow low-impact public use in the area, which provides stunning views of the Olympic Mountains and Hood Canal. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Urban Wildlife Habitat Category](#). (20-1427)

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Projects in Kittitas County

Forterra Conserving Forever the Upper Naneum Creek Farm

Grant Award: \$299,500

Forterra will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also known as a conservation easement, to conserve forever the 150-acre Upper Naneum Creek Farm, northeast

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of Ellensburg. With excellent soils, adequate water rights, significant acreage, and southern exposure, the farm is ideally suited for long-term agricultural use. Currently, the farm is irrigated pasture but is capable of supporting crops, pasture, and rangeland. The farm includes about 43 acres of important shrub steppe habitat, which is excluded from grazing and reserved for wildlife. The agreement will allow for future habitat improvements for wildlife and steelhead trout, which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. Forterra will contribute \$366,084 in federal and local grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (20-1230)

Kittitas Conservation Trust

Grant Award: \$3,000,000

Developing the Cle Elum Ridge Community Forest

The Kittitas Conservation Trust will use this grant to buy 1,250 acres in the first of three phases to create a 9,400-acre community forest on Cle Elum Ridge between Cle Elum, Roslyn, and the 55,000-acre Teanaway Community Forest. The trust plans to buy from a willing seller. This community forest will connect towns to hundreds of thousands of acres of forests and an expansive trails network, while curtailing residential development that threatens the ridge. The project will benefit the local tourism and forestry sectors while supporting public access, cross-boundary management, environmental education, and traditional tribal resources. The Kittitas Conservation Trust will contribute \$800,250 in a federal grant and donated land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Community Forest Program](#). (20-2044)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$188,000

Caring for Southern Cle Elum Ranger District Trails

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four-person crew, volunteers, and a youth crew or contractors to maintain 170 miles of multiuse trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Kittitas County. The crews will remove logs, clear trails of debris, repair trail structures, restore trail surfaces, and maintain trail signs. The grant also will pay for hand tools needed for trail maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute \$21,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2060)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$111,700

Hiring Front County Rangers in the Cle Elum Ranger District

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund four rangers, two law enforcement officers, and two volunteers to patrol high-use, dispersed camping areas, campgrounds, and trailheads in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Rangers will educate visitors on proper sanitation, respecting wildlife, campsite selection, fee compliance, and environmental stewardship. Patrols will focus on camping areas at ecologically sensitive streambanks and in

designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered species such as bull trout. Experience has shown consistent field presence and one-on-one interactions with users is effective at reducing environmental degradation, limiting user conflicts, and fostering greater environmental stewardship. The Forest Service will contribute \$77,000 in a federal appropriation and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (20-2105)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$150,000

Hiring Rangers to Patrol the Alpine Lakes Wilderness

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to partially fund a seasonal lead wilderness ranger, two rangers, two volunteer interns, and volunteers to patrol trails and camping areas in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The ranger district's portion of Alpine Lakes Wilderness is one of the most popular areas in Washington, hosting more than 175,000 visits at its 16 trailheads, 200 miles of trail, multiple high-country routes, more than 60 lakes, and more than 900 wilderness campsites. The wilderness area is used for hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, mountaineering, and mountain climbing. The rangers will educate visitors about how to protect the wilderness and trail resources. Through education and enforcement efforts, continued access to wilderness areas can be ensured without the need for additional regulation. The Forest Service will contribute \$65,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (20-2108)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$150,000

Maintaining Cle Elum Ranger District Front Country Areas

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to pay for a six-person crew, volunteers, professional contractors, and partners to maintain 17 campgrounds, 30 trailheads, numerous dispersed camping and day-use sites, 5 boat launches, and 2 rental cabins in Kittitas County. The crews will remove hazardous trees, clean up trash and dumpsites, collect fees, clean restrooms, pump out toilets, and maintain signs and bulletin boards, parking lots, picnic tables, and fire rings. Crews also will protect important habitat next to recreation sites for the many threatened and endangered species in the forest such as spotted owls and bull trout. Because the forest is near Puget Sound, it hosts hundreds of thousands of summer visitors. The Forest Service will contribute \$101,000 in a federal appropriation, a federal grant, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (20-2064)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Motorcycle and Four-Wheel Drive Trails

Grant Award: \$150,000

The Naches Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to pay for a four-person trail crew and crew leader to maintain about 90 percent of its motorcycle and 4-wheel drive trails for 2 years. The crew will clear trails, remove overgrown brush, clean and repair drainage structures, repair trail surfaces, and maintain signs. The district's 140 miles of motorcycle and 170 miles of four-wheel drive trails see an estimated 45,000 recreationists a year. The trail system is centrally located in Washington and well known for its variety of trail opportunities and landscapes. The Forest Service will contribute \$162,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, materials, a grant from the state Recreational Trails Program, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2170)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Northern Cle Elum Ranger District Trails

Grant Award: \$191,500

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four-person crew, volunteers, and a youth crew or contractors to maintain 230 miles of multiuse trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Kittitas County. The crews will remove logs, clear trails of debris, maintain trail structures, restore trail surfaces, and repair trail signs. The work will allow the public to use the trails while protecting natural resources. The Forest Service will contribute \$21,600 in donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2058)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Trails in the Cle Elum Ranger District

Grant Award: \$124,720

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund a four- to six-person crew to clear logs and brush, restore trail surfaces and drainage, construct and maintain trail structures, and build, install, and maintain trail signs along 326 miles of trails for non-motorized activities such as hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and camping. In addition, the crew will tackle some backlog maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute \$45,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2057)

U.S. Forest Service
Renting Portable Toilets

Grant Award: \$30,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to rent portable toilets for high-use, dispersed camping areas during the summer. Doing so will help protect ecologically sensitive streambanks and threatened and endangered species such as

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bull trout. Dispersed camping takes place outside of formally constructed campgrounds. These campsites are created by campers, not planned by the Forest Service, and do not usually include amenities such as toilets. The Forest Service will contribute \$3,400 in a federal appropriation. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2106)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Award: \$186,000** **Supporting an Off-Road Vehicle Education Program**

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to pay for staff in its off-road vehicle education program. The ranger district manages nearly 400 miles of off-road vehicle trails and works with volunteers to educate visitors about safety and environmental stewardship. The Forest Service will contribute \$47,000 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2124)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Award: \$75,000** **Grooming Stampede Pass Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to groom trails at Stampede Pass, which is a mecca for snowmobile enthusiasts, and eliminate 6,200 groomed miles of maintenance backlog during two winters. Major snowstorms require clearing trails of fallen trees, removing snow drifts, and using snow removal equipment including snow cats, snow blowers, and plows all winter long. This backcountry area is close to multiple major cities and is quickly accessed via Interstate 90. Stampede Pass provides opportunities to enjoy all forms of non-motorized winter recreation including cross-country skiing, dog sledding, and fat tire biking. State Parks will contribute \$124,000. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2322)

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Projects in Klickitat County

Mount Adams Resource Stewards **Grant Award: \$1,399,000** **Expanding Mount Adams Community Forest**

The Mount Adams Resource Stewards will use this grant to buy 800 acres to add to the Mount Adams Community Forest in Klickitat County. This expansion would prevent the loss of valuable working forestlands that support the local forest industry, cattle ranching enterprises, and the integrity of an adjacent national wildlife refuge. It also would add future income-producing

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forestlands to the community forest ownership. The land is at risk of development. The purchase will benefit state-listed western grey squirrels and Washington's only nesting population of greater sandhill cranes on nearby refuge lands. Elk, deer, black bears, and cougars also frequent the area. The forest could be used for hiking, hunting, horseback riding, and mushroom picking. The Mount Adams Resource Stewards will contribute \$246,900 in donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Community Forest Program](#). (20-2120)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Simcoe Mountain

Grant Award: \$4,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 5,112 acres in the Simcoe Mountains. This unique, large-scale landscape includes mixed conifer trees, Oregon white oak, white alder, shrub steppe, grasslands, cliffs, and 26 miles of stream bank along Rock Creek, which is a tributary to the Columbia River, and its tributaries. The land and streams are used by steelhead trout, which is a species listed as at risk of extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act; by western gray squirrel, which is a species listed as threatened with extinction by the State; and by mule deer, rainbow trout, northern goshawk, and western toad. The purchase of this land will allow nonmotorized recreation, such as hiking and hunting. This is the sixth phase of a multiphase project to conserve 20,000 acres. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Critical Habitat Category](#). (20-1225)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the White Salmon Oak Natural Resources Conservation Area

Grant Award: \$80,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore Garry oak woodlands and mixed conifer-oak forests in the White Salmon Oak Natural Resources Conservation Area. Restoration work will include thinning, snag creation, prescribed burning, and invasive species control. This work will restore the critically imperiled east cascade oak-ponderosa pine forest and woodland and will benefit two priority species: western grey squirrel and Surkdorfs desert parsley. Along with the benefits to these species, this work will increase climate change resiliency and fire resiliency. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1353)

White Salmon Valley Park District Building the White Salmon Valley Pool

Grant Award: \$350,000

The White Salmon Valley Park District will use this grant to design and build a multi-lane, 25-yard swimming pool for competitive swimming programs. The park district also will build bathrooms, changing rooms, lockers, showers, a staff office, and an equipment room. The swimming pool is one of three pools in a larger project that includes a therapeutic pool, a

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wading and splash pool, a community room, and additional restrooms and showers, lockers, and changing rooms. The new pool complex will replace the closed White Salmon City Pool, which served the communities of the White Salmon Valley since its construction in 1934. When completed, the pool facility will meet the community needs for competitive youth swim programs, general swim recreation and exercise, and aquatic safety education. The White Salmon Valley Park District will contribute more than \$1.2 million in cash, a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1811)

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Projects in Lewis County

Napavine

Grant Award: \$258,900

Improving Mayme Shaddock Park

The City of Napavine will use this grant to develop a covered shelter that includes a kitchen with restrooms at Mayme Shaddock Park, in the town center. The City also will build new pathways, making the park accessible to people with disabilities. The improvements make the park better able to serve the community as a gathering place for elementary school children, community events, weddings, and other celebrations. Napavine will contribute \$86,503 in cash and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1311)

Vader

Grant Award: \$283,143

Developing Werden Park

The City of Vader will use this grant to develop J.K. Werden Memorial Park. The City will install three main playground structures, a looped walking pathway, and several shaded picnicking areas. In addition, the City will add fencing and pave a parking lot. Werden Park is in Vader's town center, off State Route 506. Developing this park is key to providing an underserved and low-income community with healthy forms of entertainment, physical activity, and social connectivity within walking distance. Vader will contribute \$94,381 in cash, staff labor, and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1307)

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Projects in Lincoln County

Wilbur

Grant Award: \$59,331

Making Improvements to Youth Support Facilities

The Town of Wilbur will use this grant to improve connectivity to its pool and BMX dirt track areas. The Town will build a path for people with disabilities and replace the outdated restrooms in the park. The improvements will increase usability of these athletic facilities for the entire community and youth in particular. Wilbur will contribute \$19,777. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1429)

Projects in Mason County

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Award: \$146,521

Maintaining 4x4 Trails in the Tahuya State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund portions of three staff to maintain 4x4 trails in the Tahuya State Forest in Mason County. The staff will clear trails of debris, repair trail surfaces, inspect and maintain bridges and other trail structures, add rocks to prevent erosion, remove litter, and repair signs and fencing. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$97,500 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1983)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Award: \$121,637

Maintaining Trails in Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund portions of three staff to maintain 200 miles of trail, 5 campgrounds, and 7 trailheads for off-road vehicles in the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests. The staff and volunteers will clear trails of debris, harden trail surfaces, reroute small sections of trail, maintain bridges, install signs, and clean restrooms, campsites, and parking areas. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$153,250 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1957)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Award: \$277,278

Preserving Kennedy Creek Natural Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 4 acres of creek and uplands for inclusion in the Kennedy Creek Natural Area. The purchase will protect the creek and its banks and enhance protection of the smaller Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve, which

contains one of Washington's few remaining high-quality salt marsh communities. The purchase also will expand the highest quality salmon education trail in southern Puget Sound. The 1,461-acre Kennedy Creek Natural Area, located between Olympia and Shelton, includes both the Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve and the Kennedy Creek Natural Resources Conservation Area. The Natural Area provides key habitat for migrating shorebirds and salmon and protects water quality vital to the health of the regional shellfish economy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Natural Areas Category](#). (20-1422)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the Kennedy Creek Floodplain Forest

Grant Award: \$192,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 110 acres of floodplain and forest habitat in the 1,461-acre Kennedy Creek Natural Area, about 10 miles from Olympia. The department will plant trees on 88 acres and control weeds on 110 acres. In addition, the department will assess, design, and permit future projects to restore 22 acres of floodplain. The previous owner had logged the forest, graded the land, and removed the stumps, and now the land is infested with nonnative weeds. This project will energize a long-awaited effort to restore the area and improve floodplain and forest habitat connectivity. The Kennedy Creek Natural Area protects estuarine habitat, including rare salt marshes, mud flats, migratory shorebird habitat, and important salmon habitat. More than half the lowland floodplain forests in the north Pacific region are estimated to have been lost, and they are considered an imperiled ecosystem. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1613)

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Projects in Okanogan County

Methow Conservancy

Grant Award: \$1,140,000

Conserving a Farm on Wolf Creek Road in the Methow Valley

The Methow Conservancy will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to permanently protect 390 acres that have been a farm for more than 100 years in the Methow Valley. The farm contains high-quality soils and senior water rights, which will be tied to the land forever as part of the agreement. The conservancy will keep two farmsteads but will prevent further development on the land, part of which is zoned for 5-acre parcels and part of which is in a Planned Destination Resort Zone. Conserving the land also will protect signature scenic views along the Methow Community Trail and will protect wetlands that provide habitat for a wide range of wildlife. The Methow Conservancy will contribute more than \$1.1 million in a federal grant and donated land or property interest. Visit

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RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (20-1573)

