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State Awards \$1.3 Million in Grants for Trails and Boating

OLYMPIA – Projects in 16 counties will receive funding totaling nearly \$1.3 million to improve trails and boating facilities in Washington, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation announced today.

The Interagency Committee is responsible for evaluating proposals and distributing funding for nine grant programs. In all, the agency received 64 proposals requesting more than \$3 million in funding under two federal grant programs. The committee was able to meet less than half that demand because of limited funding.

“The rich diversity of Washington’s recreational opportunities create a state that not only is a beautiful place to live but one that supports tourism, economic development and healthy lifestyles,” said Laura Johnson, director of the Office of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation. “These grants invest money in maintaining that diversity and making sure there are opportunities for all types of activities.”

Projects in the following counties were approved for funding. For details, click on the county.

Chelan.....	\$294,704	Pend Oreille	\$10,000
Clallam	\$50,000	Pierce.....	\$50,000
Ferry.....	\$47,523	Skamania.....	\$46,625
Garfield.....	\$10,000	Snohomish.....	\$100,000
King.....	\$156,000	Thurston.....	\$95,000
Kittitas	\$64,140	Whatcom.....	\$68,599
Klickitat.....	\$9,389	Yakima.....	\$39,700
Lewis.....	\$50,000	Statewide	\$106,130
Okanogan.....	\$140,000		

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Following is a description of the two federal grant programs:

National Recreational Trails Program -- Paid for by federal gasoline taxes, this grant program funds projects that repair and maintain recreational trails and facilities to provide a backcountry experience. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Federal Highway Administration and the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation. A total of 61 proposals, requesting more than \$2.1 million, were submitted. The Interagency Committee was able to award only 37 grants totaling more than \$1.2 million.

Boating Infrastructure Grants – This program provides funding for recreational transient boating facilities, targeting the needs of recreational boats 26 feet and larger. Funding for the grants comes from a portion of the federal Aquatic Resources Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Interagency Committee received three proposals requesting more than \$909,000. Only one project for \$95,000 received a grant.

“The competition for these grants is high,” Johnson said. “In times of shrinking budgets, this federal funding often can make the difference and allow communities to move forward with their projects. It’s vital to keeping Washington a destination for outdoor recreation.”

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation was established in 1964 to finance recreation and conservation projects throughout the state. For more information on the agency or its grant programs, visit the Web site: www.iac.wa.gov.

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Chelan County

\$294,704

Maintaining Trails Near Lake Chelan **\$50,000**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District

This National Recreational Trails Program grant provides maintenance on 192 miles of trail in the Chelan Ranger District's portions of the Glacier Peak Wilderness, the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness, the Lucerne Landing-Holden Village Scenic Corridor and the Sawtooth backcountry. Crews will clear logs and brush, clean drains, remove loose rock, fix pathways and repair structures such as water bars, turnpikes, bridges, switchback barricades and a loading ramp. The Forest Service will contribute \$46,700 in donated equipment and labor. This project was the top ranked project of 51 competing for this year's National Recreational Trails Program trail grants. (05-1160M)

Maintaining Wilderness Trails **\$40,500**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District

This National Recreational Trails Program grant will allow the Wenatchee River Ranger District (formerly the Lake Wenatchee and Leavenworth ranger districts) to perform annual maintenance activities on 350 miles of wilderness trails. Crews will clear all the trails, remove brush and fix drainage. In addition, crews will be able to tackle some backlog maintenance work such as replacing and repairing water bars, rebuilding pathways and repairing puncheon and turnpikes. The Forest Service will contribute \$34,000 in funding and donated labor. (05-1061M)

Maintaining Trails on Echo Ridge **\$50,000**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District

This National Recreational Trails Program grant provides for year-round maintenance of 23 miles of non-motorized trails on Echo Ridge. In the winter, this grant will provide snow plowing and sanding of access roads and parking lots, and grooming of cross-country ski and multi-use trails. The rest of the year, the grant will allow crews to clear and mow trails; treat noxious weeds; and maintain trail heads, signs, bathrooms, bulletin boards, gates and a fee collection system. The Forest Service will contribute \$27,100 in funding and donated equipment and labor. (05-1102M)

Providing a Bathroom for Winter Sport Enthusiasts on Entiat Ridge **\$12,000**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District

