

Projects in Asotin County

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Projects in Benton County

Port of Benton

Grant Awarded: \$210,000

Planning the Crow Butte Boater's Campground

The Port of Benton will use this grant to complete environmental and cultural resources reviews, engineering, design, and permitting for a 20-space campground next to the Crow Butte Marina. Campsites will be within view of the 22-slip marina for added security, and each will contain full hookups and parking for boat trailers and other water toys. A restroom with shower also will be included at the site. Other amenities will include a gazebo, picnic areas, connecting pathways and interpretive signs of interest to boaters. This design project also will consider the feasibility of adding yurts and a group camping area near the marina. The Port of Benton will contribute \$75,000 in cash and staff labor. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2371)

Richland

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

Installing Field Lights and Bleachers at Columbia Playfield

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to add LED (light-emitting diode) lights and build aluminum bleachers with fabric covers at a new fast-pitch softball field in Columbia Playfield. Columbia Playfield is one of Richland's major sports complexes, located in the heart of downtown Richland, and the only fast-pitch softball complex in the city. In the fall, the lighted fields also are used for youth soccer practice. Adding lights will increase the amount of games that can be played at night by 25 percent and will enable the City to attract larger softball tournaments because more games can be played at this one site instead of having to use multiple sites. Having lighted fields also is important during the hot summer months so more games can be played at night when temperatures drop below 100 degrees. With this valuable addition, many more games and practices can be scheduled, alleviating the need and expense of building a new field. Richland will contribute \$225,000 in cash and staff labor. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1999)

**Tri-Cities Shooting Association
Improving the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility**

Grant Awarded: \$30,969

The Tri-Cities Shooting Association will use this grant to expand its clubhouse and buy two trap machines for the shotgun range at the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility, located 8 miles north of Benton City, in Benton County. The new trap machines will replace 18-year-old machines that are prone to breakdowns and will enhance the shooting opportunities. The clubhouse expansion will provide more space for range safety officers to conduct safety briefings before allowing the public to handle firearms and will minimize congestion in that area. The association also will buy a heat pump, which will improve the comfort during hot summers and cold winters. The Tri-Cities Shooting Association will contribute \$32,880 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2336)

Projects in Chelan County

**Chelan-Douglas Land Trust
Buying Land in the Wenatchee Foothills at Castle Rock**

Grant Awarded: \$400,000

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will use this grant to buy 398 acres in the Wenatchee foothills to protect high value shrub-steppe habitat. The land has habitat for a diverse array of plants as well as species of state and federal concern such as mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, golden and bald eagles, western rattlesnakes, yellow-bellied marmots, wrens, swifts, and grouse. The area is under high pressure for view homes encroaching from the north and south. The land will provide access for hikers from Castle Rock to public lands, which in turn connect to Wenatchee's Saddlerock Natural Area to the south and the land trust's Horse Lake Reserve to the north. Conserving this property will reduce risks to lower elevation homes from mudslides and flooding. The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will contribute \$418,250 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1380)

**Chelan-Douglas Land Trust
Conserving Wenatchee Floodplain**

Grant Awarded: \$319,600

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will use this grant to buy 37 acres of floodplain along the Wenatchee River, preventing development of a six-unit cluster subdivision already approved by Chelan County. The land trust would allow the river to rework the floodplain unimpeded, which it substantially modified during floods in the 1990s. The land trust also would remove a barn. The area is the largest undeveloped floodplain along the lower Wenatchee River. The area also is

identified as a high priority for preservation in its undeveloped state. Acquisition will protect intact and functioning floodplain, primarily forested, and the inlets of two large seasonal side channels. The river is used by Chinook Salmon, which endangered, and steelhead and Bull Trout, both of which, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as by Coho and Sockeye salmon. It also is important habitat for mule deer, passerines, raptors, waterfowl, and beavers. The land trust will allow the public access from a nearby county road for non-motorized recreation such as hiking, bird watching, fishing, and floating. The lower Wenatchee River has no public access from land between parks at Monitor (3 miles upstream) and the mouth (3 miles downstream). The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will contribute \$330,400 from a local grant, a grant from the Washington State salmon recovery program, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1871)

Entiat

Grant Awarded: \$283,500

Developing Entiat Way Park

The City of Entiat will use this grant to develop about 2.5 acres on the east side of Olin Street as a park with a multi-use field, including two Little League baseball fields and a soccer field, restrooms, a wandering trail, parking, and lighting. By developing this land, the City will be able to provide much needed community athletic recreation in an area that is under-served. The City's comprehensive parks plan has identified this project as a high priority. Entiat will contribute \$346,500 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1858)

North Cascades Sportsman's Club

Grant Awarded: \$72,586

Expanding the Rifle and Pistol Range

The North Cascades Sportsman's Club will use this project to expand the pistol and rifle range, located in Chelan County. The club will expand the range from 24 shooting stations to 60 covered shooting stations, as well as pave the parking lot and access road, build a utility gravel road for access to the target lines, extend several shooting berms, and rebuild and align a containment wall. The North Cascades Sportsman's Club believes that the range expansion will accommodate growth for the next 10 to 15 years. North Cascades Sportsmen Club will contribute \$79,046 in donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2404)

U.S. Forest Service
Developing the Entiat Valley Comprehensive Plan

Grant Awarded: \$62,866

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to develop a comprehensive plan to help the district with future maintenance and construction of campgrounds, trailheads, and trails. After the 2014 and 2015 wildfires affected more than 50 miles of trail and burned through campgrounds and closed others due to flooding hazards, the district is in a unique position to evaluate what it can offer to the public in a safe and sustainable manner. The district will create a plan to identify a trail network that can be maintained to standard on a yearly basis, identify new opportunities the district can provide to the public, define what developed sites will be maintained and at what scale, and look for partners to help achieve the goals for the district. The Forest Service will contribute \$40,000 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](#). (16-2698)

U.S. Forest Service
Hiring Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers

Grant Awarded: \$20,000

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to fund two snow rangers who will educate visitors and patrol 5 sno-parks and 250 miles of groomed winter trails on about 250,000 acres of backcountry in the Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts. The snow rangers will educate visitors about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, trail etiquette, avalanche awareness, winter survival, winter wildlife, and respect for wilderness and non-motorized users. The Forest Service will contribute \$14,500 in staff labor, a state grant, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2548)

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

Grant Awarded: \$78,267

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to hire three additional seasonal staff to maintain campgrounds and dispersed camping sites throughout the district, which is in Chelan County. The crew will remove trash, clean restrooms, service kiosks and bulletin boards, remove hazardous trees, and clean and repair campsites. The Wenatchee River Ranger District hosts more than 1 million visits annually and has 26 campgrounds and more than 300 dispersed campsites. The Forest Service will contribute \$54,386. 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](#). (16-2350)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Chelan County Wilderness Trails

Grant Awarded: \$143,500

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four- to six-person crew to maintain 450 miles of wilderness and adjacent trails in Chelan County. The crew will remove downed trees and overgrown bushes, replace and repair water drainage structures and small bridges, rebuild trail surfaces, and buy small tools and minor equipment. The crew also will perform heavier maintenance on 15 miles of trail each year. A combination of youth corps crews, Forest Service crews, contractors, and volunteers will do the work in the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Glacier Peak Wilderness areas and in the Nason Ridge backcountry area near Stevens Pass. The emphasis will be on resource protection and visitor safety, focusing on high use trails and trails where ongoing erosion or encroachment of brush threatens long-term trail stability. The Forest Service will contribute \$97,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2335)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Entiat Ranger District Campsites

Grant Awarded: \$130,000

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to maintain six campgrounds, a rental cabin, and a group site at front country sites in Chelan County. Crews will remove trash, clean restrooms, and maintain and repair campground facilities, dispersed camping areas, and informational signs. Grant funds also will be used for the purchase of a tractor, small tools, and minor equipment. In addition, two lookouts will be upgraded and available to rent and three toilets will be converted from composting to vault-style. The Entiat Ranger District provides a family recreation experience along the Entiat and Mad Rivers with six full-service campgrounds, nearly 100 dispersed sites throughout the district, and 350 miles of Forest Service roads. The Forest Service will contribute \$65,450 in a federal appropriation, 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](#). (16-2547)

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

Grant Awarded: \$199,000

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to fund a forest service trail crew and a Northwest Youth Corps crew to maintain 195 miles of multiple-use trails in Chelan County. The crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, maintain water drainage structures, fix trail surfaces, maintain trail signs, and repair bridges. The multiple-use 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 trail system is primarily in a roadless setting allowing all types of trail users to experience the high elevation country. Primary users are motorcyclists, mountain bikers, hikers, and horse riders. The Forest Service will contribute \$99,000 in staff labor and donations of equipment, volunteer 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](#). (16-2223)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$148,500**
Maintaining Off-Road Vehicle Trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four- to six-person crew, along with small tools and minor equipment, to maintain 120 miles of multi-use motorized trails in Chelan County. The crew will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair water drainage structures, and maintain trail signs. The crew will tackle heavier maintenance needs on about 15 miles of trail each year for 2 years. A combination of Forest Service crews and Northwest Youth Corps and Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance volunteers will help do the work. The Forest Service will contribute \$100,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2334)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$64,000**
Maintaining Snowmobile Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 150 miles of snowmobile trails. Crews will remove downed trees, clear brush and culverts, repair minor washouts, and maintain more than 250 trail signs and route safety markers. More than 45,000 people visit the Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts' 200-plus miles of trail annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$160,000 in staff labor, a state grant, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2700)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$57,041**
Providing Climbing Rangers in the Leavenworth Area

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund two seasonal climbing rangers to patrol popular climbing areas near Leavenworth, in Chelan County. The rangers will educate climbers about minimizing environmental damage, assess use levels, determine signing and educational needs, develop handouts and a climber information Web page, and establish new partnerships with climbing organizations, clubs, and volunteer groups. The areas surrounding Leavenworth are nationally known destinations for

climbing activities drawing tens of thousands of climber visits each year. Very high use in concentrated climbing areas has led to severe impacts to natural resources and threatens access to these areas. Impacts include damage to sensitive and rare plants, disturbance of sensitive wildlife species, and improper disposal of human waste. The Forest Service will contribute \$39,639 in a federal appropriation and donations of 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](#). (16-2347)

U.S. Forest Service Providing Wilderness and Backcountry Patrols

Grant Awarded: \$67,189

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund two seasonal rangers and up to four full-time volunteers to patrol high use areas in the wilderness and backcountry areas of the district, located in Chelan County. Rangers will provide education and enforcement to minimize environmental damage and increase visitor safety. The Wenatchee River Ranger District encompasses some of the most popular day hiking, backpacking, and horse packing destinations in Washington, including Eightmile Lake, Stuart Lake, Spider Meadows, Lake Valhalla, Colchuck Lake, and Ingalls Lake. The Forest Service will contribute \$46,691 in staff labor and donations of 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](#). (16-2349)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Redeveloping Roses Lake Access

Grant Awarded: \$498,000

The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the Roses Lake boating access in Chelan County, just north of Lake Chelan and the town of Manson. The department will pave the entrance road, install a new toilet, extend the boat ramp, and add armor-flex matting and boarding floats. This project will make it more efficient to load and unload boats, especially larger boats, by extending the ramp length and adding more floats for staging boats. Road paving and parking improvements will maximize the space available for parking trailers. People visit Roses Lake to fish, boat, and watch wildlife. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2325)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring Camas Meadows' Forest and Rare Plants

Grant Awarded: \$113,000

The Department of Natural Resources' Natural Areas Program will use this grant to restore 130 acres of forest and wet meadow habitats by thinning and burning, controlling invasive plants, and planting native vegetation in the Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve, in Chelan

County. The work will enhance habitat for three rare plant species, including the federally-endangered Wenatchee Mountains checkermallow, and forest wildlife. The preserve contains the world's largest population of the Wenatchee Mountains checkermallow and is critical to the species' long-term survival. The preserve also supports more than 1,000 acres of dry forest habitat used by diverse populations of songbirds and raptors, and shoreline areas and openings in the forest, which provide habitat for the rare plant species. Past forest management and fire suppression have resulted in a dense forest with altered species composition, which is degrading habitat quality for wildlife, impacting rare plant habitat, and putting the forest at risk for a high-intensity wildfire. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1636)

Wenatchee

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Developing Hale Park

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to complete the final phase of development the nearly 5-acre Hale Park, which is nestled between the Apple Capital Recreational Loop Trail, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, and the Columbia River, in south Wenatchee. The City will build a picnic shelter, add a children's play area, and build a long-requested skate park. In addition, the city will add parking, paths accessible by wheelchairs, security cameras, and restrooms. This is the City's top priority park project. The park is in the most ethnically rich area of the community with a population that is 54 percent Hispanic and also the area with the highest poverty level at 50 percent of households. More than 33 percent of service area residents are children. The park has views of the river and provides pedestrian connections to East Wenatchee by a historic pedestrian bridge. Wenatchee will contribute \$635,000 in cash, staff labor, materials, a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1666)

Wenatchee

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

Renovating Kiwanis Methow Park

The City of Wenatchee will use two grants to revitalize the 1.26-acre Kiwanis Methow Park in Chelan County. The City will expand the playground, renovate a worn soccer field and basketball court, create a community garden, add walking paths with seating areas, install lighting, and build restrooms. Reflecting local culture, a new Latino kiosk pavilion will be the park's new central feature and promote community gatherings and events. Renovating the park is part of the City's efforts to meet this growing population's needs and reflect local community desires. The park serves more Latino residents and people identifying as other races, and more children than any other city park in Wenatchee. The City of Wenatchee will contribute \$1.3 million in staff labor, equipment, grants, and donations of cash and labor. Funding comes from two grants: one from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) and one from the [Washington Wildlife and](#)

[Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1665 and 16-1518)

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Projects in Clallam County

Clallam County

Grant Awarded: \$649,000

Restoring the Spruce Railroad Trail and Daley-Rankin Tunnel

The Clallam County Public Works Department will use this grant to restore the historic Daley-Rankin Tunnel and rebuild 1.2 miles of the Spruce Railroad Trail. The County will upgrade the west end of the Spruce Railroad Trail from a 3-foot-wide natural surface trail to a 13- to 14-foot-wide path for non-motorized uses and accessible by people with disabilities. This is the fourth of a five-phase, multi-year reconstruction effort of the 36-mile-long former railroad. The U.S. Army Signal Corps built the Spruce Production Division Railroad in 1918 along the north side of Lake Crescent in Clallam County for transporting spruce logs used to manufacture World War I biplanes. The Daley-Rankin Tunnel is the shorter of two railroad tunnels along the lake. The longer Tunnel is being restored with another Wildlife and Recreation Program grant. Completion of all phases of this project will provide a safe alternative to the 12-mile-long Lake Crescent corridor for bicyclists, pedestrians, horse riders, and wheelchair users. The busy U.S. Highway 101 doesn't have safe shoulders and forces trail users to travel on the highway. Clallam County will contribute \$651,000 in cash and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1390)

North Olympic Land Trust

Grant Awarded: \$523,800

Conserving Smith Family Farms in Clallam County

The North Olympic Land Trust will use this grant to conserve 132 acres of Smith Family Farms, one of Clallam County's two remaining dairy farms. The land trust will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, which will prevent development of the land and ensure the farm remains available for agricultural production. The land has been farmed by the family since 1933, and the third, fourth, and fifth generations are active on the farm today. This farm contains all prime and prime, if irrigated, farmland soils, and is planted with spinach and cauliflower seed crop, barley, corn, and fruit tree-fescue grass mix. The farm and other land that the Smith family leases and owns in the area, provide all the feed for their cattle and are an integral part of their dairy operation. The farm is in eastern Clallam County, which is primarily large tracts of farmland, wetlands, and wildlife habitat. This farm is a popular

birding spot and is popular with the Dungeness herd of elk. This project is the first of phase of a conservation vision to conserve all of the land that the family farms, including its 115-acre dairy. The North Olympic Land Trust will contribute \$683,200 in and a federal grant and cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1908)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$547,000** **Improving Sequim Bay Boating Facilities**

State Parks will use this grant to build boating facilities at Sequim Bay State Park, just east of Sequim. The park has nearly 1 mile of saltwater shoreline and a popular year-round boat launch. State Parks will remove a rapidly failing, creosote-treated bulkhead and pilings, a creosote timber gangway abutment, the gangway, and floats. In its place, State Parks will build a seawall designed to adapt to changing sea levels and to be better for the environment. State Parks will replace the north end of the bulkhead with native plants to help restore aquatic habitats. A new light-penetrating gangway and ramps and floats will be installed along with a new kiosk with life jacket storage. State Parks also will replace the seating and picnic area that were lost when the seawall failed. Other improvements include treating the boat launch, road, and parking storm water and repaving the potholed parking lot. State Parks will contribute \$865,000. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2562)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$162,720** **Maintaining Foothills and Sadie Creek Trails**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a two-person crew to maintain 36 miles of off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in the Foothills and Sadie Creek trail systems, both in the Port Angeles. The crew will trim overgrown brush, maintain water drainage structures, lay crushed rock to harden small sections of trail, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, remove litter, and clean restrooms. The department will contribute \$110,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2279)

Projects in Clark County

Columbia Land Trust Conserving Rock Creek Forest

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to conserve about 360 acres of forestland on the East Fork Lewis River and Rock Creek in northeastern Clark County. The land is divided into two blocks. The northern block straddles the confluence of Rock Creek and East Fork Lewis River. The southern block straddles Rock Creek upstream from the confluence. The land is actively managed for timber but parts of it are divided into 5-acre residential lots. Because these lots were created before current zoning regulations, they can be developed. This project will prevent fragmentation and future development of the forest, ensuring that it continues to be managed as a working forest. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute \$434,000 from a local grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (17-1144)

King's Way Christian Schools Improving Fields in Vancouver

Grant Awarded: \$240,000

King's Way Christian Schools will use this grant to renovate two full-size grass soccer fields and a multi-purpose artificial turf track and field, in Vancouver. The two soccer fields in the east field, are not fenced, which forces players to chase balls kicked or thrown out of bounds onto a busy street. This limits the age and experience level of players able to use the field. The field orientation also needs to be changed to increase accessibility. The multi-purpose track and field in the north field doesn't have enough bleachers and does not include shot put and discus pads for customary track and field activities, significantly limiting participation. The field improvements will increase participation to more than 3,800 youth athletes throughout greater Clark County in soccer, football, lacrosse, track and field, baseball, and softball. King's Way Christian Schools will contribute \$240,000 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2038)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Building Off-Road Vehicle Trails in the Yacolt Burn State Forest