Methow Valley Sport Trail Association Developing a Trailhead on Horizon Flats Road

Grant Award: \$48,920

The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will use this grant to develop a trailhead on 18 acres along Horizon Flats Road in Winthrop as a hub of trail-based recreation in the Methow Valley. The trailhead will provide parking, a bathroom, visitor information, and access to the Susie Stephens Trail, the Methow Community Trail, and eventually the proposed Twisp-to-Winthrop Trail, providing continuous trail access from Mazama to Twisp. The trailhead will serve non-motorized activities including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, cycling, running, birdwatching, hiking, and horseback riding. The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will contribute \$145,000. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2379)

Okanogan Land Trust Conserving Anderson Forestland for Sharp-tailed Grouse

Grant Award: \$86,880

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve 225 acres of forestland in the Tunk Valley, about 20 miles northeast of Omak. The Anderson forestland is next to more than 1,660 acres that were conserved by the land trust in 2019, and is within 5 miles of two other areas that support some of the most robust sharp-tailed grouse leks in Washington State and are integral parts of one of the largest remaining blocks of contiguous shrub steppe habitat left in north central Washington. Due to the property's importance for mule deer and Canada Lynx movement, sharp-tailed grouse, and other wildlife, the Working for Wildlife partnership initiated by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has identified this property as a priority for conservation. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$106,188 in a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Forestland Preservation Category](#). (20-1805)

Okanogan Land Trust Conserving the Sunny Okanogan Angus Ranch in the Tunk Valley

Grant Award: \$204,596

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve forever the 1,051-acre Sunny Okanogan Angus Ranch in the Tunk Valley, about 15 miles northeast of Riverside. The land contains significant prime farmland soils and is designated as both farmland of statewide and unique importance. The current farmer is the second generation to own the property, and the agreement would

enable the family to solidify its ranching operation and pass it on to future generations, free from development pressures. The ranch provides habitat for sharp-tail grouse, elk, moose, bear, deer, and a wide variety of birds. It also is important for mule deer and Canada Lynx movement. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$250,061 in a federal grant and donated land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (20-1781)

Okanogan Land Trust

Grant Award: \$527,301

Conserving the Synarep Rangeland in the Tunk Valley

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve permanently 2,904 acres of rangeland in the Tunk Valley, about 15 miles northeast of Riverside. The Synarep rangeland hosts a successful grazing operation and is designated as both farmland of statewide importance and farmland of unique importance. It also is important for wildlife. The land supports some of the most robust active sharp-tail leks in Washington State, is important for mule deer and Canada Lynx movement, and is an integral part of one of the largest remaining blocks of shrub steppe habitat in north central Washington. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$644,479 in a federal grant and donated land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (20-1493)

Okanogan Land Trust

Grant Award: \$109,265

Conserving the Teas Ranch in the Okanogan Highlands

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve forever 445 acres of agricultural land in the Okanogan Highlands, about 25 miles northeast of Tonasket. The Teas Ranch contains significant prime farmland soils and is designated as farmland of statewide importance. It also lies in an area designated as grasslands of special significance. The land has been in agricultural production for more than 100 years, and the owner is a fourth-generation rancher. The agreement would enable the owner to solidify the ranching operation and pass it on to the next generations, free from development pressures. The ranch provides habitat for elk, moose, bear, deer, and a wide variety of birds. The agreement also would preserve the scenic beauty of the landscape, including views of nearby Muskrat Lake and a historic homestead. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$133,547 in a federal grant and donated land or property interest, and. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (20-1619)

Omak **Replacing the Skatepark in Omak's Eastside Park**

Grant Award: \$350,000

The City of Omak will use this grant to remove the skatepark in Eastside Park and build a new one at a better location in the park. Twenty years ago, a high-quality concrete skatepark was an impossible goal, so the skatepark was built of wood ramps on a flat slab. The park has served generations of skaters, but the wood ramps have succumbed to the harsh weather. The new skatepark will be in ground and made of concrete and steel. This project is the first phase of a multi-phased effort to redevelop Omak's Eastside Park, a 76.6-acre destination park on the Colville Indian Reservation. Omak will contribute \$68,465. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1712)

U.S. Forest Service **Caring for Trails in the Methow Valley**

Grant Award: \$79,111

The Methow Valley Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund three employees and volunteers from the Northwest Motorcycle Association and other groups to maintain trails in the Sawtooth backcountry and the Lightning-Beaver Creek drainages. The crews will repair trail surfaces and drainage, remove fallen trees, and repair damaged bridges. The trails are used by motorcyclists, mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians. The Forest Service will contribute \$54,965 in equipment, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2136)

U.S. Forest Service **Funding Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers**

Grant Award: \$200,000

The Methow Valley Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund two seasonal rangers, two AmeriCorps or similar rangers, and community volunteers to patrol high-use recreation areas for two seasons. The staff will educate visitors about environmental stewardship and will enforce regulations. Patrols will be by foot or stock and will focus on popular areas in the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas, Pacific Crest Trail, and Pacific Northwest Trail. Popularized in guidebooks and social media, the area attracts more than 100,000 visitor days annually. Recreationists include hikers, backpackers, mountain bikers, climbers, photographers, wildlife viewers, backcountry skiers, stock users, hunters, and anglers. Local businesses and the community support this project, and volunteers donate more than 3,000 hours annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$203,411 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2137)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Methow Valley Camping Areas

Grant Award: \$150,000

The Methow Valley Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to maintain 26 campgrounds, 30 trailheads, 2 picnic areas, and the Washington Pass Scenic Overlook. Crews will clean toilets and campsites, control noxious weeds and remove hazardous trees, operate and maintain water systems, repair picnic tables and fire grates, maintain bulletin boards and visitor information, collect fees, mow, collect garbage, and provide security patrols. The goal is to provide clean, safe, well-maintained campgrounds and trailheads for people engaging in a wide variety of recreation activities including camping, picnicking, sightseeing, scenic driving, and more. The Forest Service will contribute \$274,984 in a federal appropriation and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2133)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Methow Valley Trails

Grant Award: \$150,000

The Methow Valley Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund a four-person crew plus pack support for two seasons to maintain trails in the Pasayten Wilderness, Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness, and surrounding backcountry areas. The crew will work on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail, the Rainy Lake Trail, and popular hikes in the scenic north Cascades Mountains. The crew will remove fallen trees, repair trail surfaces and drainage structures, control erosion, and remove overgrown brush. The area is a highly sought-after destination with nearly 50 percent of visitors traveling more than 100 miles to get there. The area is used for hiking, horseback riding, and some mountain biking. The Forest Service will contribute \$154,345 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2134)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Summer Trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Grant Award: \$74,993

The Methow Valley Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to maintain summer trails in the Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness, the Pasayten Wilderness, and the Twisp River drainage, including many trails that have been damaged by fires. The district also will maintain the Lone Fir Trail. The district will focus on trails in greatest danger of being lost due to deferred maintenance. Work will include clearing fallen trees, fixing trail surfaces and drainage, controlling erosion, and replacing trail structures such as turnpikes. The Forest Service will contribute \$152,022 in equipment, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will

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be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2135)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Land in the Methow Wildlife Area

Grant Award: \$1,275,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 210 acres in the Rendezvous Unit and next to the Big Valley Unit of the Methow Wildlife Area. The purchase will protect state imperiled intermountain basins, big sagebrush steppe, ponderosa pine woodland, and savanna ecological systems. In addition, the land contains important Quaking aspen stands, a wetland where a number of amphibian species have been observed, a crucial mule deer migration corridor, and stop-over habitat for animals migrating to and from the higher elevations of the Okanogan National Forest. Development pressure is constant in the Methow Valley and preserving connections between habitats for wide-ranging species is critical. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Critical Habitat Category](#). (20-1222)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Land on Hunter Mountain

Grant Award: \$650,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 400 acres of sagebrush-steppe habitat on Hunter Mountain near the town of Methow in the lower Methow Valley. The land also includes stream bank and ponderosa pine-Douglas fir sites used by several species of concern including Lewis and pileated woodpeckers. Conserving the land will protect and enhance critical habitat for wintering mule deer and other animals dependent on sagebrush. Protecting the land from development will bolster the north-south wildlife corridor connecting state and federal lands used by a variety of animals. These lands are popular for hunting, hiking, and wildlife watching and conserving them will provide a better experience and make it easier to access bordering public lands. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Critical Habitat Category](#). (20-1219)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Land Near the Methow's Golden Doe Unit

Grant Award: \$1,900,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to conserve 110 acres of sagebrush-steppe and grasslands surrounded by the Golden Doe Unit of the Methow Wildlife Area. The land is home to large, year-round populations and seasonal concentrations of mule deer as well as black bears, coyotes, and golden eagles. The potential for development here is high. The Golden Doe Unit has little public access. This purchase would provide much and improved access to the area. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Critical Habitat Category](#). (20-1217)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Conserving McLoughlin Falls West**

Grant Award: \$1,500,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 730 acres of critical sagebrush-steppe habitat in north central Okanogan County. Protecting this unique property will benefit several important sagebrush-steppe species such as mule deer, sharp-tailed grouse, and various migratory bird species. The land borders the Okanogan River for nearly 2.5 miles and conserving the land will help protect Chinook salmon and steelhead trout, both of which are species listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. Widespread community support exists for preserving this last wild segment of the Okanogan River. The land also contains a number of cultural resources, unique low-elevation ponderosa pine stands, and expansive talus and cliff habitat supporting golden eagles, peregrine falcons, and other species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Critical Habitat Category](#). (20-1220)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Improving Access to the Similkameen River**

Grant Award: \$281,200

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve three water access sites along the Similkameen River. The sites were purchased in 1969 and have had few improvements. The department will lay gravel in the parking areas, renovate the access roads, improve signs, and update fences and barrier rocks to keep visitors from impacting surrounding habitat. The work will be done along the river from near the Canadian border to 10 miles downstream. This constitutes the bulk of the Similkameen Water Trail. Kayaking, canoeing, fishing, wildlife watching, picnicking, photographing nature, and general day-use of these sites is expected to increase with improved facilities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Development and Renovation Category](#). (20-1257)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Improving the Lewis Butte-Riser Lake Trailhead**

Grant Award: \$325,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the Lewis Butte-Riser Lake Trailhead. The department will replace the toilet, make the start of the trail more accessible to people with disabilities, and improve the kiosk, signs, and trail markers. In addition, the department will improve the parking area by adding parking, improving the road into the parking area, installing fencing next to the parking area, and adding a gate. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Development and Renovation Category](#). (20-1538)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Restoring Okanogan County Shrub Steppe

Grant Award: \$122,931

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to convert about 212 acres of agricultural fields to native shrub steppe vegetation in the Methow and Sinlahekin Wildlife Areas. This project is part of an ongoing effort to preserve the northernmost shrub steppe habitat in Washington. These two wildlife areas provide vital habitat for species dependent on shrub steppe such as sage thrashers, sagebrush sparrows, loggerhead shrikes, sagebrush lizards, and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse. Additionally, these areas are used by the state's largest migratory mule deer herd due to the high-quality winter range habitat present. Once restored, the shrub steppe habitat will provide opportunities for recreation including hunting, wildlife and wildflower viewing, and hiking. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1287)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Improving Patterson Lake Access Area

Grant Award: \$880,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the Patterson Lake Access Area in northern Okanogan County near Winthrop and Sun Mountain Lodge. The department will add a concrete plank boat launch, boarding float, restroom, and parking stalls for people with disabilities. In addition, the department will pave the launch approach, grade and improve the parking area, and install new kiosks and signs. The 160-acre lake is surrounded by sagebrush steppe, aspen groves, and conifer forests with sweeping views of the Cascade Mountains foothills. The lake and surrounding area provide year-round recreation opportunities, making this site one of the busiest recreation hotspots in all north-central Washington. The lake is a popular fishing spot for kokanee, tiger trout, small and largemouth bass, yellow perch, and bluegill, and for ice fishing in the winter. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2096)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Buying Land in the Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve to Protect Rare Plants

Grant Award: \$2,594,003

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 569 acres of shrub steppe for inclusion in the Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve, conserving a rare plant community. The land is along the Columbia River, just downstream from its confluence with the Methow River. The land contains the largest of only three intact examples of the smooth sumac/bluebunch wheatgrass community in the state and the largest of only nine intact examples of the antelope bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass community in the state. Several species of birds found on the land are listed as Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife State Wildlife Action Plan. The land also will improve public access from Starr Road and State Route 97. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot

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for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Natural Areas Category](#). (20-1423)

Winthrop Rink

Grant Award: \$141,648

Improving the Winthrop Ice Rink

The Winthrop Rink will use this grant to replace worn out perimeter dasher boards and safety glass at the Winthrop Rink, a unique and popular outdoor skating facility. The boards are essential to the function of the rink for winter hockey, recreational ice skating, youth skills development programs, as well as summer pickle ball and roller skating. The existing boards were purchased used and are past their useful life, creating potentially unsafe conditions. Winthrop Rink will contribute \$47,217 in a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1434)

Projects in Pacific County

Ilwaco

Grant Award: \$190,933

Improving the Baseball Field and Basketball Court

The City of Ilwaco will use this grant to continue redevelopment of City Park by improving the baseball field and basketball court. To the baseball field, the City will add new dugouts, bleachers, infield surfacing, a batting cage, fencing, and a storage structure. The City also will renovate the 27-year-old basketball court. The baseball field is one of few local resources for competitive sports practice and games. This project is important to the community because City Park is the only park of its type on the south end of the Long Beach Peninsula. Ilwaco will contribute \$139,999 in cash, a private grant, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1808)

Port of Chinook

Grant Award: \$944,439

Replacing a Boat Launch

The Port of Chinook will use this grant to replace its roughly 40-year-old boat launch. The Port will extend the ramp and add new surfacing, boarding floats, and piling. In addition, the Port will improve access for people with disabilities. The Port of Chinook will contribute \$241,110. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2095)