French Corral is a popular winter trail junction on Entiat Ridge at the divide between the Lake Wenatchee and Entiat snowmobile trail systems. It is used by many snowmobilers for lunch breaks and photo opportunities. Adding a toilet for users in the winter will curtail an existing sanitation problem. This National Recreational Trails Program grant will provide for installation of a vault toilet, which has solid concrete walls and steel doors, and installation of a small concrete building for storing a rescue sled and trail



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grooming supplies. The Lake Wenatchee Grooming Council will maintain the area. The Forest Service is providing \$12,000 in donations from the Lake Wenatchee Grooming Council and a grant from the Washington State Park and Recreation Commission's Winter Recreation Program. (05-1279D)

Maintaining Snowmobile Trails near Entiat and Lake Wenatchee \$35,630
U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District

The Entiat and Lake Wenatchee ranger districts groom more than 200 miles of snowmobile trails weekly in the winter, accommodating an estimated 40,000 visits annually. This National Recreational Trails Program grant will allow crews to clear brush from 15 miles of trails this year, install and remove more than 250 trail signs and make new signs and route markers. This maintenance work has proven to be a key component in the success of the snowmobile trail system, which runs from the Lake Wenatchee area just east of Stevens Pass into the Entiat Valley, and has been voted one of the top snowmobiling areas in Washington. The Forest Service will contribute \$35,712 from a state grant and donated labor. (05-1113M)

Maintaining Off-Road Vehicle Trails Near Lake Wenatchee, Devils Gulch \$74,974
U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District

The Wenatchee River Ranger District received two National Recreational Trails Program grants to provide maintenance and operation of 108 miles of off-road vehicle (ORV) trails and 15 trail heads in the Lower Chiwawa, Chikamin, Nason Ridge and Devils Gulch areas for two years. Also included is the maintenance and operation of the Goose Creek ORV Campground for two years. These facilities are managed primarily for motorcyclists, but are also popular with mountain bike riders. Crews will remove logs, brush and rocks. They also will fix pathways, signs, drainage structures, trail bridges, stream fords, puncheon and other trail structures. At trail heads, they will update bulletin boards, fix registration boxes and clean and pump toilets. At the campground, they will clean campsites and toilets, fix the fee collection system and do needed repairs. The Forest Service will contribute \$19,113 in funding and donated labor. (05-1334M) and (05-1060M)

Purchasing Winter Trail Grooming Equipment \$11,600
Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club

The Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to buy a snow grooming implement designed to reduce mounds, rollers and icy conditions that can be dangerous to snowmobilers. The equipment will be used on snowmobile trails in the Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Ridge areas. This equipment will greatly improve trail quality, longevity of the groomed quality and rider safety. The Lake Wenatchee area snowmobile trails host 9,000 users annually. The club will contribute \$4,200. (05-1264M)



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Providing for a Snowmobile Ranger Near Lake Chelan **\$10,000**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to educate snowmobilers using 170 miles of groomed trails in the Chelan Ranger District. The education program is designed to increase rider safety, reduce search and rescues and reduce human impacts on deer and Canadian Lynx. The snowmobile ranger will discuss educational topics with snowmobilers, put up trail and interpretive signs, post educational posters on bulletin boards and hand out educational brochures. The Forest Service will contribute \$6,850 in equipment, labor and donated labor and materials. This project was ranked third of 10 competing for National Recreational Trails Program enforcement and education grants. (05-1193E)

Providing Snow Rangers Near Lake Wenatchee, Entiat **\$10,000**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District

The Entiat and Wenatchee River ranger districts will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to provide two teams of safety and education snowmobile patrols. The snowmobile patrol teams will educate trail users on safe and courteous snowmobile operation, including safe travel speeds, avalanche awareness, winter survival and respect of other trail users. In addition, the teams will help maintain more than 250 safety signs, hand out educational information and area maps, assist with search and rescues and offer snowmobile safety classes for area youth. The Forest Service will contribute \$12,536 in equipment, labor, donated labor and a state grant. (05-1112E)

Clallam County **\$50,000**

Maintaining a Trail on the Olympic Peninsula **\$50,000**

Pacific Northwest Trail Association

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to maintain the Bogachiel River Trail and feeder trails from State Highway 101 to Soleduc Hot Springs and Lake Mills. Association volunteers and students in the Forks area will do the work. The trail provides access to more than 100 square miles of public parkland and the most extensive, protected rain forest in the lower 48 states. This grant is supported by the City of Forks, Clallam County commissioners, Clallam County Parks and Recreation Department, Northwest Services, Forks School District, the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Ranger District, Olympic National Park and Soleduc Valley Packers of the Backcountry Horsemen. The association will contribute \$50,500 in donated equipment and labor. (05-1180M)