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build 4 miles of new trail for off-road vehicles in the Yacolt Burn State Forest, 10 miles northeast of Vancouver. The grant will pay for staff time, services, materials, equipment rental, and crew time to build three bridges and the trails for 4x4s, all-terrain vehicles, and motorcycles. The department will contribute \$240,000 in materials and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2451)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Expanding the Lacamas Prairie Natural Area

Grant Awarded: \$2,601,715

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 167 acres of rare plant communities and species northeast of Vancouver. This includes about 17 acres of shoreline habitat, 11 acres of wetlands, and 139 acres of uplands. This Willamette Valley wet prairie represents the only example of its size and quality in Washington. These ecosystems, which are considered Priority 1 plant communities, are seriously threatened by habitat destruction and degradation in one of the most rapidly urbanizing counties in the state. The land supports the second largest of 20 known populations of Bradshaw's lomatium, a globally critically imperiled, federally-listed endangered plant species. It also contains habitat for five state sensitive plant species and one rare animal species, the slender-billed white breasted nuthatch. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1419)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Expanding the Washougal Oaks Natural Area

Grant Awarded: \$1,338,073

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 182 acres east of Washougal at the western edge of the Columbia River Gorge in Clark County for inclusion in Washougal Oaks Natural Area. The land is part of a larger area that encompasses the largest high-quality native oak woodland remaining in western Washington. In addition, a fish-bearing stream inside a steep forested ravine runs through the heart of the site. The land supports two state sensitive plant species and two rare or threatened animal species: slender-billed nuthatch, and lower Columbia River steelhead. This acquisitions are part of a multi-phased project with the long-term objective of protecting the oak woodland and associated species from future residential development, other incompatible uses, and exotic plant species. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1441)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Maintaining Pacific Cascade Trails for Non-motorized Use

Grant Awarded: \$120,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a natural resource technician and crew to maintain trails and trailheads in southwest Washington. The crew will remove bushes encroaching on trails, maintain water drainage structures, lay crushed rock to harden small sections of trail, inspect and maintain bridges, re-route minor sections of trail, remove litter, and maintain restrooms, signs, and other structures. The department will contribute

\$120,100 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2449)

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Projects in Columbia County

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

Maintaining Pomeroy Backcountry Wilderness Trails

The Umatilla National Forest's Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to maintain wilderness trails in the Umatilla National Forest. Crews will remove fallen trees and bushes growing over trails, maintain trail surfaces and water drainage structures, and inspect and maintain trail bridges. The Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness and the Wenatchee backcountry are unique because they are the only wilderness/backcountry areas in the southeast corner of Washington. Visitors from across the region come to horseback ride, hike, backpack, hunt, fish, or just spend the day in these areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$75,000 in cash, materials, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2219)

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Projects in Cowlitz County

Castle Rock

Grant Awarded: \$123,000

Planning Safety Improvements for the Al Helenberg Boat Launch

The City of Castle Rock will use this grant to plan a project that will improve safety at the Al Helenberg Boat Launch. This project will fund the design and permit work needed for some structures upstream to slow the river velocity at the boat launch. The speed of the river at the launch makes it unsafe for boaters and too much sediment collects under the ramps and floats. Castle Rock will contribute \$42,000 in a local grant. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2411)

Port of Kalama
Building a New Guest Dock on the Columbia River

Grant Awarded: \$674,765

The Port of Kalama will use this grant to build a 600-foot-long guest dock, including utilities, on the east side of the Port of Kalama Marina on the Columbia River, in Cowlitz County. By building the guest dock, the Port will be able to accommodate the growing demand for moorage space for recreational boaters. The current guest dock reaches capacity quickly during prime fishing and summer seasons and demand is expected to grow with the development of a 40-room boutique hotel, restaurant, and brew pub on site. The Port of Kalama will contribute \$230,850. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2584)

Port of Kalama
Renovating a Boat Launch and Guest Dock

Grant Awarded: \$840,271

The Port of Kalama will use this grant to replace the guest dock floats and boat launch docks in the Port of Kalama Marina on the Columbia River. The Port also will update and furnish utilities and install a gangway accessing the guest dock for use by people with disabilities. The marina, which is the only marina between Ridgefield and west Longview on the Washington side of the Columbia River, has 222 permanent moorage slips, a two-lane boat launch, and 140 feet of guest moorage. The two-lane boat launch receives heavy use during fishing and summer seasons and the guest dock reaches capacity then also. The Port of Kalama will contribute \$285,425. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2581)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Providing an Education and Enforcement Ranger in Southwest Washington

Grant Awarded: \$171,400

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund one full-time warden to patrol 770 miles of road, 96 miles of trail, 8 campgrounds, 11 trailheads, and 3 day-use areas on more than 210,000 acres in the Yaoclt Burn State Forest and other forest areas in southwest Washington. The warden will focus on identifying potential 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 as they teach visitors the regulation and the principles of good stewardship. The grant also will buy education materials and electronic equipment to deter criminal activity and increase public safety. The department will contribute \$115,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of 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](#). (16-2307)

Projects in Douglas County

Eastmont Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District Grant Awarded: \$460,250 **Buying Land at 9th Street in East Wenatchee**

The Eastmont Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District will use two grants to buy 2.3 acres for a neighborhood park, the first new park in district's park system since 1969. The land is off 9th Street Northeast in an underserved neighborhood of East Wenatchee, in Douglas County. Once an orchard, the land is cleared and for sale. The new park would serve an area where 41 percent of households are poor and 26 percent of residents are Latino, 15 percent are senior citizens, and 29 percent are children. The Eastmont Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District will contribute \$35,550 in a private grant. Of the two grants, one is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) and one is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1616 and 16-1778)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Grant Awarded: \$3,000,000 **Conserving Grouse Habitat in Grand Coulee**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 7,250 acres of shrub-steppe habitat 6 miles west of Grand Coulee for sharp-tailed grouse. This is the final phase of a three-phase project to buy more than 20,500 acres, with previous purchases making up the department's Big Bend Wildlife Area. The land is an important link between sharp-tailed grouse populations in Douglas, Okanogan, and Lincoln Counties and a strategic component in the department's ongoing efforts to maintain and recover sharp-tailed grouse in these counties. One of the largest active sharp-tailed grouse lek sites in the state is on the land, with other lek sites within 2.5 miles. Sharp-tailed grouse are a state threatened species and a federal species of concern. Located on the south shore of the Columbia River, the land has elevation ranges from 950 to 2,620 feet and a variety of plants, such as bunchgrass dominated expanses, aspen and ponderosa pine, seasonal wetlands, and pot-hole lakes. Other habitat features include basalt cliffs, caves, talus, and snags. The land is used by a variety of priority species including Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, greater sage-grouse, sage thrasher, golden eagle, and mule deer. Recreational use will provide an important regional community value. The size, location, quality, and diversity of habitats allow the department to address factors limiting growth of the sharp-tailed grouse population, such as lack of winter and breeding habitats and not enough habitat in general. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1333)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Planning Development of the Hopkins Ferry Access Site**

Grant Awarded: \$380,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to plan and design a new boating access site on Rufus Woods Reservoir in the Big Bend Wildlife Area in Douglas County. The department will complete architectural designs, construction drawings, and environmental assessments and get permits. At more than 8,000 acres and 51 miles long, the Rufus Woods Reservoir is a popular year-round destination for fishing, waterfowl hunting, boating, and watching wildlife. It also attracts hunters in pursuit of game birds and big game such as mule deer, which frequent the shoreline and surrounding area. Public access is limited to three sites at the extreme opposite ends of the reservoir and three primitive access sites on the Colville reservation. This site would provide mid-lake access in an otherwise remote area. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2430)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Redeveloping the Wells Recreation Site**

Grant Awarded: \$258,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife use will this grant to redevelop two access sites on the Bridgeport Bar Unit of the Wells Wildlife Area, near Bridgeport in Douglas County. The department will re-grade parking spots, install two restrooms and kiosks, and renovate one boat launch. The access sites are used by people for wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, and boating. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1823)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Restoring Big Bend Shrub-Steppe**

Grant Awarded: \$165,695

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 260 acres of abandoned farmland to a diverse community of native grasses, forbs, and shrubs in the Big Bend Wildlife Area in northeast Douglas County. The land will benefit Columbian sharp-tailed grouse as well as a host of wildlife species dependent on shrub-steppe. Much of the land is heavily infested with Rush skeletonweed, a Class B noxious weed, meaning seed production must be stopped. Without intervention, the land gradually will be invaded by noxious weeds and other undesirable vegetation. Collectively, these fields have no habitat value and are in fact, a threat to the health of the surrounding landscape. This project will replace what is now non-habitat with quality native habitat thereby removing that threat. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1949)

Another project in Douglas County is listed under “Multiple Counties” at the end of this document.

Projects in Ferry County

Ferry County

Grant Awarded: \$82,000

Resurfacing the Ferry County Rail Trail

Ferry County will use this grant to resurface 7.24 miles of the 25-mile Ferry County Rail Trail. The County will improve the trail surface from the tunnel on the Kettle River, 2 miles north of the town of Curlew, continuing north to Canada at the town of Danville. The County will replace the trail surface with compacted road bed material, which will be suitable for all non-motorized use. The County also will add a restroom to the Kiwanis trailhead parking lot, develop a modest trailhead at Wall Street in Danville at the north end of the trail, and develop two primitive water access sites along the Kettle River on land owned by the Bureau of Land Management. One of the water access sites will include a primitive campsite with a restroom. Ferry County will contribute \$83,000 in equipment, labor, materials, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1936)

Projects in Garfield County

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$40,000

Grooming Pomeroy Ranger District Snowmobile Trails

The Umatilla National Forest’s Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to fund a two-person team, along with a crew of volunteers, to groom and maintain about 138 miles of snowmobile trails in the Umatilla National Forest. The team will remove fallen trees and brush growing over the trails, maintain signs and trail markers, and install snow poles. The grant will help maintain working relationships with the Mount Misery Sno-Drifters and other volunteers who keep trails safely passible during the winter and who promote responsible snowmobile operation. The Forest Service will contribute \$87,241 in equipment, staff labor, a state grant, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2231)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$6,903

Hiring a Winter Trail Patrol

The Umatilla National Forest’s Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to fund an education and safety snow ranger to patrol 5 sno-parks, 138 miles of groomed winter trails, and 180,000

acres of backcountry area, in the Umatilla National Forest. The snow ranger will educate visitors about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, big game winter range closures, and respect for the wilderness and non-motorized areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2232)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$30,000** **Maintaining Campgrounds in the Umatilla National Forest**

The Umatilla National Forest's Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to fund the maintenance of 13 developed campgrounds, 5 concentrated use areas, and dispersed campsites throughout the district. Maintenance will include cleaning up campgrounds, repairing and pumping vault toilets, removing garbage, buying cleaning supplies and toilet paper, cleaning fire rings, repairing picnic tables, maintaining hitching rails, feeding troughs, and repairing bulletin boards and forest signs. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, 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](#). (16-2230)

Another project in Garfield County is listed under "Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.

Projects in Grant County

Grant County **Grant Awarded: \$30,000** **Maintaining the Moses Lake Sand Dunes Off-Road Vehicle Area**

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to maintain the Moses Lake Sand Dunes, south of Moses Lake, in Grant County, for off-road vehicle use. Maintenance will include repairing fences and signs, cleaning restrooms, controlling noxious weeds, and removing garbage. The Grant County Sheriff's Office partners with the local community and off-road vehicle groups to maintain and operate the area. These partnerships have allowed the area to be a clean and safe environment for visitors from all over the Northwest. Grant County will contribute \$32,000 in equipment, materials, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2488)

Grant County

Grant Awarded: \$200,000

Providing Education and Enforcement in the Sand Dunes

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to fund two officers to provide education and enforcement on 8,500 acres of off-road vehicle areas in the Moses Lake and Beverly Sand Dunes. The Moses Lake Sand Dunes are off of Interstate 90, south of Moses Lake, and the Beverly Sand Dunes are off State Route 243, near the town of Mattawa. People visit the dunes to ride off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, boats, and horses, and to camp, hike, fish, and beachcomb. The officers will educate visitors through special events, brochures, the Internet, and signs. Grant County will contribute \$284,495 in cash, equipment, 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](#). (16-2410)

Moses Lake

Grant Awarded: \$250,000

Replacing Larson Playfield Lighting

The Moses Lake Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to replace the lighting on three fields in the Larson Playfield Complex. The lighting systems were installed in the late 1970s and 1980s and now have numerous ground fault issues and extremely inefficient and failing lighting fixtures mounted on old wooden poles. Because of the lighting failures, the playfield cannot be used as much and several tournaments have moved to other areas. New lighting will allow the City to increase field use, add soccer as an additional user group, improve player safety, and reduce maintenance and operating costs. The fields are used for youth baseball, softball, and soccer. Moses Lake will contribute \$250,000. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1530)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$285,000

Building a Boat Decontamination Station in Ephrata

The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to install a high capacity decontamination facility at the Region 2 office in Grant County in Ephrata. The unit is a self-contained, single-lane facility complete with high-pressure hot water system and wastewater management system. The system requires electricity, water, and fuel, but is a closed so liquids are collected and contaminants are removed. Water-based invasive species threaten fish populations and water resources. One of the primary ways they spread is by hitching rides on boats and in-water equipment. The department will operate the decontamination facilities to inspect and clean boats, other watercraft, and equipment before allowing them to move to different water bodies. This project also will increase compliance with state law, which prohibits the transport of aquatic invasive species in Washington State. This grant is from the [Boating](#)

[Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2485)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Redeveloping the Blue Lake Access Site**

Grant Awarded: \$4,800

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the Blue Lake boating access site north of Soap Lake in Grant County. The department will install a boarding float and abutment, develop two lower launch areas, pave the parking lot, and replace the fence. People visit the 534-acre Blue Lake to fish, watch wildlife, boat, and play water sports. This site is the only public access on the lake. Redevelopment of the site will make it safer and more convenient, and will improve accessibility for people with disabilities. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2443)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Renovating the Beverly Dunes ORV Park**

Grant Awarded: \$308,800

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to renovate the off-road vehicle (ORV) trailhead and campsites at the Beverly Dunes ORV Park, in Grant County near the town of Beverly. The department will install a new entrance sign, two kiosks, and three restrooms, and renovated 15 parking spaces and campsites. The renovations will improve parking, sanitation, camping opportunities, and access for people with disabilities, and provide safer access for trucks and trailers hauling off-road vehicles to the trails and sand dunes. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$51,200 in cash, staff labor, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1684)

Another project in Grant County is listed under "Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.

Projects in Grays Harbor County

**Port of Grays Harbor
Improving the Westport Marina Boat Launch Area**

Grant Awarded: \$916,221

The Port of Grays Harbor will use this grant to develop about 3.2 acres at the boat launch in the Westport Marina, in Westport. The Port will build a restroom, install an automated pay station and informational kiosk, build a fish cleaning station and boat wash-down area, pave part of the boat ramp approach and parking lot, and create fully accessible vehicle and trailer parking spaces. The Port of Grays Harbor will contribute \$313,646. This grant is from the [Boating](#)

[Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2388)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$2,321,124**
Buying Land in the Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 1,346 acres of important shoreline areas in the Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve, in Grays Harbor. The preserve protects a diverse complex of estuarine and riverine wetlands and represents a unique opportunity to protect of a large intact ecosystem with natural hydrologic functions. The land proposed for acquisition includes critical parts of Preacher's and Blue Sloughs, sinuous tidally-influenced waterways that wind through the heart of the surge plain. Sloughs such as this provide important off-channel habitat for juvenile salmon species during their adjustment to saltwater. Habitat for other fish, including the Olympic mud minnow, is protected in the wetland. Most of the site is Sitka spruce-dominated forested wetland. Within the surge plain, nesting, roosting, and foraging habitat is protected for eagles, osprey, great blue heron, waterfowl, shorebirds, and Neotropical migrant species. Animals that live there include bears, river otters, raccoons, beavers, and muskrats. Purchase of this land will be a significant contribution toward completion of the preserve, which has been recognized as a national priority for protection. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1413)

Another project in Grays Harbor County is listed under "Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.