South Bend Adding Synthetic Turf to a Ball Field

Grant Award: \$350,000

The City of South Bend will use this grant to convert a grass athletic field to a synthetic turf, multiuse athletic field. The field is at the South Bend School District. The field's new surface will increase use and allow the field to be used for community events and youth athletic teams. South Bend will contribute more than \$1 million in cash and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1729)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Installing Bridges on the Willapa Hills Trail

Grant Award: \$1,157,250

State Parks will use this grant to develop 11 miles of the Willapa Hills State Park Trail, creating more than 40 miles of continuous trail between Chehalis and Menlo. State Parks will improve three railroad bridges, install another, and lay gravel on short segments. On the three bridges, State Parks will remove rotten wood and install concrete decking and metal and wood safety rails. A new, 65-foot-long bridge will be placed over an unnamed tributary of the Willapa River near Lebam and about 1 mile of the trail will be surfaced there. Finally, State Parks will lay gravel and dig ditches to prevent flooding at five short segments. The Willapa Hills Trail runs 56 miles between Chehalis and South Bend. The State Parks and Recreation Commission will contribute \$65,000 in donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Parks Category](#). (20-1312)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Restoring the Leadbetter Point Coastal Dune

Grant Award: \$80,000

State Parks will use this grant to restore 55 acres of open dunes and 100 acres of shrub-dominated dunes in Leadbetter Point State Park. Leadbetter Point, the northernmost end of Long Beach peninsula, is the largest undeveloped coastal dune system in Washington. The dunes are a critically imperiled dune ecosystem and are used by endangered pink sand verbena and bear's foot sanicle and by western snowy plover and streaked horned lark, both of which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. This work will build on the 500 acres of dune restored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the adjacent Willapa National Wildlife Refuge. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1575)

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Projects in Pend Oreille County

Kalispel Tribe of Indians Renovating Usk Basketball Courts

Grant Award: \$233,333

The Kalispel Tribe will use this grant to renovate the basketball court area at the Kalispel Pow Wow Grounds for community use. The Tribe will renovate the more than 20-year-old basketball court area from its worn and rundown state to an extended size with a new and refurbished dual playing court area. The new courts will provide needed playing areas for the community. The Kalispel Tribe will contribute \$116,667 in a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1810)

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Projects in Pierce County

Buckley Building the Rainier Gateway Sports Court

Grant Award: \$75,000

The City of Buckley will use this grant to build a multipurpose sports court next to the Foothills Trail and the Buckley Youth Activity Center in the heart of the city. The sports court will be lighted and designed for competitive basketball and pickle ball. The City also will add a pathway accessible to people with disabilities from the sports court to the center's parking lot and the trail. Buckley will contribute \$92,694. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1268)

Fircrest Improving the Fircrest Park Athletic Field

Grant Award: \$158,515

The City of Fircrest will use this grant to renovate the field lights and natural turf of five, multipurpose sport fields at Fircrest Park. The 7.8-acre community park provides fields that accommodate softball, Little League baseball, tee ball, and soccer. Completing this renovation will enhance the field playability, allow for nighttime play, and generally transform it into a better multisport park. Fircrest will contribute \$158,515 in voter-approved bonds. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1232)

Fircrest Renovating Gene Goodwin's Tennis Courts

Grant Award: \$16,000

The City of Fircrest will use this grant to renovate three tennis courts and add stripping for pickleball in the 1.4-acre Fircrest neighborhood park called the Gene Goodwin Tot Lot. The

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renovation will ensure that tennis can continue to be offered to the community while expanding the users to include pickleball players. The popular park also includes a playground geared towards kids aged 1-6, bathrooms, picnic tables, and a walking path. Fircrest will contribute \$16,000 in voter-approved bonds. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1437)

Gig Harbor

Grant Award: \$500,000

Developing the Pickle Bo Spot in the Gig Harbor Sport Complex

The City of Gig Harbor will use this grant to continue development of its Pickle Bo Spot in the Gig Harbor Sports Complex, north of the YMCA parking lot. The City will build pickleball courts, bocce ball courts, a playground area, an event lawn, a sheltered performance stage, two covered picnic areas, and parking. Gig Harbor has experienced unprecedented growth in the past 10 years and is the third fastest growing city in Pierce County. The Gig Harbor Sports Complex will serve nearly 50,000 in the surrounding 5 miles. Gig Harbor will contribute more than \$2.6 million in cash and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (20-1746)

Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club

Grant Award: \$23,250

Installing a New Roof at the Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club Clubhouse

The Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club will use this grant to replace a leaky roof at its clubhouse on Burnham Drive. The clubhouse is used for club gatherings, training, shooter sign-in, administrative activities, food service, and storage. It also is used by other organizations for meetings and events. The Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club will contribute \$23,250 in donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. (20-2125)

Lakewood

Grant Award: \$1,350,000

Improving Wards Lake Park

The City of Lakewood will use three grants to improve Wards Lake Park by building a pump track, a dog park, and trails and improving the forest and wetlands there. The City will develop a 10,000-square-foot pump track in an underused part of the 27-acre park. The track can be used by bikes, skateboards, wheelchairs, and other wheeled devices. The City also will build a fenced 3-acre dog park and 1 mile of loop trail that will be accessible to people with disabilities. In addition, the City will enhance the park's wetlands, oak prairie, and forest. Finally, the City will improve pedestrian safety and add public art at the main entrance. The City has spent the past 20 years acquiring land to create an open space in this densely populated area, which is near commercial areas and the International District. Next to Interstate 5, the park is deficient in park amenities, has an extensive growth of invasive plants and too much sediment from incoming stormwater, and is surrounded by an economically distressed community. Lakewood will

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contribute \$799,337. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1761](#), [20-1763](#), and [20-1764](#). These grants are from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#), the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#), and the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#).

Lakewood

Grant Award: \$1,000,000

Improving American Lake Park

The City of Lakewood will use two grants to improve the 5.5-acre American Lake Park. The City will build a boat launch, install a small shelter, replace a deteriorated stone retaining wall and bulkhead, add a restroom and entry plaza, and restore open spaces. In addition, the City will build a universally accessible walkway to the beach and boat launch as well as pathways to get people from the parking areas to the rest of the park. The goal of the project is to improve access to the lake and to the park itself. Located on the north side of the 1,200-acre American Lake and in an extremely low-income neighborhood, the park is the only community park in the area and the only park that provides a public boat launch and free waterfront access. Lakewood will contribute \$384,920. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1349](#) and [20-1760](#). These grants are from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#).

Lakewood

Grant Award: \$350,000

Installing Artificial Turf on Ball Fields in Fort Steilacoom Park

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to install synthetic turf on three dirt baseball infields in Fort Steilacoom Park to support youth sports. The baseball fields do not support high use and wet weather often leads to unsafe playing conditions and cancelations. Replacing the dirt infields with synthetic turf will make Fort Steilacoom Park more desirable for youth sport leagues, create a home field for collegiate athletics, increase the number of baseball and softball tournaments, and create more drop-in opportunities for our underprivileged citizens. Lakewood will contribute \$994,000 in a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1765)

Milton

Grant Award: \$75,000

Renovating Milton Community Park Courts

The City of Milton will use this grant to renovate its outdated and failing sports court area in Milton Community Park. The City will resurface the tennis and basketball courts and stripe the courts for tennis and pickle ball on one side and a full-sized basketball court and field hockey on the other. The City also will add fencing and lights and restore the landscaping. The current court is asphalt and in poor condition. Milton will contribute \$65,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1864)

Nisqually Community Forest Expanding Nisqually Community Forest

Grant Award: \$2,313,000

The Nisqually Community Forest will use this grant to expand the 1,920-acre Nisqually Community forest by buying up to 1,280 acres of commercial timberlands along Busy Wild Creek, the headwaters of the Mashel River, the largest tributary to the Nisqually River. The land abuts the current forest and includes about 3.1 miles of Busy Wild Creek, which provides critical habitat for salmon and steelhead. The area also includes, and would permanently protect, the most popular section of the Mount Tahoma Trails Association's cross-country ski trail network, which is used by more than 5,000 people annually and is an important economic driver in the Ashford community. The Nisqually Community Forest will contribute more than \$2.3 million in a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Community Forest Program](#). (20-2089)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Grant Expanding Narrows Park

Requested: \$500,000

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy 116 acres of forested land, next to Narrows Park. The land includes 350 feet of shoreline on the Tacoma narrows, extending Narrows Park shoreline to more than a quarter-mile. The land includes a seasonal stream, rolling uplands, steep banks to the water, and flatter upland areas for recreation. The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will contribute \$2.6 million in Conservation Futures⁸ and other resources. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (20-1798)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Extending the Cushman Powerline Trail

Grant Award: \$500,000

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to extend the Cushman Powerline Trail a half-mile from 14th Avenue Northwest to 24th Street Northwest. The trail segment will be paved, 12 feet wide, and include trailhead parking, benches, bike racks, and landscaping. The new segment is at a former golf driving range and will provide a missing link to connect the existing trail to Narrows Bridge. The Cushman Powerline Trail follows the Tacoma Public Utilities' Potlatch (also known as Cushman) transmission line route, which runs from Lake Cushman on the western edge of the Olympic Mountains to Tacoma. The Cushman Trail is used by hikers, bicyclists, skaters, and families with strollers as they connect to the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will contribute \$560,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Trails Category](#). (20-1867)

⁸Conservation Futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Replacing Turf in Sehmel Homestead Park

Grant Award: \$350,000

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to replace the synthetic turf at Sehmel Homestead Park's multipurpose field. Installed in 2010, the turf is showing wear—the turf fibers are lying flat in many areas and the field drains very slowly, often leaving standing water, which cancels games. The field is used for soccer, football, lacrosse, and summer camps. The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will contribute \$637,466. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1560)

Pierce County Improving the Sprinker Recreation Center

Grant Award: \$1,350,000

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use three grants to improve the Sprinker Recreation Center. The County will convert two ball fields from grass to multipurpose, synthetic turf with soccer and lacrosse overlays. The County also will add lighting. The synthetic turf will expand youth recreation opportunities by allowing soccer, lacrosse, and football practice. The new turf and lighting will allow year-round use. In addition, the County will develop and renovate about 20 acres of the center's 44-acre outside area. The county will add an entry plaza, a community event lawn, a playground, a spray park, sport courts, picnic shelters, and a trail connection to the Parkland Community Trail. The area also will get new furnishings and renovated restrooms. Dedicated in 1976, the center is in the Parkland and Spanaway communities and serves more than 167,000 people within 5 miles. The County will contribute nearly \$13 million in cash and donated cash. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1279](#), [20-1285](#), and [20-1389](#). These grants are from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#), the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#), and the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#).

Puyallup Creating Van Lierop Park Playground

Grant Award: \$212,998

The City of Puyallup will use this grant to develop a farm-themed playground at Van Lierop Park, formerly the Van Lierop bulb farm. The playground will serve children ages 2 to 12 and will be accessible to people with disabilities. It will feature two barn play structures as well as a tractor and swings to honor the farming heritage of the Puyallup Valley. Puyallup will contribute \$299,857 in cash and a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1645)

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Skookum Archers Improving Access for People with Disabilities

Grant Award: \$121,500

Skookum Archers will use this grant to enhance access to an outdoor range and a field archery course for people with disabilities. In addition, the group will improve two other field archery courses at its facility on Shaw Road in Puyallup. The group will pour a concrete sidewalk and ramp for access to its flat range, improve the trail to its main field archery course, and install target sheds and bales on two other field archery courses. Skookum Archery sits on 39 acres and offers four, 14-target, walk-through field archery courses and a flat range. It hosts weekly introductions to archery for the public along with a youth development program, adaptive archery program, and college course offered through Pierce College. Skookum Archers will contribute \$121,500 in equipment and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. (20-2420)

Sumner Revamping a Basketball Court in Rainier View Park

Grant Award: \$350,000

The City of Sumner will use this grant to renovate the basketball court at Rainier View Park. The City will cover the entire court with a roof to encourage use in all weather conditions, paint and stripe the court for three pickleball courts and one volleyball court, and add four adjustable hoops to allow for one full or two half basketball courts. The renovation will increase access by adding a courtyard and route to the multi-sport court that will be accessible to people with disabilities. Additional project elements include skylights, lighting, and sitting walls to act as backstops for errant balls. Sumner will contribute \$587,500 in cash and a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1231)

University Place Renovating Cirque Park

Grant Award: \$363,628

The City of University Place will use this grant to renovate Cirque Park, the city's main park. The City will build a playground designed for kids ages 5 to 12 and develop new challenges at the skate park by adding four new concrete features. In addition, the City will pave the gravel walking path surrounding the park to make it accessible to people with disabilities and will add nine fitness stations there. University Place will contribute \$363,629. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (20-1618)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$35,000

Making Suntop Lookout Accessible to People with Disabilities

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to make the Suntop Lookout tower accessible to visitors with varying mobility needs—a first in the nation. An Eagle Scout has taken on the project and will build a trail from the parking lot to the lookout. The grant will pay for the design of the ramp, deck, and door to allow visitors with disabilities to access the cabin at Suntop Lookout. The lookout, which was a fire watch tower from 1934 until 1997, today receives more than 10,000 visitors a year when it’s snow-free. The Forest Service will contribute \$15,000 in donated labor and materials. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2392)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Award: \$182,000

Maintaining Elbe Hills Off-road Vehicle Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a recreation maintenance specialist, equipment operator, and a Washington Conservation Corps crew to maintain 13 miles of off-road vehicle trails, 1 trailhead, and 1 campground in Elbe Hills State Forest in southeastern Pierce County. The crew will clear trails of debris and hazardous trees, repair trail surfaces and drainage features, repair trail structures, maintain and replace signs, and maintain buildings, restrooms, and campsites. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$131,000 in equipment, staff labor, a private grant, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2164)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Award: \$38,000