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Ferry County

\$47,523

Maintaining Kettle Crest and Loomis Trails Pacific Northwest Trail Association

\$47,523

The Kettle Crest Trail system is a non-motorized, multi-use trail network that provides a backcountry experience but suffers greatly from lack of maintenance. During the next two years, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association will coordinate maintenance of the trail from Deer Summit south to Barnaby Butte, about 66 miles. Work will enlist the use of students and volunteers. The second portion of this project will complete work on 2 miles of the trail from the trail head of 14-Mile Trail to the Forest Service boundary. This high use trail is an entrance for equestrians into the Pasayten Wilderness. This National Recreational Trails Program grant is supported by the U.S. Forest Service's Republic Ranger District, Ferry County commissioners, Backcountry Horsemen of Okanogan and Ferry counties, Curlew Job Corps, Okanogan County commissioners, the state Department of Natural Resource's Loomis State Forest, Republic and Tonasket school districts, Work Source Development and the Grand Forks Mountain Biking Club. The association will contribute \$52,800 in donated labor. (05-1178M)

Garfield County

\$10,000

Adding a Picnic Shelter and Winter Shed

\$10,000

U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to put a shed at the Rose Spring Sno-Park to house the snow grooming equipment during the winter and serve as a picnic shelter the rest of the year. In the winter, the shed will protect the groomer from vandalism and provide a shelter for making repairs as well as storage of search and rescue equipment. The Forest Service will contribute \$24,692 from another grant. In addition, members of the Mt. Misery Snow Drifters and Lewis-Clark Sno-Drifters snowmobile clubs will donate time, labor and equipment as needed to help complete this project. (05-1245D)

King County

\$156,000

Funding a Trail Maintenance Crew

\$50,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to fund a five-person maintenance crew for one season to clear brush and fix drainage structures and pathways along 125 miles of Alpine Lakes Wilderness trails and surrounding



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backcountry. The Forest Service will contribute \$43,879 in cash, equipment, labor and donated labor and material. This project was ranked third of 51 competing for National Recreational Trails Program's trail grants. (05-1238M)

Building a Connector on the Iron Goat Trail **\$46,000**
Volunteers for Outdoor Washington

The Volunteers for Outdoor Washington will use this grant from the National Recreational Trails Program to build a 1-mile, hiker-only trail that connects the lower portion of the Iron Goat Trail with the upper portion. The Windy Point Crossover Trail will have an elevation gain of 700 feet, switch-backing through a forest of Douglas fir intermixed with talus fields. Windy Point offers panoramic views of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and serves as a unique outdoor museum of railroad structures in the Stevens Pass Historic District. The connector trail will provide visitors with several loop opportunities starting from the Martin Creek or Wellington trail heads or the future Iron Goat Interpretive Site, which is to be completed in 2006. Support for the Iron Goat Trail project includes more than 70 recreation and conservation groups; historical organizations; educational institutions and professional societies; federal, state and local governments; and private citizens. The volunteer organization will contribute \$50,000 from a federal grant and donated labor. (05-1032D)

Maintaining the Mountains to Sound Trail **\$50,000**
Mountains to Sound Greenway

The Mountains to Sound Greenway organization will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant for materials, tools and staffing to maintain more than 40 miles of trails in the Interstate 90 - Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor. These are some of the heaviest used backcountry trails in the state. Trails to be maintained would include: the Mt. Si Trail, the Ira Spring Trail, the Rattlesnake Ledge Trail, the rest of the trails in the Mt. Si Natural Resource Conservation Area, bike and hike trails on Tiger Mountain, non-State Park trails on Squak Mountain and U.S. Forest Service trails in the south and mid fork basins of the Snoqualmie River. The greenway will contribute \$42,000 in funding, a grant and donated labor and materials. (05-1313M)

Funding the Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Program **\$10,000**
U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant from the National Recreational Trails Program to hire a seasonal coordinator for the Volunteer Ranger program and provide subsistence for two student interns for one year. The program coordinator recruits, trains, supervises and provides logistical support for volunteer rangers patrolling the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and backcountry. Interns design educational programs and materials and patrol the area. Volunteer rangers educate visitors on trail safety and resource protection; maintain bulletin boards, trails and campsites; assist in emergencies; and help with interpretive, environmental education and community outreach programs. For