Projects in Island County

Island County **Grant Awarded: \$1,960,295**
Buying a Beach on Barnum Point

Island County will use two grants to buy 13 acres of rare, low-bank waterfront on Barnum Point, a third-mile of beach, and 17 acres of tidelands for a county park on Camano Island. The land provides the only low-bank water access along Barnum Point, and will improve dramatically the public's access to more than two-thirds mile of adjacent public beach which is below high bluffs and basically inaccessible. The County will use a third grant to buy 35 acres next to Barnum Point County Park, which includes the majority of a 2.5-mile forest and meadow trail network not accessible from the county park. The trail network connects the park to 30 acres being purchased by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust to add to the county park. These three grants are part of a larger project to expand Barnum Point Park from 27 acres to 129 acres and protect nearly all of Barnum Point, which is an iconic waterfront landscape on Camano Island. The

county park expansion has outstanding public support, especially because 83 percent of the island's shoreline is privately-owned and much of the publicly-owned shoreline is inaccessible high bank. The park will provide diverse recreational opportunities, including swimming, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, photography, biking, picnicking, beachcombing, and nature-viewing. Island County will contribute more than \$1 million from Conservation Futures,¹ a federal grant, and donations of cash. The three grants are from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#), the federal [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#), and the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1833, 16-1834, and 16-1984)

South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Developing a South Whidbey Campground

Grant Awarded: \$414,647

The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to buy 35 acres and develop the first phase of a campground next to the district's Community Park. The district will build the first camping loop with 20 campsites, including two fully accessible campsites and a group campsite. The district also will build an entry road and pathways, and install park furnishings. Currently, camping options on southern Whidbey Island are extremely limited and this project will fill an important need. The 117-acre Community Park includes four baseball/softball fields, five soccer fields, a BMX pump track, a skate park, playgrounds, a basketball court, picnic shelters, and hiking trails. The district will contribute \$520,975 in council bonds, staff labor, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1884)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding the Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve's Rare Native Prairies

Grant Awarded: \$55,000

The Department of Natural Resources, partnering with the Whidbey Camano Land Trust, will use this grant to restore rare coastal prairie and endangered plant habitat on the 79-acre Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve. The preserve is 2.5 miles south of Coupeville in Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve on Whidbey Island. This project will increase restoration significantly of two rare native prairies that have 2 of the only 12 naturally-occurring populations of golden paintbrush, which the State has listed as endangered and the federal government has listed as threatened with extinction. The project will restore another 2.2 acres of native prairie and golden paintbrush habitat in the preserve by removing invasive and non-native species, and planting native prairie species, including golden paintbrush. Seeding with native dominant prairie species also will be done. These activities will support the efforts of the department and land trust to

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.

establish self-sustaining populations of golden paintbrush as called for in the federal *Golden Paintbrush Species Recovery Plan* and help preserve and perpetuate the last native prairies in north Puget Sound, including one that is extraordinarily rare. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2011)

Whidbey Camano Land Trust Preserving Penn Cove Farmland

Grant Awarded: \$755,370

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to conserve 202 acres of historic, working farmland 3 miles south of Oak Harbor in Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve on Whidbey Island. The land trust will buy voluntary land preservation agreements, also called conservation easements, which will prevent development of two farms forever. The 129-acre Penn Cove Farm primarily is used for cropland to support an on-site dairy and heifer-raising operation. The farm has a full suite of infrastructure, including barns and farm buildings, irrigation system, manure digester, and fully-implemented farm resource management plan. The second farm is 73 acres, used primarily for hay and beef cattle production, and contains farm structures. Farmland protection, especially in Ebey's reserve, is a high priority for Island County residents and is a primary goal in the county's comprehensive plan. The need to protect these two farms is becoming more critical as the population around Oak Harbor expands to serve a growing Navy population. Conserving the farms also protects prime farmland soils, critical aquifer recharge areas, scenic open space, and wildlife habitat in the reserve. Both farms are identified as high protection priorities for the land trust, National Park Service, and Ebey's Trust board. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will contribute \$923,230 in federal and local grants. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1660)

Projects in Jefferson County

Jefferson County Replacing Memorial Field Lighting

Grant Awarded: \$112,500

Jefferson County Parks and Recreation will use this grant to replace the 48-year-old field lighting at Memorial Field, which is the only lighted, multiple purpose athletic field and stadium in Jefferson County. The entire lighting system is past its useful life, does not meet lighting safety standards, and replacement parts are no longer available. Some lights have been removed and one light has fallen onto the playing field. The underground electric wires shorted out in two locations in the past year. The wooden light poles are beyond typical service life. One pole that is more than 100 feet tall only has 43 percent of its original strength. Memorial Field serves youth sports of all kinds including Little League football and four youth soccer leagues, as well

as school sports programs and community events. It has been in continuous operation with lighting since 1951. Without this grant, the lighting will need to be removed for safety and hundreds of youth will have no place to play. Jefferson County will contribute \$137,500 in cash and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1845)

Jefferson Land Trust

Grant Awarded: \$106,600

Conserving a Farm in the Heart of Quilcene

The Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to conserve nearly 45 acres of farmland in the heart of Quilcene. The land trust will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, on Serendipity Farm, which will prevent development of this historic farm, preserve the prime soils and habitat forever, and provide funding for the farmers to grow their business. Conservation of this important local farm will result in more than 70 contiguous acres of prime farmland conserved in the heart of Quilcene. Serendipity Farm includes about 30 acres of prime pastureland, more than 5 acres of restored stream shoreline habitat enrolled in a federal conservation program, and 8 acres of vegetables, berries, fruit trees, and flowers. Salmon species, including Coho Salmon and Cutthroat Trout, use the restored stream and drainage ditches on the farm. The highly visible, scenic vistas define the rural character of this area and protection of this strategically located farm will enhance the viability of the agricultural community. The project builds on the land trust's agricultural land preservation program, which has conserved nearly 600 acres in Chimacum and 144 acres in nearby Quilcene. The Jefferson Land Trust will contribute \$106,600 in a local grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1637)

The Nature Conservancy

Grant Awarded: \$877,000

Protecting Land along the Clearwater River

The Nature Conservancy will use this grant to buy 640 acres, the third phase of a project that is creating a corridor of protected shoreline forest habitat from the headwaters of the Clearwater River to its confluence with the Queets River. The land in this purchase mostly is along the Clearwater River and its important tributaries – Shale, Miller, and Christmas Creeks. The Queets and Clearwater Rivers of the Olympic Peninsula support some of the healthiest, most viable, and genetically diverse salmon populations in the lower 48 states, making these rivers an essential anchor for the conservation of salmon habitat and critical areas for biodiversity conservation on the Washington coast. The rivers drain an area of more than 287,383 acres and are home to wild populations of Chinook, Coho, Chum, Pink and Sockeye salmon, steelhead, and Cutthroat and Bull Trout. The rivers and associated shoreline forests also support numerous other important species, such as the Pacific lamprey, Olympic mudminnow, and marbled murrelet. The project will address the two most significant habitat threats to these river systems: ongoing logging and

rural development. The Nature Conservancy will contribute \$879,300 in donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1957)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$102,000

Improving Accessibility in the Seal Rock Campground

The Olympic National Forest's Hood Canal Ranger District will use this grant to buy picnic tables accessible to people with disabilities, fire rings, and gravel to rehabilitate tent pads and address accessibility issues in each site. One of the most used campgrounds in the national forest, Seal Rock Campground is a cornerstone campground because of its unique recreational opportunities. Located on Hood Canal, Seal Rock Campground is one of the few national forest campgrounds on salt water with tide pools and harvestable oysters for public use. The Forest Service will contribute \$26,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and donations of 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](#). (16-2364)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$540,000

Redeveloping the Point Whitney Water Access Site

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the Point Whitney Water Access Site in Dabob Bay on Hood Canal, in eastern Jefferson County. The department will install an elevated launching ramp, renovate the toilet and kiosk, and lay gravel for a parking lot. The ramp is often buried by sand and rocks and causes vehicles to become stuck, especially during low tides. The new ramp will be higher and wider and include shoulder erosion protection mats. The existing gravel parking will be graded and expanded by setting back the fence. The site, purchased in 1925 and used for launching boats for more than 50 years, requires redevelopment to meet the current and future demand. People visit Point Whitney to fish, hunt for shellfish, boat, and watch wildlife. The site provides direct access to nearby beaches and recreational areas in Hood Canal north of Ayock Point. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2308)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$324,500

Renovating the Leland Lake Public Access Site

The Department of Fish and Wildlife use will this grant to renovate the Lake Leland water access site north of Quilcene in Jefferson County. The department will replace the fishing dock and restroom, re-grade the road and parking lot, renovate the trail along the shoreline for bank fishers, and provide an accessible bank-side fishing opportunity. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1931)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Creating the Crowberry Bog Natural Area Preserve

Grant Awarded: \$1,571,929

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 325 acres to establish Crowberry Bog Natural Area Preserve in Jefferson County. This new natural area was recommended by the Washington State Natural Heritage Advisory Council and approved in January by the department following a public process. The preserve contains two significant bogs: Crowberry Bog and Hoh Bog. Crowberry Bog is the only known raised bog in the western conterminous United States and the southern-most in western North America. This project will protect this globally rare feature through acquisition for long-term conservation management. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1416)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Planning for a New Fort Worden State Park Boat Launch

Grant Awarded: \$315,000

State Parks will use this grant to design and get permits to build an elevated boat launch at Fort Worden State Park in Jefferson County. The 434-acre park has more than 2 miles of saltwater shoreline on the Straits of Juan de Fuca and is the closest water access to some of the best fishing in the straits. Intensive use occurs during halibut, salmon, and crabbing seasons. The launch is often buried by circulating sand. This planning grant is essential because permitting agencies will require near-shore habitats and the processes that form and sustain them to be addressed. The new launch will better serve the public, protect vital habitats, and save maintenance expenses. This project is supported by anglers, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Natural Resources. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2462)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Restoring Lowland Forest in the Dabob Bay Natural Area

Grant Awarded: \$99,150

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 115 acres of young commercial timber and another 4 acres of old homestead at Dabob Bay Natural Area, east of Quilcene, on Hood Canal and the Olympic Peninsula. Under current conditions, the homestead site is not developing into forest and the former commercial timber stand provides little habitat for plants and animals. The homestead also is not representative of a natural coastal forest ecosystem and is unlikely to develop either habitat values or a natural configuration. The department will control weeds, thin the Douglas-fir trees, and plant native trees and shrubs to increase diversity, improve wildlife habitat, and expand coastal lowland forest habitat. The department also will remove an old logging road with culverts. The department plans to develop a multiple layer overstory with native understory and ground cover. The natural area protects

high quality coastal sand spits, estuary habitats, and upland shoreline forests, which are used by pileated woodpeckers, Coastal Cutthroat Trout, bald eagles, and great blue herons. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1580)

Projects in King County

Auburn

Grant Awarded: \$219,850

Laying a Synthetic Infield in Brannan Park

The Auburn Parks, Arts and Recreation Department will use this grant to upgrade a dirt infield to synthetic turf at the only full-sized baseball diamond owned by the city, in Brannan Park. This community park contains one of Auburn's most heavily used sports complexes. By installing a synthetic turf infield on Field 1, the field can be used more often in inclement weather. Auburn Little League, the Auburn School District, and various baseball clubs will benefit from the project. In addition, Green River College has indicated that it would help improve the field because its teams have to travel to Puyallup to practice and play home games. Without a field closer to campus, the Green River College baseball program is at risk of dissolving. Auburn will contribute \$219,851 in cash, a local grant, and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1809)

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Maintaining Forest Service Trails

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to maintain trails at various locations throughout Washington. Crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown shrubs, replace and repair water drainage structures and small bridges, repair surfaces, and buy small tools and minor equipment. Trail crews will work in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, the Indian Heaven Wilderness, the Salmo-Priest Wilderness, the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness, the Snoqualmie Ranger District, and the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The Back Country Horsemen will contribute \$208,500 in donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2675)

Covington

Grant Awarded: \$592,362

Expanding SoCo Park

The City of Covington will use this grant to buy 2.25 acres to expand the 3-acre SoCo Park, which is next to the newly developing downtown area of the city. This expansion would provide

for future walking trails, picnic areas, lawns for informal play, play equipment, and gathering areas, for a soon to be highly urbanized area. There are more than 100 new multi-family homes for low-income people and senior citizens directly across the street. The purchase would conserve wetlands, Jenkins Creek, and many significant cedar and fir trees. This project ranks in the top tier of the city's parks plan. Covington will contribute \$592,363 in cash, Conservation Futures,² and a voter-approved levy. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1680)

Duvall

Grant Awarded: \$250,000

Improving Big Rock Sports Park Lighting

The City of Duvall will use this grant to install field lighting at Big Rock Sports Park, which is in the southeast section of the city along Northeast Big Rock Road. The City currently is installing 150,000 square feet of synthetic field turf with improved drainage, pathways, and fencing. This grant would add LED (light-emitting diode) field lighting, which will extend the playing hours for a full-size soccer field and a baseball field, and will complete the first phase of development. Local Little League and youth soccer groups anticipate more than 1,000 team members using the fields once improvements are complete. The lighting will increase the use of the fields by baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and youth football teams along with other recreational groups who have shown interest. Duvall will contribute \$511,504. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1951)

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

Providing Volunteer Crews to Maintain Non-motorized Trails

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to provide volunteers to maintain more than 200 miles of non-motorized trails for mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians statewide. Evergreen works closely with land managers statewide to identify areas with critical need for maintenance and repairs and to respond to emergency repairs needed because of seasonal or storm damage. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will contribute \$425,300 in a local grant, a private grant, and donations of cash and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2724)

²Conservation 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.

Kenmore

Grant Awarded: \$750,000

Renovating Saint Edward State Park's Ball Fields

The City of Kenmore will use two grants to convert two youth soccer and baseball fields into multi-purpose fields at Saint Edward State Park. The 316-acre Saint Edward State Park on Lake Washington's northeast shore has had two ball fields since the 1930s. The City will replace the grass turf with artificial turf, replace the field amenities, create paths accessible to people with disabilities, and install a maintenance shed, interpretive signs, fencing, and utilities. The City also will landscape the area, pave gravel parking stalls, and add new parking. The overall goal is to upgrade a well-loved park's unplayable facility. This project is important to the community because youth participation in active sports is growing, yet local acreage to build new sports facilities is limited. Game-quality fields and accessible facilities are particularly lacking in Kenmore. School fields are becoming increasingly unavailable and teams are traveling further away to find facilities. Kenmore will contribute more than \$2 million in a state appropriation and a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program. One grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and one from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#).

(16-1609 and 16-1643)

Kent

Grant Awarded: \$716,876

Expanding Clark Lake Park

The City of Kent will use this grant to buy 5.5 acres to expand Clark Lake Park. The land is next to the park's undersized 10-car parking lot and main entrance, and will allow the City to expand the parking lot and provide space for amenities like a restroom, picnic shelter, trails, and a nature playground. The 125-acre Clark Lake Park is on the East Hill of Kent where about 70 percent of the city's 122,900 residents live. The park surrounds a 7-acre freshwater lake and is considered the future "central park" of Kent's park system and a regional amenity for south King County. When fully assembled, the park will be a 150-acre mostly passive use park in the middle of a dense residential area. This 5.5-acre parcel is one of two remaining high priority acquisition targets. King County began to assemble the land around Clark Lake for a park in the early 1990s and the City of Kent continued the effort when it annexed the land. Kent will contribute \$716,877 in cash, Conservation Futures,³ and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1513)

³Conservation 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.

King County

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Developing Part of the Lake to Sound Trail

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to build 1.2 miles of Segment A of the Lake to Sound Trail, which will be a 16-mile-long trail from the south end of Lake Washington to Puget Sound, linking the cities of Renton, Tukwila, SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines and connecting four existing regional trails. In this second of six phases, the County will build a 12-foot-wide paved trail for non-motorized activities, with 2-foot-wide gravel shoulders on each side and a 110-foot-long pedestrian and bicycle bridge across the Black River. The County also will install a pedestrian warning beacon at Monster Road, informational and directional signs, and benches. Segment A runs from the Green River Trail near Fort Dent Park in Tukwila through the Black River Riparian Forest to Naches Avenue Southwest in Renton. The larger Lake to Sound Trail will provide important recreation and mobility options in an area under-served by regional trails, and in particular, by east-west trail connections. About 60 percent of the overall corridor already is complete. King County will contribute nearly \$1.7 million in a federal grant and a voter-approved levy. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1739)

King County

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Developing the Cougar Mountain Precipice Trailhead

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to develop a trailhead and parking area that will expand access to its most popular natural area park, the 3,100-acre Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. The parking lot will be the first new lot since 1994 and the only one to serve the northeast quadrant of this large park. Currently, only a few vehicles can park on the road shoulder and this on-street parking is anticipated to disappear once the City of Issaquah improves the road. Adjacent to Issaquah and within walking and biking distance from a regional transit center, the new trailhead will include a 40-vehicle parking lot, bike racks, drop-off area, waterless restroom, and an informational kiosk. It will connect to the Big Tree Ridge Trail, which links to the park's 36-mile trail network. This project is supported by the City of Issaquah, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Issaquah Alps Trails Club, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, and Washington Trails Association. Minutes from downtown Seattle and Bellevue, the park is a year-round destination that features diverse habitats, such as forests, wetlands, and cliffs, talus, and caves. It offers sweeping vistas of Lake Sammamish, the Cascade Mountains, Bellevue, and Seattle. King County will contribute \$634,600 in a voter-approved levy. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1363)

King County

Grant Awarded: \$2,800,000

Developing the Foothills Trail and Bridge

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to build a 1.1-mile-long trail along a former rail corridor, a new 340-foot-long bicycle and pedestrian bridge across the White River, and a short trail segment on the south side of the river to connect the existing Foothills Trails in Buckley in Pierce County. The trail will be a 12-foot-wide paved path with 2-foot-wide gravel shoulders on each side. Other improvements include renovating a historic bridge over Boise Creek as part of the trail alignment, installing informational and directional signs, and applying crossing treatments at the trail intersection with Southeast Mud Mountain Road. With nearly 20 miles already developed, the Foothills Trail is a significant non-motorized, multi-use trail corridor, connecting the communities of Puyallup, McMillin, Orting, South Prairie, Buckley, and Enumclaw in Pierce and King Counties. Constructing a bridge over the White River, which will be sized to accommodate emergency vehicles, is an important safety measure, should the State Route 410 bridge—the area’s principle vehicle crossing of the White River – be out of commission. This project is in collaboration with Pierce County and the Cities of Enumclaw and Buckley. King County will contribute more than \$7.3 million in cash, a voter-approved levy, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1362)

King County

Grant Awarded: \$202,000

Improving Access to Preston Mill Park

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to expand access to Preston Mill Park by installing a restroom and two parking stalls accessible to people with disabilities. Located in the historic mill town of Preston at the foot of the Cascade Mountains in eastern rural King County, Preston Mill Park is 22 acres of undeveloped land that features the remnants of a mill that operated for nearly 100 years, and about a quarter-mile of the Raging River. King County bought the land to protect its historical, cultural, and environmental value. The first phase of development is expected to be completed in 2017 and includes walking paths, interpretive signs about the site and local economy, a community meadow, a gateway, and restoration of the habitat. King County will contribute \$202,400 in a voter-approved levy. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1740)

Renton

Grant Awarded: \$470,760

Buying Land and Continuing Development of Sunset Neighborhood Park

The City of Renton will use this grant to buy .18 acre and develop the second phase of Sunset Neighborhood Park, a 3.2-acre park in the Sunset area of Renton. The City will build perimeter

and other pedestrian paths, playground and fitness areas, a water feature, and a picnic area, and landscape the area. The city will begin development in 2017 of the first phase, which will include building a plaza and seating areas, pedestrian paths, and a restroom, and grading the site, installing utilities, and landscaping. The Sunset Area is one of the most diverse and disadvantaged neighborhoods in Renton, with 51 percent of households being non-Caucasian and 27 percent living in poverty. The park will be a gateway for the 269-acre Sunset Area, a key part of Renton's "Sunset Area Community Reinvestment Strategy" and a catalyst for transforming a part of the city that is working to overcome academic, health, public safety, and socio-economic challenges. The City of Renton will contribute more than \$2 million in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1772)