Planning Future Elbe Hills Off-road Vehicle Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop a plan for a project to add off-road vehicle trails in Elbe Hills State Forest in Pierce County. The Elbe off-road vehicle system is one of the only public, 4x4 trail systems open year-round in western Washington. This project will enable staff to study site suitability, coordinate public meetings, develop a draft trail system map, and evaluate whether specific trails for off-road vehicles should be added to compliment the current 13 miles of mixed-use motorized recreation trails. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$26,000 in staff labor, equipment, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2248)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Preserving Lakebay Marina

Grant Award: \$1,776,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 17.5 acres in Mayo Cove, near Lakebay, including the Lakebay Marina, and develop a plan to restore the area. The department will begin a planning process with the public to determine how to phase renovations. The new facilities likely will consist of a recreation and picnic area, restrooms, guest moorage, and pump-out and fueling amenities. The department expects the site to be used for a wide variety of outdoor recreation including boating, fishing, swimming, and paddle sports. Lakebay Marina is near Penrose Point State Park. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2425)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Buying Land within or next to Current Parks

Grant Award: \$1,000,000

State Parks will use this grant to buy high-priority properties within or next to current state parks. It is intended to be a flexible source of funding for smaller, lower cost, priority land purchases that present themselves during the biennium. It will allow State Parks to act quickly when land comes on the market, and it will facilitate the purchase of smaller properties that might not score well as individual projects but that are essential to park operations. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Parks Category](#). (20-1293)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Caring for Pyramid Peak Snowmobile Trails

Grant Award: \$70,000

State Parks will use this grant to clear snowmobile trails, remove winter storm and trail debris and snow drifts, and plow snow to provide safe and accessible parking for visitors to the 112-mile Pyramid Peak snowmobile trail system. The work will maintain around 5,800 miles of groomed trails for two winters plus keep five Sno-Parks and access roads plowed and safe for public use. The trail system lies on the west side of the Cascade Mountains, close to State Route 410, and provides quick access for Seattle and west side residents to ride groomed winter trails. State Parks will contribute \$10,000 in a state appropriation. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2272)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Providing Access to the Nisqually River

Grant Award: \$500,000

State Parks will use this grant to develop access to the Nisqually River in Nisqually State Park. State Parks will build a road to a small parking area near the river that will serve school groups, people with disabilities, and people with kayaks or rafts. A second parking area up the road will

provide parking for vehicles with boat trailers. At a visitor area near the river, State Parks will install an interpretive kiosk, a toilet, and an interpretive trail that leads in one direction to a hand carry boat launch and a small beach for direct water access and in the other direction, to viewing platforms for people to see and learn about the river. Finally, State Parks will plant portions of the Nisqually River waterfront near the Ohop Creek confluence to improve habitat for salmon species, including Chinook salmon and steelhead trout, both of which are listed as at risk of extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. This will be one of the first day use facilities developed in this new state park. The project is designed to allow park visitors access to the river while also protecting and improving salmon habitat. State Parks will contribute nearly \$2.2 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). (20-1557)

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Projects in San Juan County

Port of Friday Harbor

Grant Award: \$207,806

Upgrading the Jackson Beach Boat Launch

The Port of Friday Harbor will use this grant to pave parking areas and replace the restrooms at the Jackson Beach Boat Launch. The boat launch is near Friday Harbor and serves as the only boat launch with 72-hour free parking. Nestled in Griffin Bay, the boat launch area offers a shelter, restrooms, picnic areas, barbecue pits, open beach, and views of the Olympic Mountains. Currently, the boat launch has only three paved parking spaces for trucks and trailers, and the Port will expand that to 20. The Port of Friday Harbor will contribute \$110,250. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2119)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Award: \$1,843,000

Replacing Stuart Island State Park Moorage

State Parks will use this grant to replace the moorage facility on the Reid Harbor side of Stuart Island State Park. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2189)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Award: \$107,400

Restoring San Juan Island Prairies

State Parks will use this grant to restore 120 acres of grassland balds and prairie habitat in Moran State Park on Orcas Island and Jones Island Marine State Park. The native prairie communities at both parks are threatened by tree encroachment and invasive species. State Parks will remove encroaching trees, control invasive plants, and restore treated areas with seeding and planting of native prairie species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more](#)

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[information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1587)

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Projects in Skagit County

Port of Anacortes

Grant Award: \$1,000,000

Developing the Cap Sante Marina RV Park

The Port of Anacortes will use two grants to develop a recreational vehicle (RV) park in the Cap Sante Marina. The current RV park is a gravel lot with 22 spaces and no utility hook-ups, forcing drivers to run their motors for electrical power. The Port will create 25 spaces with hedges for privacy, add a garbage and recycling area, and install hook-ups for sewer, water, cable, and power. The hook-ups will eliminate the reliance on generators and reduce noise and air pollution. The Port also will collect and treat stormwater and pave roads and pathways. The new RV park will connect visitors to the marina restroom and laundry services and to waterfront parks and regional trails. The Port of Anacortes will contribute \$800,000. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1670](#) and [20-1671](#). These grants are from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) and the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#).

Sedro Woolley

Grant Award: \$500,000

Developing Olmsted Park

The City of Sedro Woolley will use this grant to develop 14.81 acres, which were part of the Northern State Hospital Campus, into Olmsted Park. Park elements will include parking, restrooms, pathways, picnic tables, benches, and a fishing pond. Named in honor of the Olmsted brothers who were the designers of the original hospital campus, this park will be the city's second destination park. Sedro Woolley will contribute \$807,000 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (20-1345)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Award: \$199,000

Caring for the Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund an employee to maintain 40 miles of off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in the Walker Valley ORV Area, east of Mount Vernon. The staff will clear downed trees, harden trail surfaces, clean toilets, repair signs, remove litter, grade and surface parking areas and roads, and maintain 22 bridges, drainage structures, and other infrastructure. The employee also will manage a Washington Conservation Corps crew and volunteers. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$333,500 in equipment,

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staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2212)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$163,698** **Hiring a Warden to Patrol Recreation Areas in Northern Puget Sound**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a warden to patrol three major recreation areas in the northern Puget Sound area totaling more than 73,000 acres and more than 90 miles of trails. The areas include the Walker Valley ORV Area, Blanchard Mountain non-motorized recreation area, and Harry Osborne equestrian area. The warden will focus on user safety, education, and enforcement. Additionally, the warden will coordinate volunteer efforts to educate visitors about the rules and goals of environmental stewardship. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$93,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2273)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$90,400** **Installing Toilets in Blanchard State Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to install campground and trailhead restrooms in Blanchard State Forest, in western Skagit County. The department will install two toilets in the Lily and Lizard Lake backcountry campgrounds and one at the Blanchard Upper Trailhead parking area. The toilets will reduce environmental impacts from public use. Blanchard State Forest provides 15 miles of trail and primitive camping opportunities for recreation users from all over Washington. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$41,000 in a state appropriation, equipment, staff labor, materials, and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Development and Renovation Category](#). (20-1256)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$55,962** **Maintaining Samish Overlook and Lily-Lizard Lakes Campgrounds**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for crews to maintain the Samish Overlook day-use area and Lily and Lizard Lake campgrounds in the Blanchard Forest Block, in Skagit County. The department will hire a maintenance steward and seasonal Washington Conservation Corps crews and support volunteers to remove litter, repair signs, repair and upgrade campsites, clean restrooms, and maintain two, free-flight launch areas. Support for the project comes from a diverse user base including the Pacific Northwest Trail Association, the Back Country Horsemen of Washington, free-flight groups, mountain bike groups, and others. These groups donate thousands of hours a year towards the department's recreation maintenance efforts. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$57,438 in equipment,

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staff labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2071)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Award: \$1,953,750** **Expanding Deception Pass State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 83 acres on the north end of Deception Pass, within the long-term boundary of Deception Pass State Park. The land would be used for trails and would protect views. The landowner has the land for sale and intends to log and subdivide it for houses. The land is visible from the park and development would harm the views in the park. Deception Pass is Washington's most-visited state park with more than 3.4 million visits annually. The 3,854-acre marine and camping park boasts nearly 15 miles of saltwater shoreline and more than 6 miles of freshwater shoreline on three lakes. The State Parks and Recreation Commission will contribute \$25,000 in council bonds and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Parks Category](#). (20-1223)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Award: \$91,144** **Restoring the Hope Island Natural Area Preserve**

State Parks will use this grant to remove invasive plants in the rare and high-quality forest and grassland habitats in the 176-acre Hope Island Natural Area Preserve. The natural area is dominated by two Douglas fir-western hemlock forest communities and a rare Pacific madrone forest community. These forests have been recognized as some of the best examples of lowland, old-growth forest in the Puget Trough ecoregions. Infestation of English holly and spurge laurel threaten the integrity of the ecosystems on the island. State Parks also will remove invasive plants encroaching on the globally rare grassland and bald plant community around the southwest coastline. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1591)

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Columbia Land Trust **Grant Award: \$1,036,200** **Buying Wildboy Forest and Kwoneesum Dam**

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to buy the 1,288-acre Wildboy forest including Kwoneesum Dam to enable dam removal and restoration of the forested watershed. The land encompasses 0.5 mile of the West Fork Washougal River, 2.5 miles of Wildboy Creek, and 0.9 mile of Texas Creek, all in the Washougal River watershed. The waterways are used by lower

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Columbia River steelhead trout and coho salmon, both of which are species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. Set within the west slopes of the Cascade Mountains, the steep, forested land was owned by a timber company and actively marketed for sale as a house site with the reservoir as a recreational amenity. The land trust partnered with the Cowlitz Indian Tribe with the shared goal of removing Kwoneesum dam, restoring Wildboy Creek, and opening 6.5 miles of tributaries above the dam. The dam will be the largest removed in Washington State since the Elwha dams in 2014. In addition, the purchase will protect a 7-acre beaver constructed wetland, prevent future rock mining, and open the entire property to the public. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute more than \$2.1 million in private and state grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Riparian Protection Category](#). (20-1347)

North Bonneville

Grant Award: \$114,750

Renovating the Community Sport Court and Restrooms

The City of North Bonneville in partnership with the Bonneville Trails Foundation will use this grant to move and update its basketball court and renovate the restroom in North Bonneville Community Park. The City will convert the basketball court into a multiuse sport court and renovated the restroom to accommodate people with disabilities. The current facilities are more than 40 years old and the renovations will provide several new community athletic opportunities. North Bonneville will contribute \$38,250. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1662)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Award: \$92,000

Restoring Balds at Beacon Rock State Park

State Parks will use this grant to restore 11 of the 32 acres of balds along the Hamilton Mountain Trail in Beacon Rock State Park in the Columbia River Gorge. The Washington Natural Heritage Program lists the north Pacific herbaceous balds and bluffs as vulnerable. They are characterized by rich and unusual collections of plant species and often support populations of special status species. The balds along the trail have been damaged by trampling, erosion, and weeds. State Parks will restore the balds during a project to redevelop the trail. State Parks will control invasive plants, close social trails, and seed and plant the area with native bald species. State Parks also will develop management plans for special status species and interpretive signs and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1590)

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Projects in Snohomish County

Edmonds

Grant Award: \$1,000,000

Redeveloping Marina Beach Park

The City of Edmonds will use two grants to redevelop the 5-acre Marina Beach Park. The City will install a playground, add and renovate scenic overlooks, renovate the dog park, improve parking and pedestrian pathways, create a launch for nonmotorized boats, and install restrooms at two new entry plazas. The City also will create an open tidal channel for Willow Creek, which is a historically salmon-bearing stream currently piped under the park, by returning it to the surface, planting its banks with native plants, and adding interpretive signs along walking trails. The overall goal is to enhance the natural function of the nearby marsh-estuary complex by connecting it to Puget Sound via Willow Creek. Edmonds will contribute more than \$4 million. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1296](#) and [20-1322](#). These grants are from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1296)

Everett

Grant Award: \$224,841

Building a Multiuse Sports Court in Edgewater Park

The City of Everett Parks and Community Services will use this grant to build a multiuse sports court at Edgewater Park. Development of the court will include designations for tennis, pickle ball, and basketball. The City also will build pathways accessible to people with disabilities and landscape the area. Everett will contribute \$74,947. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1579)

Lake Stevens

Grant Award: \$428,210

Finishing Eagle Ridge Park

The City of Lake Stevens will use this grant to finish development of Eagle Ridge Park. The City will build an amphitheater, an outdoor classroom, a nature-themed playground, and restrooms. In addition, the City will install lights, build pedestrian pathways and parking, and landscape the park. Finally, the City will preserve and protect the park's wetland habitat that supports breeding nests for eagles. The park is used mostly for outdoor education, hiking, and playground use. Lake Stevens will contribute \$566,990 in cash and a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (20-1818)

Monroe
Developing a Park on Monroe's North Hill

Grant Award: \$1,000,000

The City of Monroe will use this grant to buy 5 acres for a community park in the North Hill neighborhood. The site is under significant development pressure and has an owner who is motivated to sell. Monroe will contribute \$334,809. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1288)

Mountlake Terrace
Building a Viewing Platform and Trails in Ballinger Park

Grant Award: \$500,000

The City of Mountlake Terrace will use this grant to build a viewing platform and a series of connecting nature trails in Ballinger Park, which is in southwest Mountlake Terrace. The viewing platform will be built on Lake Ballinger in the southwest corner of the park connected by trails to the more sensitive portions of the park. Mountlake Terrace will contribute \$418,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). (20-1672)

Mountlake Terrace
Improving the Evergreen Playfield Complex

Grant Award: \$1,200,000

The City of Mountlake Terrace will use three grants to improve Evergreen Playfield by renovating a field and tennis courts. The City will redevelop Playfield Number 3 to have a synthetic turf infield with a grass outfield for baseball and softball. The City also will add new field lights, fencing, a backstop, dugouts, and other field amenities. The City will grade the area surrounding the field for new seating areas, parking, and landscaping. In addition, the city will repair, resurface, and line the existing tennis courts and replace the lighting. The City also will replace or improve fencing, gates, pathways, parking, and landscaping. Mountlake Terrace will contribute \$838,000. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1642](#), [20-1643](#), and [20-1773](#). These grants are from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) and the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#).