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the past eight years, 40 to 60 volunteers have donated between 3,000 and 5,000 hours each season. The Forest Service will contribute \$28,157 in labor and donated labor. This project was ranked second of 10 competing for National Recreational Trails Program enforcement and education grants. (05-1291E)

Kittitas County

\$64,140

Maintaining the Cle Elum Ski Trail **\$45,740**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

The Cle Elum Ranger District is perhaps the most popular winter recreation area in Washington, providing 65 miles of non-motorized trails. These winter trails require annual maintenance including removing fallen trees and brush, pruning overgrown bushes and maintaining and installing signs. With declining federal budgets, maintenance has fallen behind while use of these trails has increased. The Forest Service will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to begin addressing the winter trail maintenance backlog. The grant will provide a crew of five for maintenance work, as well as tackling backlog bridge and structure maintenance. Survey and re-signing work would be completed for all 65 miles of ski trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$116,400 in donated labor and materials. (05-1140M)

Relocating Jolly Mountain Trail **\$8,700**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to reroute sections of the Jolly Mountain Trail, a steep motorcycle trail that has been badly rutted and is eroding. The effort will reduce the grade from 40 percent to 10 percent. The Forest Service will contribute \$2,200 in donated labor. (05-1154D)

Providing Winter Trail Patrol near Cle Elum **\$9,700**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

This National Recreational Trails Program grant will provide a team of three education and safety rangers to patrol the district, contact users, dispense information about snowmobile opportunities, maintain sno-park and trail signs and aid in search and rescue efforts. Snow rangers also educate trail users on safe and courteous snowmobile operation, winter survival, avalanche awareness and respect for wilderness areas. The Cle Elum Ranger District has more than a third of the snowmobile use in Washington, according to the most recent snowmobile studies. Cle Elum Education and Safety Rangers patrol about 21 sno-parks and trail heads, 500 miles of groomed trails, and thousands of acres of off-trail riding areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$24,800 in equipment, labor, materials and a state grant. This project was the top



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ranked project of 10 competing for National Recreational Trails Program's enforcement and education grants. (05-1176E)

Klickitat County **\$9,389**

Providing Gifford Pinchot Snow Rangers **\$9,389**

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mt. Adams Ranger District

The Gifford Pinchot snow ranger provides education and safety patrols throughout the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, which includes nearly all of the snow country of the southern Washington Cascade Mountains. With nearly 165 miles of groomed snowmobile routes and more than 100 miles of cross-country ski trails, the Gifford Pinchot offers winter recreation opportunities to tens of thousands of visitors each year. The snow ranger, with help from volunteers, educates people on safe and responsible trail use and respect for all user groups and places signs for wilderness boundaries. The snow ranger will work out of the Mt. Adams Ranger District and will patrol the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District and the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. The Forest Service will contribute \$12,860 in labor, materials and donated labor as part of this National Recreational Trails Program grant. (05-1168E)

Lewis County **\$50,000**

Maintaining Trails **\$50,000**

Mount Tahoma Trails Association

The Mount Tahoma Trails Association will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to keep open 40 miles of groomed ski trails that link four backcountry ski huts and a yurt during the winter season. The group also will maintain the trails the rest of the year. The system has been in operation for 15 years and has more than 68,000 trail users. The local Ashford business community supports the Mount Tahoma Trails Association Ski Trail System along with a dedicated group of volunteers who donate 9,000 volunteer hours each year to keep the trail system operational. The association will contribute \$114,500 in funding, a state grant and donated cash and labor. (05-1300M)



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Okanogon County

\$140,000

Building a Bridge on the Methow Community Trail **\$50,000** **Methow Valley Sport Trail Association**

The Methow Valley Sport Trails Association will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to build a pedestrian bridge that links two sections of the Methow Community Trail in Mazama. The bridge will span a 110-foot-wide riverbed, making the trail accessible all year to hikers and bicyclists. The trail is unusable in the spring when the channel is full of water. The association will contribute \$55,840 in funding and donated labor and materials. (05-1090D-FY06)

Maintaining Trails in the Pasayten Wilderness and North Cascades **\$50,000** **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogon National Forest, Methow Ranger District**

The Forest Service will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to maintain about 300 miles of trails each year for two years in the Pasayten Wilderness Area, North Cascades Scenic Highway Corridor, and surrounding areas. Crews will remove fallen trees, clear brush and repair pathways and drainage structures. The area receives more than 63,000 visitors annually. Some of these trails will require heavy maintenance because of recent large fires on 140 miles of trails in the project area. The Forest Service will contribute \$56,000 in funding and donated equipment and labor. (05-1069M)