Seattle

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

Building Guest Moorage in South Leschi

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a public guest moorage float in Seattle's Leschi community along the western shoreline of Lake Washington. Lake Washington is the largest lake in western Washington and serves the most populated area in the state. The float will be the only publicly held guest moorage float along the 20 miles of Seattle shoreline. The new L-shaped float will be installed at the site of the existing South Leschi Moorage and will accommodate up to 53 boats (26 feet or smaller) side-tied on both sides of the dock and will include electrical, potable water, and fire suppression systems. The new float will increase available guest moorage by 22 percent on Lake Washington and will be one of only two overnight guest floats on the lake. Seattle will contribute more than \$1.5 million. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2386)

Seattle

Grant Awarded: \$475,000

Improving the Arboretum Waterfront Trail

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate, rebuild, or replace portions of a floating boardwalk trail system on Foster Island in Seattle's Washington Park Arboretum. The City also will retrofit the floating walkway for safety and for people with disabilities. The new elevated boardwalk will reduce the trail footprint, prevent damage from people walking through the wetland, and better connect visitors with the habitats they are experiencing. The site includes marsh and shoreline areas that support priority species (western pond turtle, bald eagle, Chinook salmon). The boardwalk is the only passage over the largest wetland in Seattle and is a key link in a larger trail network. With unparalleled views, it is frequented by bird watchers, wildlife photographers, schools, and college classes. The trail connects the arboretum with transit hubs and links two parts of the University of Washington

Botanical Gardens by connecting Union Bay Natural Area with the arboretum. Seattle will contribute \$475,000 in cash and a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1869)

Seattle

Grant Awarded: \$250,000

Renovating the Brighton Playfield Turf and Lighting

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the turf and lighting at Brighton Playfield, a 200,000-square-foot multi-sport playfield in south Seattle. The City will replace the natural turf with synthetic turf, install new lights, develop pathways, and add spectator seating and baseball and softball amenities. Brighton Playfield supports baseball, softball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, flag football, lacrosse, and other field sports and leisure play. The renovations will expand playfield use in three ways. 1) Synthetic turf and drainage will allow for year-round play; 2) An increased number of playfields and improved lining will allow more simultaneous games and a greater variety of sport uses; and 3) Improved lighting will add hours of playfield use each day. The City estimates the improvements will increase playfield use by 85 percent. Seattle will contribute more than \$3.5 million in cash, a local grant, and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1851)

Seattle

Grant Awarded \$374,950

Renovating the Don Armeni Boat Launch

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the Don Armeni boat launch on the shore of Elliott Bay in west Seattle. Constructed in 1966, rebuilt in 1988, Don Armeni is Seattle's most popular saltwater boat ramp, with more than 12,000 launches each year. Current conditions can be unsafe. The floats tear apart in rough weather and present a high risk of ramp damage during storms. Due to deteriorating infrastructure, the floating docks are highly susceptible to waves from Puget Sound. Without significant renovation, this facility eventually will be closed to the public. The department will be replacing old pilings and two floating docks with a floating dock system engineered to withstand the wind and wave conditions at the site. Seattle will contribute \$125,050. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2356)

Seattle

Grant Awarded: \$250,000

Renovating Smith Cove Youth Playfield

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop and improve a multi-use playfield in Smith Cove Park, west of Pier 91 on Elliott Bay in Seattle. Poor drainage and mud make the field unsafe to use from October to April. The City will improve drainage and irrigation and grade and resurface the playfield to make it usable for youth lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee, soccer, and baseball. The park is used by residents of the Magnolia, Queen Anne, and downtown neighborhoods. Seattle will contribute \$705,570 in cash, a local grant, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1850)

Seattle

Grant Awarded: \$768,000

Renovating the Stan Sayres Boat Launch

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the boat launch in Stan S. Sayres Memorial Park, also known as "Sayres Pits" because of its association with Seattle's annual Seafair hydroplane races. The existing ramps are old and the fixed docks are not long enough to be fully functional. Seattle will expand the existing docks with gangways and floating docks to provide much needed queuing space. These improvements will enhance boating access, ease of use, and improve user safety. Located on the southern shore of Lake Washington, the popular boat ramp is on the second largest lake in the state and was used for nearly 4,000 motorized boat launches in the past year. The site requires significant renovation to remain usable for guest boaters. Seattle will contribute \$256,857. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2357)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$60,063

Addressing Deferred Maintenance on a National Trail

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to address a backlog of deferred maintenance on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail. The work will focus on 85 miles of trail that traverse the Pasayten Wilderness from east to west. Routine maintenance has been limited to removing down trees and overgrown brush. With this grant, crews will remove imbedded rock, repair drainage structures, clean turnpike ditches and culverts, and remove encroaching small trees. The Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail is one of 11 national scenic trails, and it is used by equestrians, hikers, and backpackers. The Forest Service will contribute \$115,850 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of cash and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2529)

U.S. Forest Service
Hiring a Volunteer Coordinator

Grant Awarded: \$20,000

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to hire a volunteer program coordinator for 2 years. The coordinator will recruit, train, supervise, and support volunteer ranger patrols in the Alpine Lakes, Clearwater, and Norse Peak Wilderness areas and backcountry. The coordinator and volunteer rangers contact visitors to provide education, information, and assistance while promoting safety and stewardship. The program focuses on community outreach including field contacts, community events, work parties, visitor center displays, and a variety of environmental education efforts. The coordinator also works with nonprofit organizations including youth groups to support and coordinate stewardship projects. The ranger district is near the Puget Sound metropolitan area, and more than 150,000 visitors annually use trails in the district. For the past decade, volunteers have donated 5,000-8,000 hours each season, which significantly helps resource protection and stewardship. The Forest Service will contribute \$75,000 in donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2489)

U.S. Forest Service
Building the Camp Brown Day Use Area along the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River

Grant Awarded: \$143,889

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this funding to improve the Camp Brown Day Use Area by building a trailhead, bathroom, eight picnic sites, and an interpretive loop trail that links these facilities to a scenic gravel bar on the bank of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River. All of the construction will accommodate people with disabilities. The Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, recently designated as a Wild and Scenic River, holds great potential as a recreational destination for the Seattle area residents. Located only 35 minutes from downtown Seattle, this 110,000-acre valley has been the focus of intense public acquisition, (about 98 percent is publicly owned), cleanup, and planning for the past 20 years. The Forest Service is working with many partners to substantially improve recreation infrastructure in the valley in preparation for dramatic increase in use that is expected when the Middle Fork Road (Forest Road 56) opens this year. The Forest Service will contribute \$105,000 in staff labor and donations of cash. 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](#). (16-2790)

U.S. Forest Service
Hiring Backcountry Ranger Patrols

Grant Awarded: \$148,543

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to hire four rangers and two interns to patrol backcountry trails in the 300,000-acre district, which

includes 111,000 acres in the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak, and Clearwater Wilderness areas. 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 that include: hiking, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, foraging, and horseback riding for more than 150,000 users each year. Rangers contact visitors in the field, while monitoring natural and cultural resources and backcountry facilities. The Forest Service will contribute \$152,876 in staff labor, a federal grant, and donations of 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](#). (16-2491)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$20,000

Hiring Snoqualmie Pass Winter Education Rangers

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to hire two winter rangers to educate visitors about winter safety, avalanche dangers, route finding, winter ecology, and resource protection. One of the rangers also will serve as the volunteer coordinator, supervising and training up to 20 volunteers. Annually, this program contacts between 3,000-5,000 winter recreationists. Demand for winter recreation opportunities at Snoqualmie Pass continues to increase. Near large populations, the Interstate 90 corridor offers an unmatched spectrum of opportunities from expert-level ice climbing to family snow play. The winter rangers will educate the public about the uniqueness of the winter environment, the significance of protecting the snow pack as a critical water storage reservoir, and how to minimize their impacts on the landscape in the winter, as well as provide information on winter route conditions and avalanche danger ratings. The Forest Service will contribute \$17,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2415)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$70,000

Maintaining Interpretive Facilities and Trails Accessible to People with Disabilities

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain trails, trailheads, restrooms, and campsites for people with disabilities. The highly-developed nature of these facilities make them difficult and expensive to maintain and has resulted in a maintenance backlog that has impaired full accessibility. The ranger district will complete critical reconstruction projects on trails and facilities including the Gold Creek Pond Nature Loop and the Evans Creek Campground and off-road vehicle Area. Additional work will focus on restoring interpretive signs and facilities on trails such as the Asahel Curtis Nature Loop and John Muir Discovery Trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$18,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of 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](#). (16-2777)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$98,151

Maintaining Skykomish Ranger District Trails

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests' Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to fund trail crews and contractors, and coordinate volunteer groups to maintain 115 miles of trail in the national forest for 2 years. These trails include hiker and stock trails. The crews will remove fallen trees and bushes growing over trails, maintain trail surfaces and water drainage structures, repair slides, remove boulders, inspect and maintain trail bridges, and repair safety hazards. The trail system traverses the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Wild Sky Wilderness Areas and their adjacent backcountry areas such as the Mount Index Scenic Area. Work also will be done on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and the Iron Goat Trail within the Stevens Pass Historic District. The trail system receives about 170,000 visitors annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$98,689 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, equipment, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2751)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

Maintaining the Alpine Lakes Trail

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 150 miles of recreation trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and surrounding backcountry. Work will include clearing and removing overgrown brushing, fixing drainage structures, and repairing tread. The work will be done on Forest Service trails in the watersheds of North, Middle, and South Forks of the Snoqualmie River, which include trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. More than 150,000 visitors use trails in these areas each year. The grant will support work performed by contractors, staff, nonprofit organizations, and volunteers from groups including the Mountains to Sound Greenway, EarthCorps, Washington Trails Association, Back Country Horsemen, Boy Scouts, and local school groups. The Forest Service will contribute \$155,603 in staff labor and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2429)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$132,078

Providing a Front Country Patrol

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to fund four officers and two volunteers from May through September for 2 years. The Snoqualmie Ranger District encompasses 300,000 acres of which 189,000 are non-wilderness and accessible

to a broad range of hikers, equestrians, campers, off-road vehicle riders, recreational target shooters, hunters, and many others. There are more than 50 trailheads, 6 developed, campgrounds, and thousands of dispersed sites. A uniformed presence will decrease instances of vandalism and forest infractions, and enable the district to better respond to visitor needs and protect the resources. The Forest Service will contribute \$164,647 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of 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](#). (16-2522)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Building Trails and Trail Bridges on Mount Si

Grant Awarded: \$325,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop 3.5 miles of trail to the summit of Green Mountain in the Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area, about 30 miles east of Seattle. The trails are used by hikers, horse riders, and mountain bikers. Work will include decommissioning an unsafe 1-mile length of user built scramble to the summit, ensuring protection of resources and an improved recreation experience. The department also will install two trail bridges on washed out segments of the Civilian Conservation Corps Trail, reopening the trail for horse riders and creating a safe link for hiking, mountain biking, and horse riding to trails through the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River valley to U.S. Forest Service trails. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$134,500 in a state appropriation. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1967)

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

Grant Awarded: \$316,800

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop 10 miles of trail in Raging River State Forest, about 20 miles east of Seattle, expanding the trail system for mountain bikers, hikers, and horse riders. The new trails will give visitors a safer alternative to using service roads, fill a missing link in the Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trail, provide under-served downhill mountain biking trails, and create a trail connection to Taylor Mountain Forest, an adjacent King County Park. This work continues the first phase that is building 15 miles of trail, expected to be complete by June 2017. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$247,700 in a state appropriation and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1827)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$112,000**
Maintaining Hiking Trails in the Snoqualmie Corridor

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a crew to maintain more than 124 miles of trail, 4 trailheads, and 2 day-use sites in the Snoqualmie corridor, in eastern King County. The grant will fund a recreation specialist, equipment operator, two natural resource workers, and a seasonal crew. The crew will remove downed and hazardous trees, trim overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces and rock armoring, maintain and repair trail bridges, maintain water drainage structures, remove litter, repair and replace signs, and maintain restrooms and viewpoint and river access sites. Funding also will be used to buy equipment including a chainsaw and power wheelbarrow. The department will contribute \$112,050 in staff labor, materials, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2358)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$185,000**
Providing Patrols along the Interstate 90-Snoqualmie Corridor

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire two education and enforcement specialists to patrol trails and camping areas along the Interstate 90 corridor. One specialist will patrol 160 miles of trails, 9 regional trailheads, several day-use sites, and informal parking areas along the Interstate 90 corridor in eastern King County and in the Marckworth State Forest just outside Duvall. A second seasonal specialist also will patrol 115 miles of trails, 5 trailheads, multiple day-use sites, and 1 campground area in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, both managed by the Forest Service. Additionally, the grant will pay for the purchase of small tools, equipment, and educational materials. The department will contribute \$185,050 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of 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](#). (16-2389)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$2,739,500**
Redeveloping Lake Sammamish State Park's Sunset Beach Picnic Area

State Parks will use this grant to redevelop the picnic area at Sunset Beach in Lake Sammamish State Park, in King County. State Parks will build one large and two smaller picnic shelters, install a lawn and plant trees, and create part of a wide, paved esplanade that eventually will connect Sunset Beach to the park's other beach, Tibbets Beach. This project is a key part of an overall redevelopment of Sunset Beach, six phases of which have been completed or are underway. State Parks will contribute more than \$2.7 million in a state appropriation and donations of cash, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1975)

**Washington Trails Association
Providing Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance**

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to maintain 350 miles of backcountry trails in the Cascade, Olympic, Selkirk/Kettle, and Blue Mountains. The grant will support 100 weeklong volunteer vacations and backcountry response teams, which can tackle trail maintenance needs that lie beyond the reach of a 1-day work party. These projects require either a backcountry base camp or self-supporting, fast-traveling crews. The crews perform a wide variety of maintenance tasks such as removing brush growing over the trail, resurfacing trails, installing crib walls to stabilize switchbacks, building bridges with materials found on site, rerouting small sections of trail following slides, and clearing downed trees. An estimated 2.5 million hikers, backpackers, and equestrians use backcountry trails in Washington. Many of these trails would not see any maintenance without volunteers and are at risk of being lost altogether if not adequately maintained. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$490,000 in donations of cash and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2249)

**Washington Trails Association
Providing Statewide Trail Maintenance**

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to maintain 375 miles of hiking trails during 2 years in the Cascade and Olympic Mountains and in eastern Washington. Thousands of volunteers will join 1-day work parties to tackle maintenance backlogs on some of the state's most popular trails. Volunteers will address each land manager's most pressing needs, including removing brush growing over trails, fixing drainage structures and bridges, and clearing out storm damage. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$930,000 in donations of cash and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2248)

**Washington Trails Association
Providing Youth Trail Maintenance Crews**

Grant Awarded: \$98,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to engage youth volunteers to maintain 84 miles of hiking trails during 2 years. The youth crews will tackle trail maintenance backlogs by building rock steps, re-decking bridges, uncovering lost sections of trail, and performing routine maintenance. Half of the grant will pay for day-long work parties for youth, families, and youth-serving organization, who will work generally within an hour of Washington's large cities, including Bellingham, Seattle, Tacoma, and Vancouver. The rest of the grant will support 1- and 2-week youth volunteer vacations, which allow teenage volunteers to set up camp and work more intensively on projects, often on backcountry trails in the Olympic, Cascade, and Selkirk

Mountains. This project teaches young people the technical skills and stewardship ethic necessary to maintain Washington's trail system. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$345,000 in donations of cash and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2250)

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Projects in Kitsap County

Bremerton

Grant Awarded: \$750,000

Renovating Manette Park

The City of Bremerton will use two grants to renovate the 2.5-acre Manette neighborhood park, which has the city's only public, lighted, grass, youth soccer field. The park is rundown and has cracked tennis courts, a substandard basketball pad, and a 1940s restroom that is not accessible by people with disabilities and prone to failure during events. The park is surrounded by weathered chain link fence up to 25 feet tall and has several elevation changes without ramps and pathways. No part of the park is accessible by people using wheelchairs. The City will develop walking paths throughout the park and build a multi-use sports court, restroom, and off-street parking for people with disabilities. The City also will renovate the playfield with new energy-efficient light poles located further from the field of play, which will provide better coverage and spill less light into the neighborhood. Bremerton will contribute \$255,600 in staff labor and donations of cash from the Manette Neighborhood Coalition, Bremerton Soccer Club, and other individuals and community groups. One grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and one is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1312 and 16-1505)

Port of Brownsville

Grant Awarded: \$653,616

Replacing the Brownsville Marina Boat Launch and Staging Area

The Port of Brownsville will use this grant to replace the two-lane boat launch with a slightly wider one and repave the staging area in the Brownsville Marina in Bremerton. The existing concrete boat launch and asphalt staging area were built in 1978 and are in very poor and rapidly deteriorating condition. The precast panels are separating and sliding toward the water because of failed steel connectors and a displaced riprap base and revetment. The edges of the concrete are cracking off and the grade has become uneven. Repair attempts have been made but at this point the ramp must be replaced. The Port will build a two-lane replacement ramp that is better aligned and at grade, and will take up less shoreline space. The changes will make

it easier for boaters to maneuver their trailers and dock their boats. The Port also plans to use less riprap, which will improve habitat for fish. The Port of Brownsville will contribute \$217,873. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2601)

Port of Poulsbo

Grant Awarded: \$325,906

Restoring the Port of Poulsbo Public Boat Launch

The Port of Poulsbo will use this grant to restore the only public boat launch in Poulsbo, in Kitsap County. The concrete launch ramp is uneven and the plastic piles securing the floating dock are deteriorating and need to be replaced. The sloughing shoreline next to the ramp needs to be contained to prevent future damage to the floating dock and eliminate maintenance needs. The Port will replace the aging launch and adjacent floats with new grated floats and steel pilings to improve safety and function. Additionally, the Port will replace the approach to the walkway to ensure it is useable by people with disabilities. The launch is the only public boat launch in the Liberty Bay community and receives about 100 launches a month mostly for small trailered boats. The Port of Poulsbo will contribute \$114,508. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2224)