Snohomish County
Continuing Development of the Oso Landslide Memorial

Grant Award: \$500,000

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to build the second phase of a memorial park on the site of the deadly Oso landslide along State Route 530, 16 miles east of Arlington. The County will build a community gathering plaza and shelter and circulating pathways that take visitors through the memorial. The County also will install interpretive signs that explain what happened geologically, give tribute to the responders who assisted in the rescue efforts, tell stories from those rescued, and memorialize the 43 people who lost their lives. Additionally, the County will add benches, bollards, landscaping, retaining

walls, and other small structures. The development will give visitors the opportunity to walk through the area and learn about what happened and understand the gravity of the event. The families of the victims have been intimately involved in the planning and fundraising for this memorial. Snohomish County will contribute more than \$2.1 million in cash, a private grant, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1686)

Snohomish County Enhancing Kayak Point Park

Grant Award: \$2,000,000

Snohomish County Parks, Recreation & Tourism will use three grants to enhance Kayak Point Park on the eastern shore of the Salish Sea near Stanwood. The County will renovate the park's day-use area by moving parking and roads off the shoreline, building a soft-shore berm with native plants, and raising the entire site for long-term sea-level rise resiliency. In addition, the County will renovate the fishing pier and replace a boat launch and amenities, including parking and a boat tiedown and rinse area. The County will elevate the boat launch and treat the stormwater from the upland before it runs into the Salish Sea. The elevated launch will allow beach sediments to move with the tides and will create uninterrupted fish habitat. The new launch also will eliminate the need to remove sediments from the launch lane and improve access for larger boats. The County will contribute \$3.9 million. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1653](#), [20-1655](#), and [20-2343](#). These grants are from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#), the [Boating Facilities Program](#), and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Water Access Category](#).

Snohomish County Installing Irrigation and Drainage in Fairfield Park

Grant Award: \$65,000

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to renovate Fairfield Park in southeast Snohomish County. The County will update the playfield to add drainage and sprinkler systems. This will improve the fields and allow for multiple sports including soccer, lacrosse, and various other field sports or leisure play. Snohomish County will contribute \$35,000 in a private grant and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1675)

Snohomish County Redeveloping the Whitehorse Trail

Grant Award: \$1,050,000

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to repair damage from two landslides and a bank wash out in a section of the Whitehorse Regional Trail. The work will include engineering, design, permitting, and repair of 2.6 miles between the trail's junction with the Centennial Trail in Arlington and Tin Bridge, just west of the Trafton Trailhead. The trail

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will be gravel and 12 feet wide with 2-foot-wide soft shoulders, narrowing to 10 feet with no shoulders at all water crossings. The Whitehorse Trail is a 28-mile, regional, multiuse trail that winds through the North Fork Stillaguamish River valley along a rail corridor. A 22-mile stretch of trail was resurfaced in the past few years until a landslide and bank failure along the edge of the Stillaguamish River closed 2.6 miles of it. Snohomish County will contribute more than \$1 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Trails Category](#). (20-1656)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Land on Ebey Island

Grant Award: \$950,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 63 acres from willing landowners on Ebey Island, near Everett. The land is next to the department's more than 1,200-acre Snoqualmie Wildlife Area. The land includes 25 acres of wetland, 20 acres of forested wetland, and 5 acres of a residential property that will become a parking lot. The parking lot will connect to a county road, which will provide new access to more than 300 acres of department land that is accessible only by boat. The land is used by amphibians, shorebirds, raptors, and waterfowl. The land will be used for bird hunting, wildlife viewing and photography, and hiking. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Urban Wildlife Habitat Category](#). (20-1637)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Caring for Trails in the Reiter Foothills Forest

Grant Award: \$198,500

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund an employee to coordinate volunteers, supervise Washington Conservation Corps crews, and maintain off-road vehicle trails in Reiter Foothills Forest near Gold Bar. The grant also will pay for trail building equipment rentals, materials, and supplies. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$199,000 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2104)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Improving Boulder Lake Trails and Camping Area

Grant Award: \$290,720

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to renovate the trails and campsites at Boulder Lake, a popular hiking destination in the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area, about 25 miles east of Everett. The department will install a backcountry toilet and renovate nine campsites and 0.5 mile of trail in the Boulder Lake Camping Area. In addition, the department will renovate 3.8 miles of the Boulder Lake Trail. The work will improve public safety and mitigate environmental impacts from public use. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$21,520 in a state appropriation and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project

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Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Development and Renovation Category](#). (20-1291)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Improving the Gothic Basin Trail and Camping Area

Grant Award: \$213,680

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to renovate 2 miles of the Gothic Basin Trail and build six designated campsites and a composting restroom in the Gothic Basin camping area, in the Morningstar Natural Resources Conservation Area, about 25 miles east of Everett. The work will improve protection of the environment and the user experience. The trail and camping area are used for hiking, climbing, and backcountry camping. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$21,520 in a state appropriation and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Development and Renovation Category](#). (20-1292)

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Projects in Spokane County

Fairfield Irrigating "The Pit"

Grant Award: \$33,000

The Town of Fairfield will use this grant to install irrigation in a 3.6-acre park, known locally as "The Pit." The park has one baseball field and 2 acres of practice field. With no irrigation in place, the park turns dry and dusty in the summer. Adding an underground sprinkler system would be the first step in improving the park and increasing its use. The Town would like to turn "The Pit" into a mini-sports complex in the future. Fairfield will contribute \$11,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1747)

Spokane County Expanding the Antoine Peak Conservation Area

Grant Award: \$1,061,380

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to buy 231 acres to expand the Antoine Peak Conservation Area, preserving critical winter habitat for white-tailed deer, elk, moose, and other animals. The purchase also will extend the conservation area to the City of Spokane Valley's doorstep. In addition, the purchase will preserve nearly 1 mile of streambank habitat. The site will provide an outdoor classroom for nearby schools and a possible location for trailhead parking and trails. Spokane County will contribute more than

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\$1 million in Conservation Futures,⁹ equipment, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Urban Wildlife Habitat Category](#). (20-1241)

Spokane County

Grant Award: \$1,500,000

Preserving Parkland on Beacon Hill

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department and the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use two grants to buy about 250 acres on Beacon Hill, connecting existing parks to create a contiguous 566-acre urban regional park. Located in the heart of Spokane County and the city of Spokane, Beacon Hill has been at the epicenter of mountain biking in the region for decades as well as a popular neighborhood area for hiking, dog walking, trail running, and more. This project not only will preserve miles of trail but also an urban space that serves one of Spokane's most distressed and disadvantaged neighborhoods. Spokane County will contribute more than \$1.8 million in Conservation Futures,¹⁰ a private grant, and donations of labor and land or property interest. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1275](#) and [20-1276](#). These grants are from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#).

Spokane County

Grant Award: \$906,175

Renovating Liberty Lake Regional Park

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to renovate the beach area in Liberty Lake Regional Park. The park has aging facilities, nearing the end of their life, and no facilities for people with disabilities at its beach. The County will add a boat launch, a kayak launch, and a fishing pier that are accessible to people with disabilities. In addition, the County will install a new picnic shelter and replace a restroom. The County also will renovate parking, roads, and pathways to ensure they can be used by people with disabilities. The work will create a new loading and unloading area for the beach, pave the beach access road, add a pathway from the main parking lot to the beach, reconfigure the park entrance, expand parking, install an automated parking ticket system, improve irrigation and stormwater, and add landscaping and interpretive signs. This project will significantly expand and diversify public access to Liberty Lake for activities such as sunbathing, swimming, fishing, wildlife viewing, and boating for visitors of all ability levels. Spokane County will contribute \$450,000. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1252](#) and [20-1474](#). These grants are from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Water Access Category](#).

⁹Conservation Futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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Spokane Valley
Acquiring Parkland near the Spokane River

Grant Award: \$1,000,000

The City of Spokane Valley will use this grant to buy 44 acres near the Spokane River. This project will expand park space within city limits and provide water access and recreation opportunities currently unavailable in Spokane Valley. The site will provide environmental education, interpretive trails, and opportunities for new trail connections, picnic shelters, public beach areas, and more. Spokane Valley will contribute \$977,764. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1308)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Beginning Renovation of the Spokane River Centennial Trail

Grant Award: \$1,987,200

State Parks will use this grant to improve 12 miles of the Spokane River Centennial Trail from the Idaho border west. The trail was paved in the early 1990s and has reached the end of its useful life. State Parks will repave the trail segment, paint lanes, and install kiosks with maps, mile markers, bollards, and bike repair stations. The Centennial Trail receives more than 1.5 million visits a year. State Parks will contribute \$210,000. [Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Trails Category](#). (20-1452)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Buying Bear Creek Lodge on Mount Spokane

Grant Award: \$816,676

State Parks will use this grant to buy the 15-room Bear Creek Lodge and associated campground, tubing hill, and surrounding 110 acres, on the boundary of Mount Spokane State Park. State Parks will partner with another group to operate the lodge and tubing hill. The purchase will allow State Parks to operate park offices, a welcome center to orientate users to the mountain, a meeting room, and a public transportation hub to accommodate visitors. It also would free up a building needed for ranger housing. The purchase would allow State Parks to better manage the increasing use of Mount Spokane, which has popular trails for both summer and winter recreation. Mount Spokane is the largest state park and a new freeway is being built that will provide easier access to the mountain. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Parks Category](#). (20-1593)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Supporting Maintenance of Riverside State Park Off-road Vehicle Area

Grant Award: \$139,976

State Parks will use this grant to fund a park aide and ranger supervision to maintain facilities, protect natural resources, complete special maintenance projects, and provide customer service to visitors to Riverside State Park's off-road vehicle area in Spokane County. The off-road vehicle

area is a 600-acre fenced area open to all types of off-road vehicles, including snowmobiles. Staff will clean restrooms, restock educational materials and fee envelopes, maintain fences and signs, pick up garbage, mow, plow snow, and maintain equipment and facilities. Staff also will complete special maintenance projects and work with volunteers. State Parks will contribute \$90,840 in staff labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2259)

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Projects in Stevens County

Colville

Grant Award: \$136,392

Buying Land for the Colville Mountain Trailhead

The City of Colville will use this grant to buy 38.37 acres for a trailhead in the Colville Mountain Recreation Area in Stevens County. There is no permanent, legal access to the recreation area and its trail system. The land will connect city right-of-way to the current trail system. Colville will contribute \$34,098 in cash, staff labor, and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Trails Category](#). (20-1440)

Springdale

Grant Award: \$75,000

Updating Amenities for Springdale's Basketball Court

The Town of Springdale will use this grant to improve the basketball court. The Town will install lighting, build a walkway that accommodates people with disabilities to the court, and replace the restrooms that serve the court. Springdale will contribute \$58,700. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1481)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$200,000

Hiring Patrols for Off-Highway Areas in the Colville National Forest

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to fund five trail rangers to provide education and enforcement for off-highway vehicles on 1,203 miles of open routes, 5 campgrounds, 10 trailheads, and 375 dispersed campsites. The rangers will focus on educating the public about off-highway vehicle regulations, responsible trail riding, and resource protection. The rangers also will oversee organized trail events and manage and grow the ambassador program to include all of the Colville National Forest. The ambassador volunteers help educate visitors, promote environmental stewardship, and build relationships with the off-highway vehicle community. The grant also will pay for updating educational materials. The Forest Service will contribute \$176,000 in a federal appropriation and donated labor. This grant is from the

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[Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2210)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$150,000

Maintaining the Colville National Forest

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to hire temporary employees to maintain 42 campgrounds, 92 developed recreation sites and trailheads, and 830 dispersed campsites scattered across the forest. The crews will remove trash, clean toilets, remove hazardous trees and noxious weeds, repair and test water systems, and repair picnic tables, fire rings, signs, and bulletin boards. In addition, crews will connect with visitors. Because the forest is not considered close to an urban area, recreation funding is among the lowest of the national forests in Oregon and Washington. However, the forest is only 50 miles from Spokane, Washington's second largest city. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2229)

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Projects in Thurston County

Capitol Land Trust

Grant Award: \$630,000

Conserving Lower Henderson Inlet Habitat

The Capitol Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for 94 acres on Henderson Inlet, the largest parcel in the area not under conservation. The land has diverse habitats, from estuary and near-shore habitats to agricultural fields, to forests with trees up to 70 years old. It also includes 43.6 acres of wetlands, 39 acres of which are nationally decreasing wetlands, and more than a half-mile each of Meyer's Creek shoreline and Henderson Inlet shoreline. The area supports Chinook and coho salmon and steelhead trout as well as multiple animal species listed as at risk of extinction on state and federal lists. Washington State University, which owns the land, plans to use it for field research and environmental education for its students and faculty as well as local schools and nonprofit education organizations in Thurston County. The Capitol Land Trust will contribute \$692,000 in federal and local grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Urban Wildlife Habitat Category](#). (20-1212)

Olympia **Buying Land for a Lilly Road Park**

Grant Award: \$333,533

The City of Olympia will use this grant to buy 4.89 acres for a neighborhood park in northeast Olympia near single and multifamily housing and numerous medical offices. The 22-mile Chehalis Western Trail, a regional multiuse trail, is nearby. This neighborhood park likely will include a small parking lot, playground, sport court, and walking loop trail. Olympia will contribute \$111,180. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1542)

Olympia **Buying Land for a Yelm Highway Community Park**

Grant Award: \$1,000,000

The City of Olympia will use this grant to buy 63 acres for an athletic field-oriented community park near Wiggins Road. The City will build three, full-size soccer fields, which currently are unavailable in the city's park system. The city's newest athletic field complex, Yauger Park, was built in 1982. Since then, Olympia's population has grown by nearly 80 percent and youth soccer participation has grown along with it. There are more than 220 youth soccer teams and 2,600 youth soccer participants in one Olympia club alone. The City has seen similar growth in other sports that will use these fields such as lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee, youth football, and flag football. Olympia will contribute more than \$6 million in voter-approved bonds. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1534)