Maintaining Gold Creek Motorized Trails **\$16,000** **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogon National Forest, Methow Ranger District**

The Gold Creek motorized trails are on the Methow Valley side of the Sawtooth Trail System south of the Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness. The Forest Service will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to maintain 20.7 miles of trail for two years. The Coulee Riders Motorcycle Association will provide volunteers. Crews will remove fallen trees and repair pathways and drainage structures. The Forest Service will contribute \$11,000 in donated equipment and labor. (05-1067M)

Grooming Winter Trails **\$24,000** **Methow Valley Snowmobile Association**

The Methow Valley Snowmobile Association will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to groom, for two years, 140 miles of trails used by snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, dog sleds and snowshoers. These trails connect to more than 135 miles of trails that are groomed weekly, connecting residents and winter visitors from Lost River, Winthrop, Conconully, Twisp and Twisp River to the snowmobile trails in the Methow Valley. The Methow Valley Ranger District, Okanogon County Snowmobile Advisory Board, Tri Rivers Snowmobile Club, Association of Okanogon County Snowmobile Clubs and the Winthrop and Twisp Chamber of Commerce support this project. The association will contribute \$20,483 in donated equipment and labor.



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(05-1075M)

Pend Oreille County \$10,000

Providing an Enforcement and Education Ranger \$10,000

U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest, Newport Ranger District

The Batey Boulder trail system is an elite, single track, motorcycle riding experience, and crosses many streams and roads. The Forest Service will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to provide an enforcement and education ranger, who will regularly check these trails and educate trail users on conservation measures, ethics, appropriate trail use and how to minimize damage to the environment. The ranger will work in the national forest in the Sullivan Lake and Newport ranger districts. The Forest Service will contribute \$4,200 in equipment, labor, materials and donated labor. (05-1043E)

Pierce County \$50,000

Maintaining Trails near White River \$50,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District

This National Recreational Trails Program grant supports annual maintenance on 230 miles of multiple use trails in the Snoqualmie-White River Ranger District. Forest Service staff and seasonal trail crews will work with nonprofit organizations such as Northwest Youthcorps, Student Conservation Association and other volunteer organizations to maintain wilderness trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$70,000 in cash, equipment, labor, materials and donated equipment and labor. (05-1062M)

Skamania County \$46,625

Rebuilding Middle and Service Trails for Motorcycles, All-terrain Vehicles \$46,625

U.S. Forest Service Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mt. Adams Ranger District

The Middle and Service trails construction project will complete a five-year project for improving the only trails in the Mt. Adams Ranger District that are open to off-highway vehicles. The trail was not designed for use by motorcycles and All-terrain Vehicles, which has caused degradation to the trail and nearby aquatic resources. The Forest Service will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to reroute five segments of trail; build a bridge, puncheon and stream crossing; convert 2.1 miles of road into trail; and build a new trail head. The finished product will result in 14.3 miles of high



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quality motorized trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,470 from a federal grant and donated labor and materials. This project was ranked second of 51 competing for National Recreational Trails Program trail grants. (05-1163D)

Snohomish County

\$100,000

Rebuilding Paradise Valley Conservation Area Trails **\$50,000** **Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department**

Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department acquired 663.31 acres at the headwaters of Bear Creek with abundant forest, wetlands and free flowing streams, now called the Paradise Valley Conservation Area. This area had been used by off-road vehicles, mountain bikers, equestrians and hikers. A 2004 site inventory revealed 14 miles of informal trails, many improperly constructed and some damaging environmentally sensitive areas. The Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to build a parking lot and safe public access, design trail heads, install site maps and trail signs, fix the trails and install gates. The County will contribute \$66,000 in funding and donated labor. (05-1159D)

Maintaining Trails in the Darrington Ranger District **\$50,000** **U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Darrington Ranger District**

This two-year maintenance project involves 100 miles of trail off the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway and the Pacific Crest Trail and its access trails. Most of these trails begin at low elevations and climb steep slopes. Volunteers have worked on the lower portions of many of these trails but are unable to reach the upper mileages. This National Recreational Trails Program grant will be used to hire maintenance workers to help volunteers and youth crews complete projects in remote areas or of especially difficult nature. The Darrington Ranger District has been working with the Washington Trails Association, the Backcountry Horsemen, Everett Mountaineers, Boeing Alpine Society and Northwest Youth Corps. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000 in funding, labor and donated labor. (05-1310M)