Poulsbo

Grant Awarded: \$400,000

Buying Land for the West Poulsbo Waterfront Park

The City of Poulsbo will use this grant to buy 3.1 acres of the last available, undeveloped, low bank waterfront on Liberty Bay for a park. The City envisions a park with a least three designated locations for getting to the bay from a path that runs along the shoreline. Additional opportunities will be available for launching personal watercraft, shellfishing, beachcombing, fishing, swimming, bird watching, and walking. The park also will protect habitat in a half-acre of low and high marsh waterfront and a half-acre of shoreline buffer. The City will restore a half-acre of degraded wetland and about 200 feet of degraded shoreline buffer. The land is used by several priority species including Chinook, Coho and Chum salmon; steelhead; searun Cutthroat Trout; sand lance; butter and native littleneck clams; Olympia oysters; and a variety of birds including herons, ospreys, bald eagles, and waterfowl. Poulsbo will contribute \$400,000. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2006)

Poulsbo Sportsman Club

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

Improving Safety at the 50-Meter Range

The Poulsbo Sportsman Club in Kitsap County will use this grant to replace the 25-year-old overhead baffles on the firing line at the 50-meter range. The new baffle design is based on a

no-blue-sky model, which is designed to keep all rounds on the range and the club's property. The new baffles have a significant sound-deadening benefit as well. This very active range is at the end of its useful life. The range is used mostly for new-shooter classes, occasional competition, skill building, and informal shooting. The Poulsbo Sportsman Club will contribute \$84,480. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2650)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Kitsap County Forests

Grant Awarded: \$553,784

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 192 acres in the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area, in Kitsap County. The purchase will protect rare forests in one of most important corridors for biodiversity conservation in the Puget trough. The Stavis conservation area and the Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve, which is within the conservation boundary of Stavis, provide high quality and rare wildlife habitat making up a crucial part of a larger landscape of forests on the western Kitsap Peninsula. This project supports wildlife near urban areas and protect forests along Stavis and Harding Creeks, which provide spawning and rearing habitat for fall Chum and Coho salmon. The purchase also will conserve a pocket estuary on Hood Canal, a forest near Stavis Bay, and more than a quarter-mile of Hood Canal shoreline. The land would be open to the public for low-impact recreation, environmental education, and scientific research. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1440)

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Projects in Kittitas County

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$108,000

Buying an Excavator to Maintain Trails along Waterways

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum and Naches Ranger Districts will use this grant to buy a 5-ton excavator to repair 4x4 trail surfaces and maintain drainage structures and lift materials for bridges and walls. The Forest Service will focus on improving drainage on the trails to prevent erosion into sensitive wetlands, streams, and rivers used by sockeye salmon, bull trout, and aquatic organisms. The Forest Service will train volunteers to operate the equipment. The Forest Service will contribute \$12,500 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2715)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$199,916

Funding Patrols for Cle Elum Off-highway Vehicle Education and Enforcement

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund one full-time enforcement officer and four seasonal officers, and to buy two replacement motorcycles and one mountain bike. The rangers patrol more than 400 miles of front country trails open to off-road vehicle users, including 7 campgrounds and more than 30 trailheads that offer dispersed camping. Located near the state's most densely populated area and off a major highway, the ranger district is arguably Washington's most popular off-road destination and hosts thousands of users every week. Officers are needed to protect natural resources and allow the busy district to provide a safe trail riding experience. The Forest Service will contribute \$86,174 in equipment, 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](#). (16-2372)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

Hiring a Crew to Maintain Cle Elum Ranger District Wilderness Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four- to six-person crew to maintain 326 miles of trail for hikers, stock users, and mountain bikers in Kittitas County. The crew will cut logs and brush, repair and maintain trail and drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and make, install, and maintain trail signs. The grant also will cover administration, coordination, and support of volunteer groups. Maintenance will be done on a large network of well-established trails that serve a large number of users and provide unique recreational opportunities for hikers, stock users, and mountain bikers. They experience natural settings in roadless areas and the Alpine Lakes Wilderness with natural features like waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, glaciers, alpine meadows, and forests. The Forest Service will contribute \$65,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2255)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$20,000

Hiring Snow Rangers

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to hire two education and safety rangers to patrol 10 sno-parks, 560 miles of winter trails, and about 300,000 acres of backcountry area open to winter recreation. Snow rangers and volunteers will educate users about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, and respect for non-motorized areas. This program provides safety education in the field to visitors in this heavily-used snowmobile and winter recreation region. Snow rangers may attend club gatherings and council meetings. They also

work with volunteers on weekends and holidays. The Cle Elum Ranger District is the busiest winter recreation destination in Washington due to its proximity to the Puget Sound area and good snow. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in a state grant and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2297)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$149,500**
Maintaining Cle Elum Front Country Campsites and Trailheads

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four- to six-person seasonal crew to maintain front country campgrounds, dispersed campsites, and trailheads in Kittitas County. The crew will perform regular maintenance to keep facilities open and available for the public to enjoy. The crew will remove trash, clean restrooms, maintain campsites and trailhead facilities, and maintain bulletin boards and signs. Near Puget Sound, the ranger district sees large numbers of summer visitors at its 24 campgrounds, 30 trailhead toilets, 2 rental cabins, 1,022 miles of Forest Service roads, and 375 dispersed camping sites. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,500 in a federal appropriation and donations of 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](#). (16-2294)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$199,000**
Maintaining Off-highway Trails in the Cle Elum Ranger District

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four-person crew to maintain 230 miles of multi-use trails in Kittitas County. The crew will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, maintain water drainage structures, fix trail surfaces, and maintain trail signs. The trails are popular and have easy access from Interstate 90 and U.S. Highway 97. People visiting the forest to ride off-road vehicles, mountain bikes, and horses and to just hike, can see waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, and forests. The Forest Service will contribute \$23,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2353)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$175,700**
Maintaining Trails in the South Zone of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four-person crew to maintain 140 miles of multi-use trails in Kittitas County. The crew will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, maintain water drainage structures, fix trail surfaces, and maintain trail signs. The grant also will buy tools. The trails are popular and have easy access

from Interstate 90 and U.S. Highway 97. People visiting the forest to ride off-road vehicles, mountain bikes, and horses and to just hike, can see waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, and forests. The Forest Service will contribute \$44,300 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2354)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$80,000**
Providing Education and Enforcement in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two rangers and volunteers to patrol trails and camping destinations in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The rangers and volunteers will teach visitors about protecting the wilderness and trail resources. The Cle Elum Ranger District's portion of Alpine Lakes Wilderness is one of the most popular areas in Washington and provides outstanding opportunities for hiking, backpacking, mountaineering, climbing, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and horse packing. The wilderness and adjacent area contain 16 trailheads, 157 miles of trail, multiple high country routes, more than 60 lake destinations, and more than 750 wilderness campsites. The area receives more than 40,000 visits a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$55,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of 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](#). (16-2300)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$51,400**
Providing Patrols for the Cle Elum Front Country

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund three education and enforcement rangers, a law enforcement officer, and two volunteers to patrol camping areas and trailheads in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Rangers will educate visitors about proper sanitation, respecting wildlife, campsite selection, user-created trails, and environmental stewardship. The district sees about 166,000 summer visits. Patrols will focus on dispersed camping areas along ecologically sensitive shorelines, including areas with threatened and endangered species such as bull trout. Patrols also will occur at developed campgrounds, which offer centralized locations to teach environmental stewardship to overnight visitors and at popular trailheads. Past experience has shown consistent field presence and one-on-one interactions with visitors is effective at reducing environmental damage, limiting conflicts, and fostering greater environmental stewardship. The Forest Service will contribute \$53,050 in a federal appropriation and donations of 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](#). (16-2296)

U.S. Forest Service
Replacing the Naches Pass Trail Bridge

Grant Awarded: \$63,500

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Naches Ranger District will use this grant to replace a highly-used bridge on the historic Naches Pass Trail. The bridge, which spans the North Fork Little Naches River, is in serious disrepair and has an estimated remaining life expectancy of 2 years. About 2,500 vehicles use the Naches Pass Trail during the snow-free months. The grant will pay for bridge materials for 4X4 and motorcycle club volunteers to assemble and install. This bridge is essential to protecting the sensitive fish and aquatic habitat in the Little Naches River including endangered bull trout. When the bridge fails, the Forest Service will be forced to close 1 mile of trail for motorized uses, cutting off access to another more than 2 miles of trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$31,806 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2486)

U.S. Forest Service
Renting Toilets and a Dumpster for Visitors

Grant Awarded: \$30,000

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to rent a large dumpster and multiple portable toilets to place in highly impacted dispersed camping areas along shorelines for the summer. The goal is to protect natural resources, especially along shorelines, and to reduce the public health hazards from improper disposal of waste. Dispersed campsites are created by campers outside of formally constructed campgrounds and do not usually include amenities such as toilets and garbage services. In extremely high use areas, tremendous amount of human waste and garbage have been deposited in shoreline camp areas. 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](#). (16-2295)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Conserving Land along the South Fork Manastash River

Grant Awarded: \$1,500,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 1,600 acres of forest and Manastash River habitat on the east slope of the central Cascade Mountains in Kittitas County. The site is about 15 miles southwest of Ellensburg, between the LT Murray Wildlife Area to the east and the national forest to the west. The objective of this project is to conserve critical habitat in a biologically rich and high priority location, protect public access, and improve land management. The site provides breeding and foraging habitat for northern spotted owls, supports large ungulate herds, and contains headwater streams that support steelhead and salmon recovery efforts. Conservation here will implement key elements identified in state and federal management and recovery plans. Longstanding and popular access through these lands to public ownership is under threat, so public support for this project is strong. This grant will

secure the remaining gap in the larger Heart of the Cascades project, which has conserved about 28 square miles of habitat along the mountain range. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1343)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$325,000**
Completing Renovation of the Teanaway Campground

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to finish renovating the Teanaway Campground, north of Cle Elum in Kittitas County. The department will rebuild the interior road system. In an earlier phase of work, the department installed two restrooms, rebuilt some roads, and installed nearly 1 mile of boundary fence, 50 picnic tables, and fire rings. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$35,000 in cash, staff labor, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1900)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$199,278**
Renovating and Expanding Indian Camp Campground

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to renovate and expand Indian Camp Campground in the Teanaway Community Forest, north of Cle Elum in Kittitas County. The department will add 20 campsites, a horse ramp for people with disabilities, highlines, hitching posts, a toilet, and a storage shed for supplies. Renovating the campground will improve parking, sanitation, facilities for people with disabilities, camping opportunities, equestrian amenities, and safer access for horse and camp trailers. Currently users park their trailers and hitch their horses wherever they find a flat spot. The addition of more sites will give them a safer place to park and camp. The storage room will allow volunteers to maintain the campground without having to drive to Ellensburg for supplies, and the new toilet will provide the needed sanitation for 20 more campsites. The department will contribute \$51,750 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of 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](#). (16-2434)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$1,235,663**
Renovating an Iron Horse Trail Trestle

State Parks will use this grant to design and renovate a 680-foot-long historic trestle that connects two portions of the Iron Horse Trail separated by Interstate 90, between Ellensburg and the Columbia River, in Kittitas County. Built in the early 1900s, the Renslow trestle is one of Washington State's iconic steel structures used to carry trains of the Minnesota Saint Paul Railway. State Parks will install concrete decking, railings, and fencing on the trestle, which will

improve safety. The work will complete the "missing link," eliminating the last arduous and convoluted detour between Ellensburg and the Columbia River and resulting in 32 miles of continuous trail. Crossing the renovated trestle also will add an exciting new element to the Iron Horse experience. State Parks will contribute \$10,600 in donations of cash, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1886)

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Projects in Klickitat County

Columbia Land Trust Conserving a Farm in Trout Lake Valley

Grant Awarded: \$844,987

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for 280 acres of farmland in the shadow of Mount Adams and in Trout Lake Valley in Klickitat County. The agreement will prevent development and keep the land available for agriculture forever. The Trout Lake Valley is renowned for its extraordinary beauty, productive farms and forests, and abundant wildlife and recreation. The valley is ideal for agriculture because of its abundance of water, prime agricultural soils, climate, isolation from pollution, and its rich history of farming since the 1880s. Large-scale agriculture is threatened in the valley because of its exceptional beauty. When residential development mixes with farming, farms often lose because people complain about the dust, noise, odors, traffic, trespass, and water conflicts. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute \$844,988 in a donation of property interest. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1765)

Columbia Land Trust Conserving the Klickitat Canyon on Mount Adams

Grant Awarded: \$2,440,525

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to buy about 3,200 acres on the east side of the Cascade Mountains. The land straddles the wild and scenic Klickitat River and includes 1.7 miles of two major tributaries – Summit and White Creeks. The land is a vital wildlife corridor and connects protected lands owned by tribes, state and federal agencies, and the land trust. Its unusual topographic and ecological diversity includes a mosaic of dry and moist mixed conifer forests, oak woodlands, aspen, freshwater wetlands, steep canyons, talus slopes, and shoreline and river habitats. The land is used by a diverse array of wildlife including at least 15 species listed by the federal government as a species of concern or under the Endangered Species Act and 21 species either listed or considered a candidate for

listing by state government, such as western gray squirrel and northern spotted owl. It also supports numerous migratory game species, including mule deer, black-tailed deer, elk, mountain goat, and big-horned sheep. This is second phase of a larger project to conserve 5,600 acres that are threatened by development. The land trust will manage the land for wildlife habitat and public benefits. The project enjoys broad support including from the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Klickitat County commissioners, state agencies, neighboring forestry owners, and local community partners. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute more than \$2.4 million in a private grant, a grant from the salmon recovery program, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1915)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$2,140,350** **Buying Land on Simcoe Mountain for Habitat and Recreation**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 6,700 acres on Simcoe Mountain, which is about 15 miles northeast of Goldendale, to protect wildlife habitat and open the land to hiking, fishing, and hunting. The land is gated and public access restricted. Acquisition of the land would connect protected land from the Columbia River to the Cascade Mountains and provide opportunities for recreation that are unavailable in the area. This is the fourth phase of a project to conserve about 22,000 acres of a unique large-scale landscape that has mixed conifer, Oregon white oak, white alder, shrub steppe, grasslands, cliffs, and 10 miles of shoreline habitat that includes upper Rock Creek and its tributaries. The land is used by steelhead, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act; Chinook Salmon; western gray squirrel, which are on the state's list of species threatened with extinction; mule deer; burrowing owl; and western toad. This project is an opportunity for a partnership between the department and the East and Central Klickitat Conservation Districts to jointly buy the land for wildlife habitat, grazing, logging, and recreation. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1346)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$80,300** **Continuing Restoration of Trout Lake Meadow**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to continue restoration of 35 acres of wetlands in the Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve, which is in the northwest corner of Klickitat County. The department will control weeds, plant native plants, and improve the flow of water – all with the goal of improving habitat for four rare plants and animals. The preserve is home to a large population of the Oregon spotted frog, which the state has listed as endangered and the federal government has listed threatened with extinction. The preserve also is a nesting and

foraging area for the greater sandhill crane, a state endangered species. In addition, two rare plants are found in these seasonally wet meadows – pale blue-eyed grass, a state threatened and federal species of concern, and rosy owl clover, a state endangered species. While the area provides good habitat for some animals, there are several old irrigation ditches that need to be blocked so more water remains in the meadows and follow-up work is needed following the removal of an old road to improve water flow in the western portion of the site to the drier meadows to improve winter habitat for migratory birds. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1674)

Washington State Conservation Commission Conserving Lazy Cross Ranch

Grant Awarded: \$1,803,656

The Conservation Commission will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for the 4,351-acre Lazy Cross Ranch in Klickitat County. The landowner wants to keep his rangeland pasture operation intact and undeveloped. The easement will prevent development and keep the land available for farming forever. Protecting this land also will protect water quality and habitat availability. The ranch includes a portion of the Rock Creek watershed, which is used by middle Columbia River Chinook Salmon and steelhead, both of which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. It also includes the upper reaches of Squaw Creek, which contains important habitat for steelhead. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1923)

Washington State Conservation Commission Conserving the Schuster Hereford Ranch

Grant Awarded: \$881,000

The Conservation Commission will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for the 1,909-acre Schuster Hereford Ranch in Klickitat County. The ranch is contiguous with an 11,920-acre farm already protected. The landowner wants to keep his rangeland pasture and dryland operation intact and undeveloped. The easement will prevent development and keep the land available for farming forever. Conserving the land also will protect key habitat and wildlife at risk of extinction in the Rock Creek watershed including middle Columbia River Chinook Salmon and steelhead, both of which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. In addition, the land will enhance the adjacent Badger Gulch Natural Area Preserve by preventing development on sensitive lands. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1924)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$1,202,357
Bridging the Final Gap on the Klickitat Trail

State Parks will use this grant to complete the 31-mile Klickitat Trail in the Columbia River Gorge in south central Washington by building two bridges, upgrading 4 miles of trail, and providing a new trailhead. State Parks will install a 20-foot-long bridge over Snyder Creek and a 150-foot-long bridge over the Klickitat River and build two parking spaces for people with disabilities near the new Klickitat River bridge. This project will build upon a recent project that provides trail and bridge improvements on a connected portion of the Klickitat Trail. State Parks will contribute \$87,500 in donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1887)

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Projects in Lewis County

Projects in Lewis County are listed under "Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.