Olympia **Renovating a Field in Little Baseball Association Park**

Grant Award: \$350,000

The City of Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate a ball field in Little Baseball Association Park, known locally as LBA Park, in southeast Olympia. The City will install new backstops and dugouts, recondition both infield and outfield surfaces with a soil mix and turfgrass suited for high-use athletic fields, improve access to the field and common areas for people with disabilities, replace aging irrigation components, and address drainage issues. The field was recently closed due to safety concerns with the playing surface that included soft spots due to poor drainage and mole and rodent damage contributing to player injuries in the outfield. This project will allow expanded use by thousands of youth annually. Olympia will contribute \$364,034. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1553)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$195,500**
Caring for Capitol State Forest Off-road Vehicle Trails and Facilities

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund an equipment operator, prison crews, and equipment to maintain 91 miles of off-road vehicle trails, 1 campground, and 2 trailheads in Capitol State Forest near Olympia. The department will clear trails of debris, re-route sections of trail, install drainage features, harden trail surfaces, maintain bridges and other structures, install signs, and clean restrooms, campsites, parking areas. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$84,550 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project.](#) (20-2161)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$197,500**
Hiring Wardens to Patrol the Capitol State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund one full-time and one half-time warden to patrol Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The 110,000-acre forest has 168 miles of trail, 4 campgrounds, 6 trailheads, and more than 610 miles of forest roads. The wardens will focus on off-road vehicles and correcting safety issues. Additionally, the wardens will support Forest Watch volunteers who educate visitors on safety and proper forest use. The wardens and Forest Watch volunteers manage events as well. The grant also will buy surveillance equipment to aid in criminal investigations. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$133,000 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (20-2159)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$121,000**
Maintaining Capitol Forest Trails and Facilities

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund an equipment operator and seasonal crews to maintain 77 miles of trails, trailheads, and facilities in Capitol State Forest near Olympia. The crews will remove overgrow brush, maintain culverts (large pipes and other structures that carry streams under roads), build grade reversals, re-shape eroded sections of trail, harden trail surfaces, and repair bridges, kiosks, and signs. The crews also will maintain restrooms, campsites, parking areas, and signs. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$122,000 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (20-2097)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Replacing Capitol State Forest Bridges

Grant Award: \$157,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to replace four bridges on its 91-mile trail system for motorized uses in Capitol State Forest near Olympia. The bridges have reached the end of their lifespan and pose a barrier for migrating fish. The new bridges, which will be built with long-lasting fiberglass, will allow for continued trail connectivity for years to come. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$45,000 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2306)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Replacing McLane Creek Boardwalks

Grant Award: \$239,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to replace the boardwalk at the McLane Creek Nature Trails in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The nature trails have extensive boardwalks and viewing areas over the perennial ponds and streams, giving visitors a close up view of wetlands, streams, wildlife, native plants, and salmon, without disrupting the natural environment. Many schools, from pre-schools to college classes, use McLane Creek for environmental education, research, and other learning purposes. The new boardwalk will ensure trail connections, enhance safety, and increase user enjoyment for thousands of people for many years to come. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$36,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Development and Renovation Category](#). (20-1504)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring South Puget Sound Region Habitats

Grant Award: \$485,850

The Washington Department of Natural Resources and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 800 acres of outwash prairie, grassland bald, and oak woodland habitat at five of the most significant conservation sites in the southern Puget Sound region: Bald Hill, Mima Mounds, Rocky Prairie, Scatter Creek, and West Rocky Prairie. These sites harbor some of the last remaining populations of plants and animals listed as threatened with extinction or as endangered as well as the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Species of Greatest Conservation in the region. The departments will get native seeds and transplants, prepare restoration areas for seeding through prescribed burning and controlling invasive plants, and then seed and replant the areas. In addition, the two departments will remove invasive species in some of the areas and enhance habitat for Oregon spotted frog at Rocky Prairie. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1521)

Yelm

Grant Award: \$456,631

Building Part of the Yelm Prairie Line Regional Trail

The City of Yelm will use this grant to build 1.2 miles of the Yelm Prairie Line Regional Trail. The new segment will extend the regional trail from the northeastern end of the Yelm Tenino Trail at Yelm Avenue (State Route 507) across the Centralia Power Canal and across the Nisqually River to the county line. The regional trail will provide the only nonmotorized and fully protected connection between Thurston and Pierce Counties. Completed portions of the regional trail connect Yelm, Rainier, and Tenino. The long-term goal is to link the trail networks in Lewis, Pierce, and Thurston Counties, improve access to Joint Base Lewis McChord, and alleviate dangerous pedestrian and cycling conditions along State Route 507. Yelm will contribute \$360,002 in cash, equipment, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Trails Category](#). (20-1314)

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Projects in Walla Walla County

College Place

Grant Award: \$1,349,550

Renovating Lions Park

The City of College Place will use three grants to renovate Lions Park. The City will build a splash pad and inclusive playground, restore and develop multiuse soccer and baseball fields, and renovate the restrooms. In addition, the City will build a quarter-mile fitness trail with zones along the trail that include resistant weight strengthening. Complementing those features will be new walkways, a picnic shelter, restrooms, lighting, and park signs. The City also will work on the natural elements of the park by restoring the pond. The City will dredge the pond and restore the banks of the pond and creek, remove the fish weir, and add a fishing dock that is accessible to people with disabilities. Finally, the City will install stormwater treatment and irrigation. College Place will contribute more than \$1.9 million in cash and a private grant. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1360](#), [20-1566](#) and [20-1743](#). These grants are from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#), the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#), and the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#).

**Pacific Little League
Preparing a Baseball Field for Improvements**

Grant Award: \$128,432

The Pacific Little League will use this grant to convert two Little League fields into one large field on the 8.5-acre Veteran's Administration Medical Center campus in Walla Walla. The Little League will demolish the existing field's sprinkler systems, remove fencing, strip the infield and vegetation, and remove concrete benching and pathways. The Pacific Little League then will build an infield, install irrigation and fencing, and move the press box and storage building. This project will allow the Little League to add an intermediate division to its existing four playing levels and host regional and state tournaments. The Pacific Little League will contribute \$14,271 in donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1826)

**Walla Walla
Redeveloping Heritage Square Park**

Grant Award: \$500,000

The City of Walla Walla will use this grant to renovate and develop Heritage Square Park to transform an underused park in the city's historic and vibrant downtown into a centerpiece. The City will convert the park's parking lot into park space and install a water feature, performance stage, and restroom. Walla Walla will contribute nearly \$2 million in cash, and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (20-1888)

Projects in Whatcom County

**Bellingham
Buying Land for Bakerview Neighborhood Park**

Grant Award: \$264,127

The City of Bellingham will use this grant to buy 27.5 acres about 2 miles north of the city center for a neighborhood park. Buying this land will help connect existing and future trails in the city's greenway network. The area contains a mix of both cleared, level ground suitable for playgrounds, restrooms, sport courts, and recreation facilities as well as forested areas and wetlands that can support a loop trail. Future park development will include park facilities, sport courts, and nonmotorized trails. Bellingham will contribute \$602,604. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1646)

**Bellingham
Expanding the Little Squalicum Estuary**

Grant Award: \$500,000

The City of Bellingham will use this grant to expand the Little Squalicum estuary on Bellingham Bay. The City will excavate material and plant the area. The work will restore tidal and sedimentary processes, improve fish passage, and return 2.4 acres of saltmarsh, mudflat and

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estuary habitats to an area where these habitats have been lost. This project is in the Little Squalicum Park, which provides rare public access to, and scenic views of, Puget Sound. The estuary will provide paces for salmon to eat, grow, hide from predators, and rest. The estuary is used by Puget Sound Chinook salmon, which is a species listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as other salmon species. The City also will supplement the beach with excavated material to enhance areas nearby where forage fish, which salmon eat, spawn. The Little Squalicum is one of the last remaining locations available for estuary expansion in Water Resource Inventory Area 1, because of an increasingly urbanized shoreline with competing uses such as marinas, industry, and railways. Bellingham will contribute more than \$2 million in cash and local, state, and federal grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). (20-1725)

Blaine

Grant Award: \$500,000

Revitalizing Marine Park Beach

The City of Blaine will use this grant to rebuild the beach in Marine Park, which is highly visible from the Peace Arch Border Crossing, the third busiest on the nation's border with Canada. The City will replace failing shoreline armoring and establish a naturally functioning shoreline with pocket beaches of sand, gravel, and cobbles nestled between boulder headlands on Semiahmoo Bay. The City also will build access and viewpoints to the tidelands and saltwater. The project's goals are to create near-shore habitat for fish and other wildlife, create public access, and protect infrastructure and park improvements. The project is ranked as the number one capital project on Blaine's Strategic Economic Initiative. Blaine will contribute \$300,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). (20-1751)

Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District

Developing California Creek Estuary Park

Grant Award: \$617,986

The Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District will use two grants to buy 12 acres along California Creek and 230 feet of saltwater shoreline along Drayton Harbor for a day-use park between Birch Bay and Blaine, on the district's Bay to Bay Trail. The land surrounds land already owned by the district and combined they conserve 888 feet of saltwater shoreline open to the public on Drayton Harbor. In addition, the district will add a restroom, kayak launch, interpretive kiosk, and trails to the day-use California Creek Estuary Park. The tidelands and estuary are prime habitat for many species of salmon, forage fish, and many other animals. The Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District will contribute \$92,000 in cash, voter-approved bonds, and donated labor. Visit RCO's Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of these projects: [20-1757](#) and [20-1841](#). These grants are from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Water Access Category](#).

Ferndale
Developing Metalworks Skate Park

Grant Award: \$480,000

The City of Ferndale will use this grant to develop Metalworks Skate Park. The 10,000-square-foot skate and bike park will be in the Pioneer Park complex and near the Boys and Girls Clubhouse, an elementary school, ball fields, and another playground. Ferndale is one of the fastest growing cities in the state, but has few recreational amenities for teenagers aside from organized sports. The City also will landscape the area. The park will recognize the community's industrial heritage with design and art features. Ferndale will contribute \$81,850 in cash and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Local Parks Category](#). (20-1802)

Port of Bellingham
Building a Small Watercraft Launch and Dock in Fairhaven

Grant Award: \$500,000

The Port of Bellingham will use this grant to develop a small watercraft launch and dock in the Fairhaven neighborhood to provide access to Puget Sound. The launch, which will be next to the Community Boating Center, will be the first dock on saltwater in Whatcom County designed specifically for human-powered boats. The Port will install an 80-foot-long gangway, a floating dock and breakwater, and a universally accessible floating dock that will provide a smooth transition on and off the water for the smallest of boats. The new docks will be a safe distance from the Port's motorized launch, reducing conflicts between boaters and increasing safety, while providing access to Port-owned parking lots and restrooms. More than 9,000 kayakers, canoeists, rowers, and paddleboarder use the launch annually. The Port also will create a small pocket beach. The Port of Bellingham will contribute nearly \$1.4 million in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). (20-1709)

Chuckanut Bay Athletic Association
Improving Access and Parking in Ferndale

Grant Award: \$140,475

The Chuckanut Bay Athletic Association will use this grant to improve the entrance, create a parking lot, and reseed a field at its 17-acre site in Ferndale. The association is building a three-field complex, complete with grandstands, locker rooms, and amenities for local youth teams. The facility is in constant use throughout the year and is overwhelmed in the spring and fall. The project will make more efficient use of the site, enable the fields to serve more people, and retain space for international matches and local play and practice. The Chuckanut Bay Athletic Association will contribute \$46,825 in local and private grants and donated equipment. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1290)

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U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$10,000

Hiring a Backcountry Snow Ranger

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to hire a backcountry snow ranger to increase visitor safety at Heather Meadows. Located at more than 4,000 feet elevation with an annual snowfall of more than 650 inches, Heather Meadows provides a variety of winter recreation opportunities and has seen use grow exponentially recently. Heather Meadows also is surrounded by areas of avalanches, which have killed several people in the past few years. The snow ranger will improve safety by installing signs, providing avalanche education and tips on how to travel safely in snow, educating through social media, and contacting visitors in person. The U.S. Forest Service will contribute \$14,500 in a federal appropriation and donated cash. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2424)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Award: \$360,000

Replacing the Lake Terrell Boarding Float

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to build a 60-foot-long boat launch float that will be accessible to people with disabilities and to pave the area between the road and boat ramp. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2314)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Award: \$36,122

Improving Water Access along the North Fork Nooksack River

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy and develop land along the North Fork Nooksack River into a day-use, river access site. The department will build a parking lot, trail, and pathway to the river. The department also will restore the area around the river. This land is an important launching area for a kayaking and rafting run on the river east of Maple Falls. The department will contribute \$61,550 in a state appropriation, staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Water Access Category](#). (20-1259)

Whatcom County

Grant Award: \$350,000

Building a Sports Court in the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center

The Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to develop a multiuse sports court for basketball, pickleball, volleyball, and other activities in the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center. The court will have lighting and a roof with open sides to allow activities year-round in an area where 60 inches of rain falls annually. The sports court will serve a large, unincorporated, area with more than 4,000 residents, who have a relatively low median

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household income. The closest similar sports court is 30 miles away. Whatcom County will contribute \$200,470 in a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1735)

Whatcom County Conserving Forestland Northeast of Bellingham

Grant Award: \$141,775

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve 36.07 acres of forestland on the Moors property, 8 miles northeast of Bellingham, on Anderson Creek. The purchase will help meet Whatcom County's goal of supporting the rural economic base through natural resource-based industries, such as forestry. Whatcom County will contribute \$141,775 in Conservation Futures.¹¹ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Forestland Preservation Category](#). (20-1585)

Whatcom County Conserving the VanderWerff Farm near Bellingham

Grant Award: \$113,775

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve 19.77 acres of prime agricultural soils on the VanderWerff property, 8 miles northeast of Bellingham. The VanderWerff family farm raises cattle, pigs, and riding horses. The farm is next to farmland already conserved. Whatcom County will contribute \$113,775 in Conservation Futures.¹² Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (20-1584)