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Thurston County

\$95,000

Renovating Guest Docks at Swantown Marina Port of Olympia

\$95,000

The Port of Olympia will use a Boating Infrastructure Grant to renovate the guest docks at its 20-year-old guest moorage facility, the Swantown Marina. To improve services to boaters, repairs will be made to damaged concrete deck surfaces, wood walers, rub boards and the pump-out dock. Utility services will be added to 13 temporary tie-up locations, allowing for additional overnight moorage for large boats. The Port will contribute \$71,090. (05-1042D)

Whatcom County

\$68,599

Providing for a North Cascades Youth Crew Pacific Northwest Trail Association

\$20,422

This National Recreational Trails Program grant will support a youth trail crew program to complete maintenance on about 54 miles of trail from Hannegan Pass to Ross Lake, along the main route of the Pacific Northwest Trail through the North Cascades National Park. Damage from fire and floods have contributed to an already growing trail maintenance backlog, impairing recreation access and use of these public lands. The section of trail at Devil's Pass in particular is a very dangerous section of trail for both equestrians and hikers with many downed trees and washouts. Similar conditions exist on Whatcom Pass and Big Beaver trails. The North Cascades National Park, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, the Methow Valley Ranger District of the Okanogan National Forest, Backcountry Horseman of Whatcom County, Cascade Job Corps, Sedro-Woolley and Mount Baker school districts and Workforce Development Council support this project. The association will contribute \$27,450 in donated equipment and labor. (05-1179M)

Rebuilding the Chancellor Trail Bridges U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest, Methow Ranger District

\$48,177

The Forest Service will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to build two trail bridges, reconstruct 400 feet of trail through a rock slide and install a log barrier. The Mill Creek Bridge and trail reconstruction section has been closed to the public for the past few years. The Forest Service will contribute \$93,030 in funding and donated equipment and labor. (05-1263D)



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Yakima County

\$39,700

Rebuilding the Copper City Four-Wheel Drive Trail **\$39,700**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to rebuild the historic Copper City 4WD Trail #654. This 2.3-mile trail is the only four-wheel drive opportunity in the Bumping River watershed. The trail was closed in 1998 because of severe erosion. Crews will re-establish drainage, build a wooden puncheon, install traffic control devices and develop signs and a long-term monitoring and preservation plan. The trail is a family destination that is highly valued for its ready access to old mining features and history. The Hombres, a Pacific Northwest 4WD Association chapter, will provide volunteers for both implementation and long-term maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute \$9,940 in materials and donated equipment and labor. (05-1255D)

Statewide

\$106,130

Educating the public on the Leave No Trace Program **\$6,130**

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, a nonprofit organization, will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to support its Leave No Trace Program, which teaches minimum impact camping techniques for all outdoor activities. Backcountry Horsemen have been teaching and promoting Leave No Trace since its inception in 1977. This grant will fund communication equipment, travel expenses for trainers, data viewers and development and printing of pamphlets. The group will contribute \$2,500 in donated labor. (05-1079E)

Supporting Volunteer Trail Maintenance **\$50,000**

Washington Trails Association

This National Recreational Trails Program grant will allow the Washington Trails Association's Volunteer Trail Maintenance program to work on more than 100 backcountry trails throughout the Cascades and Olympic mountains. The association helps maintain more than 300 miles of trails each year. The association will contribute \$267,500 in donated cash and labor. (05-1283M)

Providing Backcountry Trail Teams **\$50,000**

Washington Trails Association

Through its Backcountry Trail Teams program, the Washington Trails Association helps the Forest Service and other land managers address maintenance backlogs by placing



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volunteer crews in more than two dozen backcountry locations around the state. The majority of the work will occur in hiker-stock areas such as the Pasayten and the Pacific Crest Trail, Lake Chelan, the Goat Rocks Wilderness and others. In a given season, the association's volunteers cover more than 100 miles of trail, clearing brush, removing fallen trees, rebuilding pathways and repairing structures such as puncheons, turnpikes and bridges. Backcountry crews will be on the Wenatchee-Okanogan, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Gifford Pinchot and Olympic national forests, as well as on trails managed by the Yakama Nation, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, the National Park Service and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The association will use this National Recreational Trails Program grant to perform work in parks and forests in Chelan, Clallam, Jefferson, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Okanogan, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom and Yakima counties. The association will contribute \$145,750 in donated cash and labor. (05-1281M)