Projects in Lincoln County

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Grant Awarded: \$65,000
Restoring Phantom Butte Grassland

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore about 150 acres of a 250-acre field on Phantom Butte in the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area. The department will remove the non-native grass and invasive weeds from this former wheat field and replant it using a native grassland-forb mix. The resulting grassland will resemble native meadows in the surrounding shrub-steppe habitat. This field is part of a larger area that supports a recently augmented population of Columbian sharp-tailed grouse and a recently reintroduced population of greater sage grouse, both listed by the state as threatened with extinction. The sage grouse is also a candidate for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act. Both sharp-tailed and sage grouse have returned to similar restored fields, and this restoration project is expected to produce similar results. The department allows hunting for mule deer, hiking, and bird watching on the land. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2072)

Projects in Mason County

Forterra

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

Conserving Little Skookum Inlet Forest and Shoreline

Forterra will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for land on the southern shore of Little Skookum Inlet in Mason County. The land consists of 816 acres of working forests, wetlands, and nearly 2 miles of Puget Sound shoreline. The preservation agreement would extinguish the development rights and expand the no-cut buffers from 50 to 90 feet up to 150 feet on the salmon-bearing streams and 100 feet on the marine shoreline, permanently protecting the working forest and the land's environmental benefits. Preventing development prevents damages to water quality, salmon habitat, shoreline processes, and cultural resources. The property has been actively managed as a working forest for more than 150 years by Port Blakely Tree Farms, generating multiple rotations of timber and supplying local mills. However, the property has been zoned for rural residential development, and plans drawn up for its development. Development would not only impact generations of local forest products, habitat, and cultural resources, but would be detrimental to the productive – and commercially lucrative – shellfish growing areas in the inlet. Forterra will contribute \$760,012 in another grant, a private grant, and a state grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (17-1206)

Mason County

Grant Awarded: \$250,000

Improving the Hood Canal School Multipurpose Field

Mason County will use this grant to build a new field on top of Hood Canal School's football/soccer field and track, in Mason County. The County will install drainage and irrigation and top off the fields with grass. An all-weather, 6-lane track will surround the field. The County also will add pathways and parking. The improved site will be used for soccer, football, rugby, track, summer activity camps, and year-round community programs. The improvements will benefit the students, 75 percent who receive free and reduced meals, of Hood Canal School during school hours. Mason County will contribute \$665,550 in a local grant and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1929)

Port of Grapeview

Grant Awarded: \$396,112

Buying Waterfront Property on Case Inlet

The Port of Grapeview will use this grant to buy two waterfront parcels, which include 60 feet of shoreline, next to its boat launch on Case Inlet. The land is in a recreational and residential

community in rural Mason County. Mason County has no parks devoted to saltwater access on the west side of Case Inlet along the 10 miles of shoreline in its jurisdiction. The boat ramp had almost 900 launches in one month in 2014. The Port of Grapeview will contribute \$132,038 in cash and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2774)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$2,111,476** **Buying Land along Kennedy Creek**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 830 acres in a proposed Natural Resources Conservation Area along Kennedy Creek that connects to the Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve. The purchase would increase protection for one of the few remaining high-quality salt marsh communities in Puget Sound, including vital habitat for migrating shorebirds. The site also provides recreation and environmental education opportunities for one of the fastest growing counties in southern Puget Sound. The acquisition area is known for its robust fall run of Chum Salmon, which has an average of 20,000 fish returning annually to spawn in Kennedy Creek. The project area also provides habitat for Coastal Cutthroat Trout, steelhead, and Coho Salmon. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1418)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$110,000** **Maintaining Tahuya State Forest 4x4 Trails**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a part-time recreation specialist and a full-time equipment operator and to buy a hydraulic dump trailer and minor equipment and small tools to maintain the Tahuya State Forest, in Mason County. The crew will trim overgrown brush, maintain water drainage structures, lay crushed rock to harden small sections of trail, fix trail surfaces, and inspect and maintain bridges. By completing this project, the department will be able to continue to provide year-round 4x4 opportunities. There are very limited 4x4 opportunities in Washington and especially a trail system that is open daily. There is a strong volunteer labor force that supports these maintenance activities. The department will contribute \$31,200 in staff labor and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2472)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$198,000** **Maintaining the Tahuya and Green Mountain Trail and Facilities**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 200 miles of trails, 5 campgrounds, and 5 trailheads, in Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests. The grant will fund a trail specialist, trail technician, and seasonal crews to support volunteers and to perform

routine trail and support facility maintenance. The crew will cut overgrown brush, install water drainage structures, fix trail surfaces, re-route small sections of trail, maintain bridges, install signs, and maintain trailheads, restrooms, campsites, and parking areas. The department will contribute \$97,900 in staff labor and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2423)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$141,100** **Providing Patrols in Tahuya and Green Mountain Forests**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a recreation warden and additional department police services to patrol 200 miles of trail, 5 campgrounds, and 5 trailheads in the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests and Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area, near Bremerton. The recreation warden will focus on off-road vehicle compliance, identifying and correcting safety issues, and educating visitors about rules, regulations, and the principles of good stewardship. Additionally, the warden will help organized trail events in the forests. The grant also will be used to acquire needed equipment. The department will contribute \$145,000 in staff labor and donations of 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](#). (16-2473)

More projects in Mason County are listed under "Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.

Projects in Okanogan County

Tonasket Junior Baseball **Grant Awarded: \$250,000** **Renovating Chief Tonasket Park Ball Fields**

The nonprofit Tonasket Junior Baseball will use this grant to renovate the baseball/softball fields in Chief Tonasket Park. Work will include re-developing and positioning one softball field and one combination field to be used for T-ball, rookies, minors, majors, and softball teams. The fields also will get new infields, improved drainage, additional irrigation, new landscaping, and upgraded dugouts, bleachers, fences, pathways, and restrooms. The renovations are expected to increase the functionality of the ball field site and provide better play opportunities for players. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2033)

Twisp
Renovating the Twisp Sports Complex

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

The Town of Twisp in Okanogan County will use two grants to begin renovating a baseball field and a soccer field in the Twisp Sports Complex, a 10-acre area at the south end of town. Currently, the fields overlap and only one sport can be played at a time. The Town will re-orient and renovate the baseball field and move the soccer field, allowing simultaneous play. In addition, the Town will install irrigation. This is the first phase of the renovation and it is expected that in time, the area will be fully renovated to include more fields, an open play area, parking lots, a restroom, a concession building, and connecting paths. One grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and one is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2023 and 16-2084)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Methow Valley Ranger District Campgrounds

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund a crew to maintain 24 campgrounds. The crew, with the help of volunteer campground hosts, will repair roads, control noxious weeds, remove hazardous trees, provide visitor information and collect fees, clean and maintain outhouses, mow grass, collect garbage, and clean campsites. People travel from all over the world to the Methow Valley to camp, hike, mountain climb, horseback ride, hunt, fish, ride off-road vehicles, watch wildlife, and countless other activities. The Forest Service will contribute \$225,100 in a federal appropriation and donations of 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](#). (16-2526)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Methow Valley Ranger District Trails

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund a full-time, four-person crew for two seasons to remove fallen trees on about 325 miles of trail in and around the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas in Okanogan County. The crew also will remove overgrown bushes and maintain trail surfaces and drainage structures on segments with the greatest need. The work will restore and maintain access to trails in the most remote wilderness and scenic destinations in Washington State. The trails are used by hikers, backpackers, equestrians, and mountain bikers. Several groups, including the Washington Trails Association, Back Country Horseman of Washington, Pacific Crest Trail Association, and Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance donate more than 4,000 hours of time to maintaining the trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$124,438 in equipment, staff labor, and

donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2499)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$104,484

Maintaining Tonasket Ranger District Campgrounds

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Tonasket Ranger District will use this grant to support the operation and maintenance of 13 campgrounds across the district. Crews will replace toilets and maintain water systems, buildings, and other campground amenities, such as parking barriers, picnic tables, fire grates, site numbers, campground loop roads, and signs. The work will be done by seasonal staff and campground host volunteers at these campgrounds: Beaver Lake Beth Lake, Bonaparte Lake, Cottonwood, Crawfish Lake, Fourteen Mile, Kerr, Long, Lost Lake, Oriole, Salmon Meadows, Sugarloaf, Swamp, and Tiffany Springs. The Forest Service will contribute \$63,200 in staff labor and donations of 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](#). (16-2226)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$171,102

Providing Education and Enforcement in the Methow Valley

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund three seasonal rangers and several volunteers to provide education and enforcement in high use, non-motorized recreation areas for two seasons. The rangers and volunteers will enforce regulations and teach visitors about minimizing their impact on the environment. They will focus on popular recreation areas along the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, the Harts Pass Area, the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness Areas, Pacific Crest Trail, and Pacific Northwest Scenic Trail. These areas are used by hikers, backpackers, mountain bikers, climbers, photographers, wildlife viewers, backcountry skiers, pack and saddle stock users, hunters, and anglers. The Forest Service will contribute \$173,900 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of 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](#). (16-2540)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$77,604

Providing Methow Valley Climbing Rangers

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund two climbing rangers and two volunteers to patrol popular climbing routes in the district. The district has more than 400 published climbing routes, and the rangers will make contact with thousands of climbers. The goals of the program are to educate climbers on

environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices, determine educational needs, collect use and resource data, identify environmental impacts, continue building relationships within the community and with climbing organizations, and enforce regulations. The popularity of climbing continues to grow, and two modern guidebooks published in the past 4 years draw people from all over the world to the area. Climbers make up about 10,800 visitor use days in a single season. The Forest Service will contribute \$58,260 in staff labor and donations of 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](#). (16-2384)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Improving the Palmer Lake Boat Launch Facility

Grant Awarded: \$164,700

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to improve the boat launch facilities at the Palmer Lake Campground in northern Okanogan County. The department will build a concrete plank boat ramp, renovate two outhouses, and improve the parking area near the boat launch and outhouses. At 2,032 acres, Palmer Lake is the second largest lake in Okanogan County. The department will contribute \$18,400 in equipment, staff labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2446)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Renovating the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area Campground

Grant Awarded: \$245,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife use will this grant to renovate 10 campgrounds in the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area, which is between the towns of Loomis and Conconully in Okanogan County. The department will formalize campsites by installing fire rings, picnic tables, and grading parking and camping spots. The department also will renovate pathways to restrooms so they are accessible to people with disabilities. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1707)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring the Methow Forest

Grant Awarded: \$603,875

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to burn 1,114 acres in the Methow Wildlife Area and thin 593 acres of forest 4 miles north of Twisp of State Highway 20 to restore the forest. Historically the wildlife area had frequent, low intensity fires, which burned the lower plants and shrubs and kept the forest open. Decades of fire suppression have transformed the open ponderosa pine stands to dense forests. This unnatural state is both unhealthy, contributing to a loss of understory plants and trees, and a contributor to the severe fires of the past 2 years in the county. By reintroducing controlled fire to the landscape, some of the build-

up is burned and the risk of high severity fires is reduced, improving overall forest health and structure, wildlife habitat, and forest resiliency. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1461)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$79,406 **Grooming Sno-Parks and Snowmobile Trails in the Okanogan Highlands**

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow and groom 16 sno-parks, 9 staging areas, and 650 miles of snowmobile trail in the Okanogan Highlands from Loup Summit to Sherman Pass east of Republic, and to the westerly extent of the Methow Valley around Winthrop. Crews will plow the sno-parks as needed and groom the trails at least weekly for two winters. The area is the second most popular snowmobile riding area in the state. State Parks will contribute \$79,406. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2513)

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Projects in Pacific County

Port of Willapa Harbor Grant Awarded: \$642,000 **Continuing Redevelopment of the Tokeland Marina**

The Port of Willapa Harbor will use this grant to design and build a shower and restroom building and replace the dual purpose moorage and boarding float in the Tokeland Marina located at the mouth of Willapa Bay in Pacific County. The current 43-year-old float is unsafe and dilapidated and its ramp is a bottleneck for the 200 boats using it a day. The new float will provide guest moorage on its outer sides. Currently there are no showers available at the marina or adjoining marina's recreational vehicle park, which primarily serves boaters. This is the third phase of the marina redevelopment project, which has included a new restroom building near new guest floats, a pumpout station, and landscaping. Tokeland has become a regional fishing destination with great fishing opportunities for smaller recreational boats and generous bag limits on salmon. The Port of Willapa Harbor will contribute \$241,000. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2414)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$2,211,803**
Expanding the Bone and Niawiakum Rivers Natural Area Preserves

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 447 acres in two coastal natural area preserves that include the Bone and Niawiakum Rivers. These coastal wetland and estuary ecosystems are among the highest quality examples remaining of native coastal salt marsh communities in Washington. The superb wetlands of the two preserves are recognized as national priorities for protection. These two sites protect seven important wetland communities that were identified in the state Natural Heritage Plan as priorities for protection. The forests adjacent to the salt marshes protect a large portion of both rivers' watersheds and provide nesting habitat for bald eagles, marbled murrelets, great blue herons, and a range of other species. The upper reaches of the Niawiakum River sloughs support rare wetlands that transition from those dominated by tides and saltwater to those dominated by freshwater. The river, slough channels, and tidal mudflats provide habitat for Coastal Cutthroat Trout and salmon, invertebrates, waterfowl, and shorebirds. The remaining undeveloped lands are threatened with conversion to housing developments. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1412)

Another project in Pacific County is listed under "Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.

Projects in Pierce County

Edgewood **Grant Awarded: \$500,000**
Building Edgewood's First Community Park

The City of Edgewood, in Pierce County, will use this grant to develop 18 acres into its first community park. In this first phase of development, the City will build a half-mile loop trail, a playground that accommodates people with disabilities, a picnic shelter, grass amphitheater, restroom, multi-use programmable space, and a permanent site for the iconic 1902 Edgewood-Nyholm windmill that will generate power for the park. Edgewood has a population of 9,501 and has remained largely undeveloped. That is beginning to change and Edgewood is starting to see significant development both along State Route 161 and all over the city. Edgewood will contribute more than \$2.6 million in cash, a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1826)

Lakewood
Improving the Waterfront in Harry Todd Park

Grant Awarded: \$475,840

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to improve the waterfront in the 17-acre Harry Todd Park, on the south side of American Lake, in Pierce County. The City will improve access to the waterfront by creating pathways from parking lots to the shoreline for people using wheelchairs, replacing a failing bulkhead, creating areas to launch non-motorized watercraft, and enhancing the swimming beach, open areas, and picnic areas. Currently, people must travel down a very steep hill to get to docks for fishing. The City will make that pathway accessible by wheelchair. The park is in Tillicum, a geographically isolated and extremely low income area. It is the only community park in the area and the only free waterfront public access. There are no other public docks on American Lake where fishing is allowed. Lakewood will contribute \$600,000 in cash and a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1824)

Nisqually Land Trust
Conserving the Middle Ohop Creek

Grant Awarded: \$215,818

The Nisqually Land Trust will use this grant to buy and start restoration of 32 acres along Ohop Creek, one of the two main tributaries to the Nisqually River. The land is near Eatonville, in Pierce County, and includes nearly a quarter-mile of Ohop Creek. The land will extend, enhance, and buffer habitat for 196 species and includes priority spawning habitat for five species of native Pacific salmon, including Chinook Salmon and steelhead trout, both of which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. The land includes 6.5 acres north of the creek, predominantly fallow pasture, and south of the creek – 16.5 acres of fallow pasture in the floodplain and 9 acres of forested bluff. The land trust will demolish four structures in poor condition on the land. The Nisqually Land Trust will contribute \$215,819 in cash, a grant from the salmon recovery program, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1920)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Evans Creek Off-road Vehicle Trails

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain the Evans Creek off-road vehicle trails and facilities. The Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle Campground is off State Route 165 in Pierce County, just north of the Mowich Lake entrance to Mount Rainier National Park. The grant, combined with federal Recreation Pass collections, will pay for an equipment operator, a four-person crew, and a program manager who will coordinate daily maintenance activities. It also will pay for supplies and materials for the trail

work. The Forest Service will contribute \$76,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2524)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$180,000

Replacing Greenwater Lakes Trail Bridges

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to repair five bridges on the Greenwater Lakes Trail, which is one of the most popular stock trails in the national forest. At 14 miles long, the trail provides access to the Norse Peak Wilderness Area. Five footlogs, which are simple footbridges consisting often of a single log hewn flat on one side, were built between 25-30 years ago, and they are all in disrepair. One has tipped and is unsafe to cross, two are rotten but still in use, one has collapsed, and another is close behind. Crews will replace the bridges and eliminate two poorly designed horse fords. The crews will build two bridges for stock to replace two of the footlogs, eliminating the need for horses and other stock to be in the river and on very eroded access trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$192,754 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2793)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Maintaining Elbe Hills Off-Road Vehicle Trails

Grant Awarded: \$178,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a part-time recreation specialist, a seasonal equipment operator, a seasonal crew, and small tools to maintain more than 13 miles of off-road vehicle trails, a trailhead, and a camping area in Elbe Hills State Forest, which is near Elbe in Pierce County. The crew will trim overgrown brush, maintain water drainage structures, lay crushed rock to harden small sections of trail, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, remove litter, and clean restrooms. The Elbe Hills off-road vehicle trail system is highly technical and heavily used and the trails and campground are open year-round. There is a strong volunteer labor force that supports these maintenance activities. The department will contribute \$123,500 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of equipment and volunteer 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](#). (16-2399)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Maintaining the Nicholson Horse Trail System in Elbe Hills State Forest

Grant Awarded: \$141,300

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a natural resources specialist and seasonal crew, equipment, and materials to maintain 40 miles of the Nicholson Horse Trail,

3 trailheads, and a campground in Elbe Hills State Forest, between Elbe and Ashford, in Pierce County. The crew will remove overgrown bushes from the trail, maintain water drainage structures, harden and re-route small sections of trail, remove litter, and repair and maintain restrooms, campsites, fences, and high-line poles. This area provides a unique opportunity for hikers and horse and stock riders to camp along trails with spectacular views of Mount Rainier. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington provide volunteer labor to help maintain this trail. The department will contribute \$149,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2393)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Moving a Campground in Elbe Hills State Forest

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy nearly 4 acres and build a campground in Elbe Hills State Forest, which is near Elbe in Pierce County. The department will decommission the existing campground and build one better suited to accommodate trucks, trailers, and larger recreational vehicle-style camp vehicles. The new campground also will be better for group camping and will help protect nearby sensitive wetlands. The campground provides overnight accommodations for four-wheel drive enthusiasts who use the forest's 13 miles of technical trails. The department will contribute \$521,000 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2400)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Planning the Penrose Point Pier Replacement

Grant Awarded: \$265,000

State Parks will use this grant to design and get permits to build a 160-foot-long pier, 35-foot-long gangway, and 140-foot-long floats at Penrose State Park, near Key Center in Pierce County. The pier is supported by a single line of aging pilings, and it sways significantly during lower tides and peak use. Design and permitting will include light-penetrating floats, upgrading utilities on the pier, replacing the restroom, and improving picnic facilities to comply with State Parks' goal for universal access. The pier and floats provide boater access to the 165-acre park with more than 2 miles of saltwater shoreline on Puget Sound. It is a very popular stop for recreational boaters and yacht clubs. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2565)

Wilkeson

Grant Awarded: \$43,122

Replacing Worn Out Play Structures in Wilkeson's Roosevelt Park

The Town of Wilkeson will use this grant to buy and install new playground equipment and wood chip ground cover, create pathways and parking accessible to people using wheelchairs, and level the play field. The park has the town's only playground, and the current play structures are old and falling apart. Roosevelt Park was the site of low income apartments in the 1930s. While the apartments were demolished by 1970, historic sidewalks and stairs still exist around the play structures. The sidewalks will be kept for a historic setting and an interpretive plinth will be added. Older sidewalks will be widened by adding adjacent hardened paths. In the play field, the Town will remove the sidewalks and curbing that obstruct safe play, add topsoil, and hydroseed. Wilkeson will contribute \$43,122 in cash, local and other grants, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1500)