Whatcom Land Trust Conserving Land Along Upper Skookum Creek

Grant Award: \$875,000

The Whatcom Land Trust will use this grant to buy 990 acres along upper Skookum Creek, a major tributary to the South Fork Nooksack River. The purchase will protect 2.24 miles of Skookum Creek, adding to the 1,100 acres already conserved along lower Skookum Creek. The purchase will create a nearly uninterrupted protected corridor from the South Fork Nooksack River to its headwaters on Twin Sisters Mountain. Conserving the land will allow the growth of mature creekbank forests that will shade and cool the water for salmon. Finally, the land provides vital habitat for a range of wildlife including golden eagle, Nooksack elk, Townsend's big eared bat, and the state-endangered marbled murrelet. The Whatcom Land Trust will

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contribute more than \$2.2 million in cash, Conservation Futures,¹³ and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Riparian Protection Category](#). (20-1512)

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Projects in Whitman County

Colfax

Grant Award: \$75,000

Renovating the Colfax Pool Mechanical Room

The City of Colfax will use this grant to upgrade mechanical systems at the Colfax Municipal Pool, which was built in 1969. The City will upgrade the filter system, motor and pump, chemical monitoring and application system, and the electrical system. The City wants to be able to reduce closures caused by mechanical failures and chemical imbalance. The Colfax Swim Team uses the pool for all of its training and swim meets with teams from communities in Adams, Columbia, Garfield, and Whitman Counties. Colfax will contribute \$41,969 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities program](#). (20-1784)

Garfield Park and Recreation District

Grant Award: \$500,000

Improving Garfield Pool

The Garfield Park and Recreation District will use this grant to replace the 60-year-old pool facilities that serve as the only water recreation for the community. Currently the pool liner is leaking, the lighting cannot be turned on as it risks electrocuting patrons, the restroom and locker room areas are outdated and not universally accessible, and the wading pool does not function. The district will replace the restroom, rehabilitate the lap pool, and replace the wading pool with a splash pad. The objective of this project is to add 50 years of life to this facility. The Garfield Park and Recreation District will contribute \$500,000 in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (20-1431)

Port of Whitman County

Grant Award: \$1,000,000

Replacing Docks at Boyer Park and Marina

The Port of Whitman County will use this grant to replace the fuel dock, two short-term moorage docks, an access pier, and a gangway at Boyer Park and Marina. The Port also will add navigation lights, electrical and water services, and a toilet. All of the new facilities will be

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accessible to people with disabilities. The new docks will provide a safer, more accessible, and more functional marina for boaters. Boyer Park is 20 miles southwest of Colfax and serves as the only boat ramp in Whitman County. The Port of Whitman County will contribute \$1.1 million in cash and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2115)

Projects in Yakima County

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$40,767

Caring for Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Trails

The Naches Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to pay for a four- to six-person crew to maintain 360 miles of wilderness and adjacent trails for non-motorized activities in Yakima County. The crew will haul out logs, clear trails of debris, replace degraded trail structures, and improve trail surfaces. The ranger district also will buy small tools and materials. The Forest Service will contribute \$82,002 in a federal appropriation, a state grant from the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities program, equipment, and donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2203)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$150,000

Funding a Maintenance Crew in the Naches Ranger District

The Naches Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to pay for a four-person crew for two summers to maintain its 42 recreation areas. The crew will repair deteriorated tables, bent fire ring grills, broken bulletin boards, and uprooted bollards. In addition, it will preserve site markers, paint signs and restrooms, and fix parking area delineators. Recreation use has been increasing with an estimated 134,400 people visiting the district's developed sites in 2019 for camping, hiking, picnicking, and boating. The Forest Service will contribute \$239,500 in a federal appropriation, equipment, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2148)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$10,000

Investing in Naches Wilderness Education

The Naches Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund two seasonal education and enforcement rangers and up to four part-time volunteers to patrol high-use areas on weekends and holidays in the Naches Wilderness areas. High use has damaged sensitive and rare vegetation, disturbed sensitive wildlife, and led to crowding and improper disposal of human waste. Rangers will focus on education to promote environmental

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stewardship, resource protection, and visitor safety. The U.S. Forest Service will contribute \$5,000 in donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2283)

U.S. Forest Service Maintaining Naches Wilderness Trails

Grant Award: \$150,000

The Naches Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund a four-person crew and volunteers to maintain 360 miles of wilderness trails for 2 years. The crew will clear logs and brush, restore trail surfaces and drainage, and build and maintain trail structures and signs. The work will decrease damage to the environment, increase safety, minimize conflicts between users, and extend the life of the trails. Located in Yakima County, the trail system offers scenic hiking and horseback riding through old-growth forests and alpine meadows with stunning vistas that include Mount Rainier and Mount Adams. The trails are used by an estimated 35,000 to 40,000 visitors annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$85,440 in a federal appropriation and a grant from the state Recreational Trails Program. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2201)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Land Next to the Wenas Wildlife Area

Grant Award: \$1,875,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 1,100 acres of shrub steppe and stream bank on the Cleman Mountain to conserve habitat for an extraordinary diversity of species. The land borders the Wenas Wildlife Area on two sides and connects to important shrub steppe core habitats. It also contains imperiled shrub steppe, stream, floodplain, aspen groves, and talus habitats. The diversity of bird species in this area is breathtaking. About 25 percent of the bird species that occur in the lower 48 states has been identified in this watershed. In addition, a significant component of the Yakima elk herd winters next to this land. The land is near Yakima, Selah, and Naches, and is a popular area for bird watching, wildlife viewing, hunting, and fishing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Critical Habitat Category](#). (20-1227)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Redeveloping the Access Area for Ponds 4 and 5

Grant Award: \$325,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the water access site in the Sunnyside/Snake River Wildlife Area's Interstate 82 Ponds Unit, known as the Ponds 4 and 5 Water Access Site. This popular fishing site in the lower Yakima Valley provides access to the Yakima River, near Toppenish, Wapato, Buena, and Yakima. The department will install a toilet,

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parking, pathway, and fishing platform on Pond 4—all accessible to people with disabilities. In addition, the department will improve the dirt boat launch on Pond 4 and the dirt path around Pond 4 for easier access and use. Finally, the department will build a boat hand-launch between Ponds 4 and 5 to give boats access to Pond 5. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Development and Renovation Category](#). (20-1749)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Award: \$427,600** **Thinning the Forest in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to thin the forest in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area. The department will thin 667 acres of forest south of the Tieton River and do a controlled burn of 593 acres in the Oak Creek drainage in previously thinned areas. The work will improve habitat for a wide variety of wildlife species, promote forest health, and improve ecological integrity so treated areas are resilient to stressors. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1689)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$200,000** **Maintaining Off-road Vehicle Facilities in the Ahtanum State Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund two employees to maintain more than 42 miles of off-road vehicle trails, 12 campgrounds, and 3 trailheads in the Ahtanum State Forest, 30 miles west of Yakima. The staff will clear trails of debris, maintain trail structures and bridges, remove litter, clean toilets and campsites, and repair and replace kiosks, picnic tables, fire rings, and signs. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$68,500 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2152)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$134,360** **Renovating the Eagles Nest Vista in the Ahtanum State Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to renovate and improve safety at the Eagles Nest Vista in the Ahtanum State Forest, about 45 miles west of Yakima. The department will improve a pathway to make it accessible to people with disabilities, renovate a rock wall with interpretive panels, replace an aging kiosk, and rehabilitate short trails at the vista for habitat protection. The work will make the viewpoint accessible as well as improve safety for all visitors. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$53,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2185)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Restoring Selah Cliffs Habitat

Grant Award: \$70,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore native plants on 30 acres of shrub steppe and 10 acres of creekbank habitat in the 300-acre Selah Cliffs Natural Area Preserve. The preserve was established in 1993 to protect the largest known population of basalt daisy, a species listed as threatened with extinction by the State and as a federal species of concern. This species is known to exist in only a 10-mile stretch of the Yakima River canyon and Selah Creek. The department will remove nonnative species and plant native grasses and forbs in the meadow and treated areas along the valley bottom. The preserve includes the rocky floodplain of Selah Creek at the foot of the cliffs and areas of shrub steppe habitat. The cliffs, much of which are covered by colorful lichens, provide nesting and roosting habitat for raptors including prairie falcons, golden eagles and kestrels. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1354)

Washington State Conservation Commission
Conserving the Thornton Ranch

Grant Award: \$916,713

The State Conservation Commission will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve the 107.7-acre Thornton Ranch, a livestock and hay ranch near Cowiche. The land has prime farmland soils and is considered both farmland of statewide importance and farmland of unique importance. The ranch is bisected by more than a half-mile of Cowiche Creek, which is home to steelhead trout and Chinook and coho salmon. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (20-1546)

Zillah
Building Zillah Splash Park

Grant Award: \$255,170

The City of Zillah will use this grant to design and develop a splash park, complete with landscaping and seating, in Loges City Park. The proposed splash park will be off the main road that runs through Zillah on the northeast corner of the city park. This project will provide a safe alternative for people who would otherwise swim in the Yakima River. The project will be Zillah's first splash pad. In addition to providing outdoor recreation opportunities, the park also will serve as a gathering place for the community and visitors alike. Zillah will contribute \$255,170 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. [Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (20-1305)

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Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield Counties

U.S. Forest Service

Requested: \$50,000

Maintaining Off-road Vehicle Trails in the Blue Mountains

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to maintain off-road vehicle trails throughout the Umatilla National Forest. The ranger district will clear debris, fix trail surfaces, maintain trail structures, and inspect and maintain bridges. The work will help keep the trails open to the public, improve safety, and protect habitat. The district's trails provide the only off-highway vehicle opportunities on federal lands in the northern Blue Mountains. The Forest Service will contribute \$58,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, materials, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2022)

Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Garfield, Island, Jefferson, King, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Okanogan, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Stevens, and Yakima Counties

Washington Trails Association

Grant Award: \$75,000

Caring for Backcountry Trails Statewide

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to engage volunteers in 30,000 hours of trail maintenance on 330 miles of trail throughout the Cascades, Olympics, and Blue Mountains. Backcountry crews will perform a wide variety of annual maintenance such as clearing trails of debris and improving trail surfaces, as well as technical projects such as clearing fallen trees and moving short sections of trail to create safer and accessible trails for visitors. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$581,280 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1990)

Chelan, Clallam, Cowlitz, Island, Jefferson, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Okanogan, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Stevens, and Whatcom Counties

Washington Trails Association

Grant Award: \$75,000

Engaging Youth Volunteers in Statewide Trail Maintenance

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant for youth work parties to maintain 92 miles of trail. The youth, who will contribute 27,000 hours of work, will address deferred maintenance backlogs to improve hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian opportunities on trails across Washington. The project will consist of day-long work parties on urban or front country trails, which typically are near major cities like Seattle, Spokane, Bellingham, and Vancouver, and

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week-long volunteer vacations in more remote backcountry areas. Each work party will vary in scope but will focus mainly on general maintenance activities such as removing overgrown brush, restoring trail surfaces, and improving drainage to create safer and accessible trails and mitigate damage. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$521,550 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1989)

Chelan, Clark, Columbia, Kittitas, Snohomish, and Stevens Counties

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Reopening Damaged National Forest Trails

Grant Award: \$58,800

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to maintain U.S. Forest Service trails damaged from flooding, fires, tree disease, and windstorms. The group will host at least three, large, volunteer events each year to clear trails of blocked logs and debris. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$237,200 in donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1959)

Chelan, Ferry, King, Kittitas, Okanogan, Spokane, and Yakima Counties

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Engaging Eastern Washington Volunteers in Trail Maintenance

Grant Award: \$37,500

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to engage volunteers in 8,824 hours of maintenance on 320 miles of trail of critical importance to mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, and motorized recreation enthusiasts. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will contribute \$190,000 in local and private grants and donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2100)

Chelan, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Stevens, and Yakima Counties

Northwest Motorcycle Association Repairing Trails in Need of Heavy Maintenance

Grant Award: \$198,143

The Northwest Motorcycle Association will use this grant to fund a crew and equipment to perform heavy maintenance on 34 miles of damaged trail on lands owned by the Washington Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Forest Service in eight counties. The work will be done on trails open to off-road motorcycling and other uses in Chelan, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Pend

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Oreille, Skamania, Stevens, and Yakima Counties. The trails have been damaged by heavy use, rain, windstorms, wildfires, and logging. Existing crews cannot keep pace with the maintenance, which results in delayed maintenance, severe degradation of the trails, and increased resource damage. The crew will focus on water management and restoration of trail surfaces. The crew will remove ruts and trail braiding. The work will not only improve the user experience, but will prevent trail closures and improve safety. The Northwest Motorcycle Association will contribute \$26,760 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2409)

Chelan, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Pend Oreille, Stevens, and Yakima Counties

Northwest Motorcycle Association Caring for Single-Track Trails

Grant Award: \$57,010

The Northwest Motorcycle Association will use this grant to maintain 34 miles of single-track trail on state and federal land in Chelan, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Pend Oreille, Stevens, and Yakima Counties. The association will focus on water management, restoration of trail surfaces, and removal of ruts and trail braiding. The work will prevent further trail damage and environmental impacts, improve safety, help prevent closures, and improve the visitor experience. The Northwest Motorcycle Association will contribute \$226,760 in a grant from the state Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities program. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2419)

Chelan, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties

Northwest Motorcycle Association Maintaining Central Washington Single-track Trails

Grant Award: \$71,939

The Northwest Motorcycle Association will use this grant to provide coordination and training for volunteers to maintain multiuse, single-track trails in four ranger districts in central Washington. The association will assess trails, clear fallen trees, and repair trails. The Northwest Motorcycle Association will contribute \$155,890 in donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2421)

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Chelan and Okanogan Counties

U.S. Forest Service Hiring Backcountry Patrols

Grant Award: \$200,000

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to hire staff to patrol multiuse trails and trailheads in the Chelan, Entiat, Methow Valley, and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan and Okanogan Counties. This grant will fund two, seasonal, off-highway vehicle rangers to patrol about 300 miles of multiuse trails, 7 campgrounds, and 29 trailheads. In addition, the grant will fund four AmeriCorps volunteer backcountry rangers to patrol 155 miles of wilderness trails. The staff will contact visitors and educate them on environmental stewardship and good riding practices. Much of the area has highly erosive pumice soil or fragile meadows. Field rangers contacting visitors helps prevent damage to these areas and ensures future use. The Forest Service will contribute \$148,500 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1966)

Clallam, Cowlitz, Island, Jefferson, King, Klickitat, Lewis, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, and Whatcom Counties

Washington Trails Association Engaging Volunteers in Statewide Trail Maintenance

Grant Award: \$75,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to engage volunteers in 51,000 hours of trail maintenance on 280 miles of popular trails, most of which are near major urban areas of Puget Sound, Vancouver, and Spokane. Crews will perform a variety of maintenance such as clearing trails of debris and improving trail surfaces and structures. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$986,360 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1991)

Clallam, Jefferson, and Kittitas Counties

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Rehabilitating Olympic Peninsula Trails

Grant Award: \$41,243

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to engage volunteers in maintenance of about 574 miles of trail on the Olympic Peninsula. With more than 300 inches of rain annually and extremely fast-growing vegetation, the peninsula's trails can become unsafe quickly. Dangerous trail surfaces, unwanted water erosion, failing foot logs, damaged structures, missing signs, unclear corridors, and downed trees all pose hazards. This region hosts many

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visitors and offers adventures such as mountain biking, hiking, and horseback riding. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$207,974 in donations of equipment and labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2004)

Clark, Cowlitz, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Klickitat, Lewis, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, and Snohomish Counties

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance **Grant Award: \$62,500**
Maintaining Mountain Biking Trails in Western Washington

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to engage volunteers in 15,882 hours of maintenance on 350 miles of trails that serve mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, and motorized activities in western Washington. Volunteers from four western Washington chapters of the alliance will maintain trails with supervision from crew leaders. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will contribute \$380,000 in a local and private grants and donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2099)

Clark, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Pierce, Thurston Counties

Back Country Horsemen of Washington **Grant Award: \$8,705**
Educating the Public about Stewardship of the Outdoors

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to spread awareness of environmental stewardship to encourage horseback riders, hikers, mountain bikers, campers, and other recreationist to be better caretakers of the outdoors. The organization encourages members in its 31 chapters to complete a 20-hour course, but wishes to expand its outreach to include other recreationists, especially those who have embraced the outdoors due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to youth in organizations such as scouts, 4-H, and those unaffiliated with traditional groups. The association will share this information, perhaps through video, at events across Washington State. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$96,120 in donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2007)

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Back Country Horsemen of Washington Maintaining Damaged Trails

Grant Award: \$28,908

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to engage volunteers in maintenance of 392 miles of trail in Capitol State Forest, Wenatchee National Forest, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Goat Rocks and Mount Adams Wilderness, and the Newport Ranger District. Volunteers will focus on clearing trails of debris, repairing trail surfaces and structures, improving water drainage, and replacing culverts, which are pipes or other structures that carry water under trails. The Backcountry Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$111,500 in donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2005)

Clark, Mason, Pierce, Thurston, and Yakima Counties

Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance Maintaining Trails Open to Off-Highway Vehicles

Grant Award: \$199,977

The Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance will use this grant to maintain a portion of more than 223 miles of multiuse, two-track trails open to off-highway vehicles in five counties. Alliance crews will repair trail surfaces and drainage structures and clear trails of debris and fallen trees. The work, which will be done on land managed by the Washington Department of Natural Resources, will reduce erosion of sediment to sensitive areas and streams and improve the trails for all visitors. The Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance will contribute \$18,468 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2082)

Clark and Thurston Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Capitol and Yacolt Burn State Forests

Grant Award: \$148,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain campgrounds and facilities in the Capitol and Yacolt Burn State Forests near Olympia and Vancouver as well as other campgrounds and facilities in the department's Pacific Cascade Region. Work will include maintaining McLane Creek nature trails in the Capitol State Forest, cleaning restrooms, pumping vault toilets, repairing and maintaining facilities, and removing litter in campgrounds and trailheads. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$63,500 in donated labor. This

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grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2011)

Clark and Wahkiakum Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Yacolt Burn State Forest Trails

Grant Award: \$199,500

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund staff to maintain off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in the Yacolt Burn State Forest, east of Vancouver, and in the Elochoman Landscape, west of Longview. The staff will clear trails of debris, repair trail surfaces, lay gravel to harden trail surfaces, re-route small sections of trail, maintain bridges, remove litter, and clean restrooms. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$85,600 in equipment, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2010)

Grays Harbor, Kittitas, Mason, and Yakima Counties

Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance Supporting Volunteer Work Parties to Maintain Trails in Four Counties

Grant Award: \$61,704

The Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance will use this grant to support volunteer work parties on land owned by the Washington Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Forest Service in Grays Harbor, Kittitas, Mason, and Yakima Counties. The volunteers will remove overgrown brush, build bridges, haul rocks, remove garbage, and educate visitors on environmental stewardship. The alliance will recruit volunteers and support the work parties by improving its Web site to better recruit and track volunteers, buy a trailer and small equipment for trail work, schedule and promote activities, and provide supplies. The Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance will contribute \$15,800 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2402)

Grays Harbor, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Yakima Counties

Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association Protecting Trails From Spills

Grant Award: \$3,945

The Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association will use this grant to spread awareness among off-highway vehicle enthusiasts about how to use a spill kit to dispose of waste and protect wildlife from harmful fluids following a spill. In addition to waste disposal information, the kits will convey information about how to practice environmental stewardship, recreate responsibly, and stay on designated trails. The association will contribute \$3,799 in cash and donated labor.

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This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1980)

Island and Jefferson Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Award: \$136,741** **Restoring Moth Habitat**

State Parks will use this grant to restore habitat for the sand-verbena moth by reducing invasive plants, increasing the abundance of sand-verbena, and redirecting recreational users away from critical habitat. The work is designed to restore habitat for the sand-verbena moth, a critically imperiled species known to live in fewer than 11 locations in North America, two of which are Fort Worden State Park and Deception Pass State Park. The sand-verbena moth only occurs in sand dune habitats with relatively high cover of yellow sand-verbena and few exotic plant species. Surveys suggest the moth populations in the two state parks are harmed by an increase in exotic plants and, potentially, trampling of sand-verbena. Trails through the restoration area will give the public an excellent opportunity to observe rare native species and communities and keep them from trampling the plants. State Parks will contribute \$44,340 in a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1586)

Island, King, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Award: \$75,000** **Caring for Trails in Northwestern Washington**

State Parks will use this grant to maintain 224 miles of trails in 13 state parks in northwestern Washington. The trails provide a backcountry experience to hikers, mountain bikers, runners, and horseback riders. The parks included are: Bridle Trails, Dash Point, Deception Pass, Fort Ebey, Larrabee, Mount Pilchuck, Squak Mountain, Twin Falls-Olallie, Saint Edward, Saltwater, South Whidbey, Moran, and Wallace Falls. Much of the work will include repairing and replacing trail and drainage structures, clearing debris, removing windfall, and maintaining trail surfaces. State Parks will contribute \$87,460 in staff and donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1985)

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Island and San Juan Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Award: \$291,000** **Assessing Moorage Buoys in Puget Sound**

State Parks will use this grant to assess long-term needs for moorage buoys in northwestern Puget Sound, including San Juan and Island Counties. The agency will inspect moorage buoys to determine what needs to be replaced or moved and where new buoys should be installed. The agency also will submit applications for environmental regulatory permits and produce construction specifications. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). (20-2191)

Jefferson and Mason Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Award: \$144,750** **Restoring Puget Lowland Forests**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore the structure and composition of lowland forest communities in two natural areas—Dabob Bay Natural Area and Schumacher Creek Natural Area Preserve. The department will thin young, artificially regenerated forest stands; plant underrepresented tree and shrub species; and control of key invasive plants that threaten both the restoration areas and neighboring forests. These efforts will allow more natural development of the forests and faster development of important habitat features such as large trees, snags, and fallen trees. This will greatly enhance the diversity of these forests, improving the quality and quantity of wildlife habitat. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category](#). (20-1629)

Jefferson, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties

Pacific Northwest Trail Association **Grant Award: \$75,000** **Supporting Stewardship of the Pacific Northwest Trail**

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to hire youth and young adult trail crews and engage volunteers from local communities to maintain the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail. Every year, some trail sections are damaged in wildfires, watersheds are in need of improvement, and bridges need to be built to maintain access for the ever-increasing number of outdoor enthusiasts. This project will address the maintenance backlog on hundreds of miles of trail used for hiking, horseback riding, cycling, hunting, and more. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will contribute \$150,000 in staff labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval.

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This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2262)

King and Kittitas Counties

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust **Grant Award: \$75,000** **Maintaining Trails in the Mountains to Sound Greenway**

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will use this grant to maintain 80 miles of hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails for 2 years in the Mountains to Sound Greenway in King and Kittitas Counties. Activities will include clearing logs and trail debris, replacing signs, and repairing drainage and trail surfaces in the Issaquah Alps (Cougar, Squak, Tiger, and Rattlesnake Mountains), destinations in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, along the Pacific Crest Trail, in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, and other popular hiking trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will contribute \$150,000 in a private grant and donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2281)

Kittitas, Skagit, and Skamania Counties

Pacific Crest Trail Association **Grant Award: \$53,500** **Caring for the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail**

The Pacific Crest Trail Association will use this grant to host multi-day, volunteer projects that will contribute more than 7,000 hours of labor to maintain more than 125 miles of trail in remote backcountry locations. Work will be done on the trail sections running through the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan-Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests. The work will make the trails more resistant to erosion and more accessible to the public. Volunteers will accomplish a wide range of work including improving trail surfaces and hauling out logs to enhance the trail for hikers, backpackers, and equestrians. The Pacific Crest Trail Association will contribute \$126,000 in donated labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2187)

Kittitas and Yakima Counties

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Award: \$75,000** **Addressing Deferred Maintenance of Naches Ranger District Trails**

The Naches Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to pay for a five-person crew and supplies to maintain more than 300 miles of motorcycle and 4x4

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trails in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. Work will include clearing brush, improving drainage, repairing trail structures, and enhancing trail signs. The Naches Ranger District's trails for motorized activities receive extensive use from an estimated 45,000 recreationists each year. The Forest Service will contribute \$90,003 in a federal appropriation, a grant from the state Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities program, materials, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. The same amount of funding for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2184)

Klickitat and Lewis Counties

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Award: \$153,950

Caring for Trails for Motorized Uses in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 230 miles of trails for motorized uses in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest for 2 years. The ranger district will remove fallen logs and clear debris, repair structures, and improve trail surfaces and water drainage. The work will allow continued public access, protect natural resources, and promote responsible use. The trails can be accessed from the towns of Randle and Trout Lake. The Forest Service will contribute \$159,389 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2156)

Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties

Columbia Land Trust

Grant Award: \$2,000,000

Conserving Land in Grays River Watershed

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to conserve 1,623 acres and 10 miles of salmon streams in Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties in southwest Washington. The wet and almost entirely forested Grays River watershed is essential to the recovery of species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, including marbled murrelets, eulachon smelt, and lower Columbia River chum, coho, and fall Chinook salmon. The land is in the upper watershed and includes mature Sitka spruce forests, productive stream bank habitat, and wetlands. The purchase will create a corridor connecting two large blocks of state-owned land where murrelet conservation efforts in southwest Washington are concentrated. In addition, the purchase will enable more than 5 miles of river restoration to occur to support the most significant chum salmon population remaining in the lower Columbia River basin. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute more than \$3.1 million in a private, state, and federal grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Critical Habitat Category](#). (20-1509)

Skagit and Whatcom Counties

U.S. Forest Service Maintaining Mount Baker Trails

Grant Award: \$150,000

The Mount Baker Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to maintain 100 miles of wilderness and trails for non-motorized activities in Skagit and Whatcom Counties. Crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, maintain trail surfaces, and repair boardwalks, retaining walls, and small bridges. The crews will focus on protecting natural resources and improving visitor safety. Work will occur in the Mount Baker, Noisy-Diobsud, and Glacier Peak Wildernesses, as well as in the Mount Baker National Recreation Area. About 200,000 visitors use these areas for hiking, backpacking, climbing, horseback riding, running, hunting, fishing, gathering, photography, and wildlife viewing. The Forest Service will contribute \$95,500 in a federal appropriation and donated labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2179)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Maintaining Mount Baker Sno-Parks and Trails

Grant Award: \$36,712

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to maintain six Sno-Parks and groom 7,600 miles of snowmobile trails in and around Mount Baker in Whatcom and Skagit Counties for two winters. The goal is to maintain safe and usable parking areas and trails for snowmobilers and other winter recreationists. State Parks will contribute \$20,000 in a state appropriation. This grant is for the first year of a 2-year award. Funding of \$95,288 for the second year will be added upon federal approval. This grant is from the federal [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2261)

Spokane and Stevens County

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Hiring a Trail Ranger in Spokane and Stevens Counties

Grant Award: \$127,232

State Parks will use this grant to fund a ranger to patrol areas in Spokane and Stevens Counties at Riverside State Park, Spokane River Centennial State Park Trail, and Columbia Plateau State Park Trail from Fish Lake to Amber Lake. The ranger will patrol these areas, which are open year-round and collectively host more than 4 million visits annually. The ranger will focus on public safety including patrolling trailheads and areas with high levels of crime. The ranger also will educate visitors about park rules, COVID19 pandemic changes, trail etiquette, and environmental stewardship. In addition, the ranger will work with volunteers and help at the 100 events hosted annually. State Parks will contribute \$125,400 in staff and donated labor. This

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grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2260)