Projects in San Juan County

Deer Harbor Marina

Grant Awarded: \$191,760

Expanding Deer Harbor Marina

Deer Harbor Marina LLC in San Juan County will use this grant to buy and install two new floats, adding 380 feet of visitor moorage. A 120-foot-long float will extend east of the marina's dogleg dock towards the fuel dock, adding 240 feet of moorage on the south end of the marina. A 70-foot-long float will add 140 feet of moorage on the north side of the marina. The new floats will add much needed nightly moorage space in the heart of the San Juan Islands, one of the busiest cruising grounds in Washington State and on the West Coast. These floats also will protect the current visitor moorage from southerly winds and vessel wakes in Deer Harbor. Deer Harbor is on the southwest side of Orcas Island in the center of the international boating destination of the San Juan Islands. Deer Harbor Marina averages 3,000 boater nights a year. The floats will expand the visitor moorage capacity of the marina by 18 percent and adequately meet the need of the growing boating community. Deer Harbor Marina will contribute \$133,240. This grant is from the [Boating Infrastructure Grant](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1610)

Port of Friday Harbor

Grant Awarded: \$609,760

Renovating Visitor Moorage in the Port of Friday Harbor

The Port of Friday Harbor will use this grant to renovate 76 visitor moorage slips for boats 26 to 40 feet long in the Friday Harbor Marina on San Juan Island. The Port will replace the water

and install new power pedestals and a guest services check-in kiosk. Renovating these moorage slips, which were built in 1985, is the highest priority in the port's waterfront master plan. Located in the San Juan Islands, the 500-slip marina is the central guest moorage hub. It is next to Washington State ferries and hosts a U.S. Customs Port of Entry and international seaplane base. The marina welcomes more than 15,000 overnight guest boaters a year and is one of the busiest recreational harbors on the West Coast. Fees from visitor moorage make up 22 percent of the port's annual marina budget. The Port of Friday Harbor will contribute \$214,240. This grant is from the [Boating Infrastructure Grant](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1593)

San Juan County Land Bank Buying Zylstra Lake and Shoreline

Grant Awarded: \$1,067,225

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to buy 280 acres including Zylstra Lake and its shoreline, on San Juan Island. The lake is well known to islanders and visitors as shimmering water in the distance. Highly visible from San Juan Valley Road, the land has been privately owned since the days of early settlement. Ironically for an island, San Juan has virtually no public access to water warm enough for swimming. Private lakes, where the community used to go are now off limits, except for a small private lake used for sailing programs. The County envisions a park along the lake that gives people access to the water for paddle-powered craft, along with nature trails for walking. Zylstra, with its central location on the island, ample shoreline, and large, 50-acre area, is critical to restoring access to the water for the public. The San Juan County Land Bank will contribute more than \$1.2 million in a federal grant and a voter-approved levy. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1627)

San Juan County Land Bank Conserving Mount Grant

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to buy 121 acres on Mount Grant, which is near the center of San Juan Island, in San Juan County. Views from the summit extend nearly 360 degrees, taking in Vancouver Island, Turtleback Mountain and Mount Constitution on Orcas Island, Mount Baker, and the Cascade and Olympic Mountains, and more. Already subdivided for development, the land has a road to the summit allowing access for people with limited mobility. The land bank also has completed trails around the summit. While the area is open to the public, nearly half of the \$3 million purchase price remains unfunded. Mount Grant is unique on San Juan Island, where all other ridges and hilltops are privately owned or accessibly only by trail. For many, the first trip to the top is a revelation of something they had never imagined seeing on the island, a spectacular mountain-top preserve accessible to all. The San Juan County Land Bank will contribute \$2 million in voter-approved bonds and donations of cash. This grant

is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1613)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Renovating the Point Doughty Campground**

Grant Awarded: \$111,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build two beach access stairways, renovate a quarter-mile of trail, and install picnic tables and interpretative signs in the Point Doughty Campground, on the north side of Orcas Island, near Eastsound. The existing stairway connecting the campground to the beach is in disrepair and the other path used to get to the beach on the south end of the property has eroded away. Interpretative signs will be focused on environmental education relevant to the Point Doughty Natural Area Preserve in the San Juan Islands. This campground is surrounded by private land and can be accessed only by water and is used by boaters and kayakers. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$43,000 in a state appropriation and staff labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1662)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Buying Land on Lawrence Point for Moran State Park**

Grant Awarded: \$2,874,520

State Parks will use this grant to buy 134 acres on Lawrence Point to improve visitors' access to the water in Moran State Park. Although Moran is one of Washington's iconic state parks in the San Juan Islands, it surprisingly has little saltwater shoreline. The acquisition, which is within Moran's long-term boundary, is surrounded by existing State Parks' land and would provide an excellent location for hiking trails, would give visitors incredible views of other islands and the mainland, and would make management of the larger park less complicated for staff. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1985)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Buying Land within Moran State Park**

Grant Awarded: \$1,303,000

State Parks will use this grant to buy 140 acres of a 164-acre property that is surrounded by Moran State Park, on Orcas Island in San Juan Island County. The land has been a priority acquisition for more than 85 years and in 2015 it became available. It is imperative for State Parks to act quickly. By buying the land, State Parks nearly will eliminate the donut hole that exists; provide biking and hiking trails throughout the property, protect the views, and protect the large wetlands, streams, grasslands, and imperiled plant associations from development. Moran State Park is a 5,579-acre park and sees more than 800,000 annual visitors. This grant is

from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1950)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$200,000**
Planning Sucia Island Moorage Replacement

State Parks will use this grant to design and get permits to replace a moorage facility on Sucia Island State Park, in the San Juan Islands. The moorage facilities were built more than 50 years ago and need replacing. State Parks also will conduct site and eelgrass surveys and study the feasibility of installing a boat pumpout at Sucia Island to serve recreational boaters. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2605)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$435,000**
Renovating San Juan Marine Area Boating Facilities

State Parks will use this grant to renovate the boating facilities at Matia and Doe Islands, in the San Juan Islands. The moorage at both islands were built in the late 1970s using old construction methods including creosote-treated pile and timber floats. Some of the materials need to be replaced. In addition, at Doe Island, storms damaged the pile and the gangway and float were removed and the facility closed. At both islands, State Parks will replace the moorage and landing floats and the piles and reinstall the gangways. In addition, at Doe Island, State Parks will replace the toilet and pier cross-bracing. State Parks will contribute \$50,000. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2606)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$200,000**
Replacing Stuart Island Moorage

State Parks will use this grant to design and get permits to replace the moorage facilities at Stuart Island State Park in the San Juan Islands. The moorage facilities at this popular destination were built more than 50 years ago and have exceeded their life span. Accessibility, safety, and environmental risks also support this immediate need. Included in this planning project are site and eelgrass surveys as well as environmental regulatory, permit, and the design process. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2602)

Projects in Skagit County

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$182,300** **Developing Parking at the Samish River Unit of the Skagit Wildlife Area**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife use will this grant to develop new facilities in the Samish River Unit of the Skagit Wildlife Area near the town of Bow in Skagit County. The department will build a gravel parking lot where none exists with room for 17 vehicles, install fences and gates, and build a pad for a portable outhouse. Part of project includes planting a wetland and making habitat improvements off site. The site is used primary for fishing, hunting, photography, and wildlife viewing. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1469)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$250,000** **Removing Cattails in the Skagit River Delta**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to remove invasive cattail from 200 acres in the Island Unit, which is on the South Fork Skagit River, between Steamboat and Freshwater Sloughs, in the Skagit Wildlife Area in Skagit County. Unlike native cattail, invasive cattail can colonize brackish waters and tolerate deeper water. Invasive cattail represents a threat to Bull Trout, juvenile Chinook salmon, and other salmon species by changing natural processes, water flow, and plant diversity in the Skagit River estuary. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1811)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$905,680** **Conserving Cypress Island**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 112 acres of privately owned waterfront on Cypress Island, in Skagit County. The department owns nearly 95 percent of the island and manages it as the Cypress Island Natural Area Preserve and Natural Resources Conservation Area. The natural area is unique because of its large size, ecological diversity, and level of existing protection. The island has no infrastructure or ferry service and limited development, all of which help increase protection. The natural area provides opportunities for directed public use and environmental education, while protecting critical habitat and rare plant communities. The threat of conversion is high due to continuously rising property values in the San Juan Islands and the attractiveness of Cypress Island for vacation homes and resorts. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1417)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Maintaining Blanchard and Harry Osborne Trails

Grant Awarded: \$132,200

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a maintenance steward and seasonal Washington Conservation Corps crews to maintain trails and trailheads in the Blanchard Forest Block and the Harry Osborne State Forest, in Skagit County. The crews will re-contouring trails, harden trail surfaces, maintain drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges, remove litter, and maintain parking areas, restrooms, and signs. Support for the project comes from a diverse user base, including the Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, free flight groups, mountain bike groups, and others. Working together these groups donate thousands of hours annually to the department's recreation maintenance efforts. The department will contribute \$132,358 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of equipment, volunteer 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](#). (16-2318)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Maintaining the Samish Overlook, Lily Lake, and Lizard Lake

Grant Awarded: \$58,650

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a maintenance steward and seasonal Washington Conservation Corps crews and to support volunteers to maintain the Samish Overlook day-use area and Lily Lake and Lizard Lake campgrounds, all of which are in the Blanchard forest area, in Skagit County. Crews will repair signs, remove litter, upgrade campsites, and maintain restrooms and two free-flight launch areas. Support for the project comes from diverse groups 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 will contribute \$58,752 in equipment, 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](#). (16-2317)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Maintaining Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Trails

Grant Awarded: \$198,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 36 miles of off-road vehicle trails and trailheads year-round in the Walker Valley forest block, east of Mount Vernon in Skagit County. The grant will fund a trail steward and part-time Washington Conservation Corps crews to perform routine maintenance and repairs. They will trim overgrown brush, maintain water drainage structures, lay crushed rock and concrete pavers to harden trail surfaces, inspect and maintain 22 bridges, remove litter, and maintain restrooms and signs. The department will

contribute \$200,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2454)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$145,000** **Providing Education and Enforcement in Skagit County**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a recreation warden to patrol three major recreation areas totaling more than 73,000 acres and more than 90 miles of trails in the northern Puget Sound area. Located in Skagit County, the three areas are 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 supervise volunteer efforts to educate visitors about the rules and principles of natural resource stewardship. The department of Natural Resources will contribute \$97,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of 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](#). (16-2419)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$590,000** **Redeveloping the Lake Campbell Access**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop Lake Campbell, which is south of Anacortes and west of La Conner, in Skagit County. The department will replace the launch ramp, add a boarding float, install a toilet, build a picnic shelter, and pave the parking lot. People visit Lake Campbell primarily to fish, water ski, boat, use personal watercraft, and watch wildlife. The improvements will increase safety during the launching and retrieval of boats. Paving the parking lot will make the site more useable and accessible and will decrease long-term maintenance costs. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2266)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$436,000** **Redeveloping the Skagit Wildlife Area Boat Launch**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the Headquarters boat launch in the Skagit Wildlife Area on Freshwater Slough, off the South Fork Skagit River in Skagit County. The department will renovate the launch, the approach, and dike area and install a pre-boarding platform and lighting in the adjacent parking lot. The department owns and manages about 12,000 acres in the Skagit Bay estuary and the boat launch is one of two public boat launches on the South Fork Skagit River that provide access to the estuary. People visit the estuary to hunt waterfowl, fish, boat, and watch wildlife. This boat launch is unique because it provides a protected launch site during higher river flows and direct access to Skagit Bay. This

grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2544)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Replacing Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Bridges**

Grant Awarded: \$47,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to replace two trail bridges in the Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Trails area, southeast of Mount Vernon. The new bridges will improve safety, trail alignments, and erosion. Volunteers will contribute about 100 hours of labor. The department will contribute \$31,500 in staff labor and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2456)

Another project in Skagit County is listed under "Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.

Projects in Skamania County

**Skamania County
Building a New Wind River Boat Launch**

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

Skamania County will use this grant to build a boat launch facility at the mouth of the Wind River. During fishing season the current launch site fills and cars choke the roadway into the site and State Route 14, causing a traffic hazard. The current launch area also has parking for only 18 trucks and trailers and only one parking spot for people with disabilities. The rest of the facility does not comply with laws meant to accommodate people with disabilities. At low water, the ramp tilts toward the water creating a hazard. The new launch area will be built near the bridge with easier access to the mouth of the Wind and Columbia Rivers. It will have parking for 100 trucks and trailers and 25 cars, and 5 spots for people with disabilities. The area also will have a two-lane boat ramp, restrooms, kiosk, and lighting. The current launch area will be restored to a natural setting for non-motorized launching and scenic viewing. Skamania County will contribute more than \$1.7 million in staff labor, materials, and a state grant. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2164)

More projects in Skamania County are listed under "Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.

Projects in Snohomish County

Arlington

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Building a Spray Park at Haller Park

The City of Arlington will use this grant to develop a spray park at Haller Park, a 50-year-old park that is undergoing a complete renovation. There are no other outdoor water features in the city and this will provide a safe alternative to swimming in the Stillaquamish River. Through community support and the engagement of the Arlington Rotary, the first two phases of renovation, which included a new playground, restroom, and boat launch, are nearly complete. Community support for this project has been extensive, including donations from the Arlington Rotary, the Stillaquamish Tribe, and the Friends of the Park. Arlington will contribute \$872,600 in donations of cash, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1308)

Bothell

Grant Awarded: \$250,000

Installing a Drainage System at Cedar Grove Park

The City of Bothell will use this grant to install a drainage system at Cedar Grove Park. Poor drainage at the field has severely limited the seasons for baseball, softball, and soccer. Cedar Grove Park is the only practice and game field in the north Bothell-Snohomish County section of the community. The field will be used much more if it can better handle the Northwest's wet spring and fall weather. Bothell will contribute \$250,000 in cash, staff labor, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1432)

Edmonds

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Developing the Edmonds Waterfront

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to remove an aged creosote parking pier and then rehabilitate the beach to increase habitat and access to the beach. The creosote pier is one of the last structures that extends into the beach and interrupts beachcombers, boaters, and habitat. In addition to removing the pier, the City will create the only hand-launch for boats along the popular Edmonds Waterfront, reroute the existing walkway to create a continuous path from Marina Beach to Brackett's Landing North, and improve the outdated storm water infrastructure. Edmonds will contribute \$915,743 in cash and a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2074)

Everett

Grant Awarded: \$750,000

Renovating the Phil Johnson Ball Fields

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use two grants to renovate four baseball/softball fields to multipurpose fields with artificial turf, permitting year-round play for baseball, softball, youth soccer, and youth lacrosse. The fields have artificial turf infield interiors and natural turf outfields. The synthetic infields are worn and after 15 years, have exceeded their initially projected lifespan. Accessibility improvements, both to and on the fields, will be implemented in the project, including field markings for adaptive softball/baseball play. In addition, a dirt area on the northeast section of the property and adjacent to the fields will be paved for parking 46 vehicles. Everett will contribute \$2 million. One grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and one is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1310 and 16-1311)

Marysville

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Developing Olympic View Park

The City of Marysville will use this grant to develop 3 of 7.48 acres for a community park next to the Ebey Waterfront Trail and the Qwulooit estuary. The City will clear and grade the land, build restrooms and play areas, landscape, and install parking and signs. The City also will provide access for hand-carried boats to Ebey Slough. Development of this site will provide an expanded community connection to a regional trail that will eventually provide access to Marysville's downtown by a 3.8-mile trail system for non-motorized use. Marysville will contribute \$835,912. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1843)

Mill Creek

Grant Awarded: \$250,000

Renovating the Fields and Lighting at Mill Creek Sports Park

The City of Mill Creek will use this grant to renovate the fields and lighting at the Mill Creek Sports Park's Freedom Field complex. The City will replace the synthetic turf; upgrade the lighting system at the field, skate park, and parking lot; install a new lighting control system; and add a gate to the field fencing as a primary entrance from the main parking lot. The new synthetic turf will have baseball, softball, and soccer lines inlaid in the surface, which will reduce the amount of staff time needed to lay temporary field markings for each sport. The lighting system will get LED (light-emitting diode) lights, which will increase the lifespan of the lighting system and save monthly utility costs. Mill Creek will contribute \$515,112 in cash and another grant. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1971)

PCC Farmland Trust Conserving Bailey Farm

Grant Awarded: \$569,511

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to conserve 270 acres of Snohomish County's best farmland. Bailey Farm is in the southeast corner of the Marshland Flood Control District in the highly productive Snohomish River valley. It is zoned for agriculture with 8 percent of the land in the Snohomish River floodway. Conservation of Bailey Farm will help preserve the ecological integrity of the county's prime farmland, as well as critical upland and wetland. Bailey Farm is a fifth-generation family farm and was designated a Centennial Farm by Snohomish County. Bailey Farm provides opportunities for surrounding communities to experience a farm firsthand through school field trips, a large u-pick vegetable operation, and farm stand. In recognition of this farm's importance in the community, this project is supported by Snohomish County. PCC Farmland Trust contributed \$582,000 in Conservation Futures.⁴ This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1360)

PCC Farmland Trust Conserving the Reiner Farm in the Tualco Valley

Grant Awarded: \$814,010

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to conserve 200 acres of Reiner Farm in the Tualco Valley, one of Snohomish County's core agricultural communities. Five times the average county farm size, Reiner Farm also has some of Snohomish County's best farmland, 2 miles of riverfront along the Skykomish River, and a 200-foot buffer along the river, providing high quality wildlife habitat. The County will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, which will prevent the farm from being developed and ensure the land will be available for farming forever. Currently, Reiner Farm provides critical land for the neighboring Werkhoven Dairy, which milks 1,000 cows on 700 acres of owned and leased land, including Reiner farm. Reiner Farm produces corn, silage, and hay, and its rich U.S. Department of Agriculture prime soils are capable of supporting diversified row crops, berries and fruit, livestock, and grain production. The landowner, Dale Reiner, along with the Werkhovens, are part of the Sno/Sky Ag Alliance. Ten years ago, these producers began working collaboratively with their neighbors—Northwest Chinook Recovery and the Tulalip Tribes—to achieve a common goal of environmental preservation and sustainable agriculture. In addition to pursuing grants to secure the farmland, PCC Farmland Trust is working with partners to acquire additional funding to conserve the shoreline and wildlife habitat areas of the property. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$814,010 in donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and](#)

⁴Conservation 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.

[Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1358)

Port of Everett

Grant Awarded: \$1,440,000

Building Fisherman's Harbor Dock Walk

The Port of Everett will use this grant to develop Fisherman's Harbor Dock Walk along the western edge of the port's new Fisherman's Harbor development in the Central Marina. The Port will build an 8-foot-wide, 750 feet long float with 12, 50-foot-long finger floats, which will add an additional 600 feet of moorage for up to 30 boats. The Port also will build an 80-foot-long gangway to provide access to the south. Finally, the Port will install electrical, water, and sewer service and a fire suppression system. The north end of the new dock will connect to an existing float system, allowing people to travel along the entire length of the eastern bulkhead. The new dock will be below an elevated walkway and patio with outdoor restaurant seating and views of the marina. The port has nine guest docks, and hosted more than 7,800 boaters in 2015. Only one visitor dock is in the Central Marina, and it can accommodate only four boats. This dock is heavily used by boaters wishing to visit the four restaurants, hotel, and shops next to the dock. Visiting boaters increased 31 percent in 2015, and 8 percent so far in 2016. This new dock is needed to support this growth. The Port of Everett will contribute more than \$2.2 million. This grant is from the [Boating Infrastructure Grant](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1655)

Snohomish County

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

Closing One of Three Gaps in the North Creek Regional Trail

The Snohomish County Department of Public Works will use this grant to develop 1.15 miles of the North Creek Regional Trail, between State Route 524 on the south and the intersection of Winesap Road and Sprague Drive on the north. This is the first of three construction projects planned to close the final significant gap in the regional trail in unincorporated Snohomish County. Closure of this gap is the County's highest priority for trails for non-motorized use. The proposed trail generally will run parallel to State Route 527 and will be a paved, 12-foot-wide path bordered by 2-foot-wide shoulders. The trail links transit facilities, Centennial Park in Bothell, and critical public services such as medical facilities, schools, and businesses. Snohomish County will contribute \$3.6 million in cash and a state grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2027)

Snohomish County
Developing Whitehorse Trail

Grant Awarded: \$1,090,000

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to develop 6.5 miles of the Whitehorse Trail from its junction with the Centennial Trail to the State Route 530 crossing west of Cicero and a 6-mile stretch from C-Post Road to Swede Heaven Road. The county will grade the original rail bed, install base material, and re-surface the trail with gravel. The Whitehorse Trail is a 28-mile regional, multi-use trail that winds through the North Fork Stillaguamish River valley along an abandoned rail line. The trail stretches from Arlington to Darrington, frequently paralleling State Route 530 and the North Fork Stillaguamish River, rewarding visitors with views of forests, farmland, and mountains. Completing and opening the Whitehorse Trail will offer Snohomish County residents more than 62 miles of contiguous trail with its connection to the Centennial Trail in Arlington. Finishing the trail linkage will not only connect the two municipalities, but also will create a vital tourism arterial, providing a base to further access backcountry trails on land owned by the Washington Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Forest Service in the northeastern county. Snohomish County will contribute more than \$1 million. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1813)

Snohomish County
Planning the Renovation of the Kayak Point Boat Launch

Grant Awarded: \$195,491

Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to plan the renovation of the Kayak Point boat launch and prepare the project for construction. Installation of a second launch lane, courtesy dock, and possible mooring buoys are being considered and will be refined through the design process. Located on the eastern shore of Port Susan, Kayak Point Park provides more than a half-mile of access to Puget Sound. The park is easily one of Snohomish County's most popular facilities, and built in the 1970s, is long overdue for renovation. This project is being pursued in conjunction with renovation of the entire day-use area of the park. Snohomish County will contribute \$83,782. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2563)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Darrington Backcountry Trails

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to pay for four seasonal trail crew members during two summers to maintain about 200 miles of trails district-wide. The trails provide overnight and backcountry hiking and equestrian experiences near Seattle and Everett. The Forest Service crew will work in the more remote

wilderness areas of the district including those off the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway and portions of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and its access trails. The crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, and perform heavier backlog maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2259)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$538,000**
Developing the Stanwood Hamilton Landing Boat Access Site

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop a boat launch for motorized, trailerable boats at Hamilton Landing near the confluence of the Stillaguamish River with Port Susan and Skagit Bay in Stanwood. The department will design and build a launching ramp, parking lot, and restroom. People visit Hamilton Landing primarily to fish, hunt waterfowl, and watch wildlife. The landing is undeveloped except for a relic smoke stake and a primitive boat launch that is rarely used. The new boat launch will provide access to more than 7,000 acres of state-owned land in the Stillaguamish and Skagit Bay estuaries. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2494)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$90,949**
Maintaining the Reiter Foothills Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a seasonal crew to maintain off-road vehicle trails and facilities in Reiter Foothills Forest, near Gold Bar in eastern Snohomish County. The crew will trim overgrown brush, remove fallen trees and branches, maintain water drainage structures, fix trail surfaces, maintain signs, remove litter, and clean restrooms. The department will contribute \$91,605 in a state appropriation, staff labor, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2439)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$146,200**
Renovating Morning Star Trails and Campground

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to renovate 1 mile of backcountry hiking trail and six backcountry campsites, and build three small pedestrian bridges along the Walt Bailey Trail and Cutthroat Lakes Campground, in eastern Snohomish County. The trail is accessed from the Mountain Loop Highway via Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest 4032 Road. The department will excavate and resurface the trail and install water drainage features, rock steps, timber trail cribbing, and signs. Renovation of the backcountry campsites will include

building tent pads, adding log benches for campfire seating, and installing drainage features. By renovating the failed portions of this trail system, adding needed bridges, and formalizing backcountry campsites with built-in amenities, this project will satisfy a need and provide relief to other overused trails nearby, ultimately lessening the environmental impact to the whole region. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$41,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1541)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$48,757

Building a Trail to the Top of Frog Mountain

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to build a 3.8-mile trail for hikers and equestrians from Jacks Pass to the summit of Frog Mountain. The Forest Service also will improve the gravel pit at Jacks Pass for trailhead parking and install a toilet and bulletin board there. The trail features subalpine meadows and panoramic views from the 4,800-foot-high summit. The first .8 mile of the trail will be on a former forest service road, followed by 1.6 miles outside the wilderness area and 2.2 miles in the wilderness area. The trail would be built by the Washington Trails Association and Back Country Horsemen of Washington volunteers, Forest Service trail crews, youth corps, and contractors. This new trail will relieve congestion at nearby trails such as Blanca Lake Trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$90,220 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2687)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

Maintaining Mountain Loop Byway Trails, Trailhead, and Campsites

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to fund four seasonal employees for 2 years to maintain 21 trailheads, trails, and dispersed campsites along the Mountain Loop Byway. The byway provides more than 100,000 visitors with access to the South Fork Stillaguamish and Sauk River valleys. One seasonal employee would be a field supervisor, who also would coordinate volunteer groups and provide logistics, materials, and oversight on projects. The combination of hikes, both arduous and easy, along with high mountain lakes, stunning vistas, and unique natural features has long made this a favorite with the Seattle and Everett communities. Local, regional, and international visitors enjoy the byway and its facilities for many activities, including day hiking, backpacking, picnicking, camping, hunting, and scenic driving. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2238)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$63,500

Restoring the North Fork Skykomish Trail Complex after Floods and Storms

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest’s Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to restore 34.5 miles of the North Fork Skykomish Trail system, which was damaged severely during 2015 flood and wind events. The trail system is impassable with more than 200 logs to remove and 5 major stream ford washouts. There also are plugged culverts, ditches, and water bars that require maintenance. Removing overgrown bushes and repairing trail surfaces also is needed badly. This system of hiker and equestrian trails includes West Cady Ridge, North Fork Skykomish, Pass Creek, Quartz Creek, and Bald Eagle Trails, almost all in the Wild Sky and Henry M. Jackson Wilderness areas. These trails are the premiere stock trails in the ranger district. The system features old growth forests, subalpine meadows, lofty mountain views from ridges, a variety of loop options for day and overnight trips, and access to the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. The maintenance work will restore this popular and critical trail system to safe passage by stock and hikers, stop ongoing erosion from plugged drainage structures, and reduce the maintenance backlog. Forest Service trail crews and contractors and volunteers from the Washington Trails Association will do the work. The Forest Service will contribute \$65,400 in a federal appropriation, 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](#). (16-2573)

More projects in Snohomish County are listed under “Multiple Counties” at the end of this document.

Projects in Spokane County

Spokane

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

Buying Land along the Spokane River

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy more than 31 acres, including more than three-quarter mile of shoreline along the Spokane River, less than 2 miles from downtown. The purchase will allow the City to develop the only fishing area on a free-flowing reach of the Spokane River accessible to people with disabilities. The uniqueness of the site will allow the public to fish throughout the summer when the river level drops on one of the most scenic and biologically productive portions of the river. Buying the land also will preserve the opportunity to move the Centennial Trail off streets and onto a separated path, will facilitate a trail connection to Spokane Falls Community College, and will preserve a well-used single-track trail. Spokane will contribute more than \$1.9 million in Conservation Futures and a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife](#)

[and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1527)

Spokane Developing South Gorge Trailheads

Grant Awarded: \$307,360

The City of Spokane will use this grant to renovate two trailheads in the Peaceful Valley neighborhood and build about 1 mile of a trail for non-motorized use along the Spokane River between the trailheads. Spokane also will develop parts of the Peaceful Valley Conservation Area between the two trailheads to include picnic areas and natural landscaping. Connection to several short spur trails will provide access to the Spokane River. This trail segment will link neighborhoods, parks, and other trail systems, and create a new 3.5-mile loop with the Centennial Trail that can be accessed from downtown Spokane. Spokane will contribute more than \$1.1 million in cash, a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, a voter-approved levy, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1471)

Spokane Renovating the Southeast Youth Sports Complex

Grant Awarded: \$521,522

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use two grants to replace the neighborhood park and three baseball/softball fields with four multipurpose fields at the Southeast Youth Sports Complex. The new fields will be multipurpose and have natural turf. The City also will install a new playground, splash pad, restroom, large picnic shelter, and a small shelter. Finally, the City will expand the pathways accessible to wheelchairs and improve the landscaping. The Southeast Youth Sports Complex is used for youth soccer, lacrosse, and other field sports. Spokane will contribute \$255,000 in a grant from donations of cash, labor, and materials from KXLY/QueenB Broadcasting. One grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and one is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1902 and 16-1903)

Spokane County Developing Bidwell Park

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to continue developing the 20-acre Bidwell Park. The aquatics portion of the park has been completed but the remaining 16 acres still is undeveloped. The County will expand the green space, pave trails, landscape, and build a restroom, playground, picnic shelter, multi-use softball/soccer field, and more parking. Spokane County will contribute \$781,000 in cash, a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife](#)

[and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1918)

Spokane County Developing the Mica Peak Trail System

Grant Awarded: \$106,000

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to develop a 14-mile, multiple use trail system in the Mica Peak Conservation Area. The County also will do erosion control work and decommission a road to restore habitat. When completed, the trail system will provide a diverse, four-season experience with more than 2,000 feet of vertical elevation between the trailhead parking area and the eastern boundary of the property, taking recreationists from open Ponderosa pine forest all of the way up to the subalpine zone. The conservation area is 911 acres and connected to 640 acres of Washington Department of Natural Resources' land. With its large size, elevation, and proximity to more than 600,000 people, this project will significantly expand non-motorized, trail-based recreation in the region. Spokane County will contribute \$74,000 in Conservation Futures,⁵ staff labor, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2570)

Spokane Gun Club Renovating the Clubhouse at the Spokane Gun Club

Grant Awarded: \$51,110

The Spokane Gun Club will use this grant to renovate its clubhouse by replacing all the exterior doors with steel security doors, adding new floors, renovating or replacing the roof, and replacing the token target management system with a modern card-reader system. The Spokane Gun Club is one of the largest shotgun clubs in the western United States and hosts many trap and skeet competitions. The club also is home to the Washington State Amateur Trapshooting Association Hall of Fame and the Washington State National Skeet Shooting Association Hall of Fame. The Spokane Gun Club will contribute \$51,110 in donations of cash, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2233)

⁵⁵Conservation 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.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Building a Boat Decontamination Station in Spokane

Grant Awarded: \$285,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to install a boat decontamination facility at the Region 1 office in Spokane. The unit is a self-contained, single-lane facility complete with high-pressure hot water system and wastewater management system. The system requires electricity, water, and fuel, but is a closed so liquids are collected and contaminants are removed. Water-based invasive species threaten fish populations and water resources. One of the primary ways they spread is by hitching rides on boats and in-water equipment. The department will operate the decontamination facilities to inspect and clean boats, other watercraft, and equipment before allowing them to move to different water bodies. This project also will increase compliance with state law, which prohibits the transport of aquatic invasive species in Washington State. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2510)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Redeveloping the Williams Lake Access Site

Grant Awarded: \$647,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the boating access site on Williams Lake, 16 miles south of Cheney in Spokane County. The department will install a double-lane boat ramp, boarding float, and toilet, and will redesign the parking lot. The 317-acre Williams Lake is one of department's top producers of trout hosting an estimated 25,000 angler trips a year. People visit Williams Lake to fish, boat, and watch wildlife. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2264)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Renovating the Chapman Lake Boating Access Site

Grant Awarded: \$847,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the boating access site at Chapman Lake, 12 miles south of Cheney, in Spokane County. The department will install a concrete boat launch, boat loading float, toilet, lighting, and parking. People visit the 128-acre Chapman Lake primarily to fish, boat, and watch wildlife. This site, which provides the only boat access to the lake, had been closed since 2011. Chapman Lake is the only lake in the area providing anglers the unique opportunity to catch kokanee, which the department continues to stock annually here. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2313)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Restoring Pincroft Natural Area's Aridland Forest

Grant Awarded: \$83,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 80 acres of imperiled ponderosa pine forest and 20 acres of adjacent bunchgrass meadows in the Pincroft Natural Area Preserve near Spokane. The preserve is the largest remaining ponderosa pine-grassland ecosystem that once was prevalent throughout the Spokane Valley. The department will thin high-density stands of young trees to match densities that occurred when fires were frequent, remove downed wood to reduce the unnaturally high amounts of fuel for fires, remove invasive plants from the understory, and plant native vegetation. In addition, the department will restore two areas of the preserve that were historically bunchgrass meadows but now are dominated by invasive grasses and forbs, by controlling invasive plants, seeding, and planting. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1585)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Maintaining Riverside State Park's Off-Road Vehicle Area

Grant Awarded: \$128,116

State Parks will use this grant to help maintain Riverside State Park's off-road vehicle area, in Spokane County. The grant will fund one year-round park aide and vehicle, one part-time park aide, ranger supervision, and contracted labor. The crew will clean restrooms, restock educational materials and day pass envelopes, maintain fences and signs, pick up garbage, mow, plow snow, and maintain equipment and facilities. The grant also will fund hired labor to control noxious weeds and staff to complete special maintenance projects. Riverside State Park's off-road vehicle area is a 600-acre fenced area open to all types of off-road vehicles, including snowmobiles. As the only off-road vehicle park in the state park system, it sees about 90,000 visitors a year. State Parks will contribute \$58,805 in staff labor, materials, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2767)

Another project in Spokane County is listed under "Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.

Projects in Stevens County

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$100,000**
Hiring a Seasonal Maintenance Crew in the Colville National Forest

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to hire a seasonal crew for routine maintenance. The forest is more than 1 million acres in northeastern Washington. A 50 percent budget cut for recreation management in the past decade has slashed the permanent workforce from 9 employees to 4 and eliminated the temporary workforce completely in 2014. As a result, the Forest Service has not been able to perform adequate maintenance at recreation sites, while the littering, improper waste disposal, and vandalism has increased. The crew will remove garbage and graffiti, clean toilets and fire rings, remove safety hazards and remove noxious weeds, contact visitors, and support volunteers. The Forest Service will contribute \$100,000 in, equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of 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](#). (16-2729)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$86,500**
Hiring Off-Highway Vehicle Rangers in the Colville National Forest

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to hire two rangers, buy educational materials, and provide off-highway vehicle training in the Colville National Forest's South End Project area, near Spokane. The rangers will monitor routes identified for off-highway vehicles in future phases of the South End Project and educate the public about off-highway vehicle regulations, responsible trail riding etiquette, resource protection, and forest activities. The South End Project has 237 miles of routes designated for off-highway vehicles and another 129 miles to be opened. The end result will be a loop route connecting communities in two counties. The project area spans 191,000 acres with more than 57,000 visitors who participate in off-highway vehicle recreation annually in the forest. The rangers will be working to improve the relationship between the multiple users and will lead the Ambassador Program, which has volunteers who educate, self-patrol, and build relationships within the off-highway vehicle community. The Forest Service will contribute \$61,640 in a federal appropriation and donations of 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](#). (16-2583)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$187,000**
Expanding the Little Pend Oreille Radar Dome Trailhead

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy and develop 8 acres near the Radar Dome Trailhead in the Little Pend Oreille Trail system, in northern Stevens County on the eastside of State Highway 20. The department will build a day-use parking area and restroom,

and install fencing, kiosks, signs, and site furnishings. Located on the opposite side of Highway 20, the existing parking is a small open gravel area only large enough for a few cars at one time. The department will contribute \$21,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2447)

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Projects in Thurston County

Capitol Land Trust Protecting Lower Henderson Inlet Habitat

Grant Awarded: \$610,000

The Capitol Land Trust will use this grant to buy 106 acres and more than a mile of Puget Sound shoreline on the eastern shore of lower Henderson Inlet, in Thurston County, for an outdoor education preserve. The land, which is made up of the 51-acre Stillman Tree Farm and the 55-acre Harmony Farm, includes nearshore, estuarine, tributary, wetland, and upland habitat. It is used by many priority species including Chinook, Coho, and Chum salmon, steelhead, forage fish, shellfish, and numerous bird species. The land trust also will demolish structures on the land, control noxious weeds, install fencing and signs, and remove garbage. The Capitol Land Trust will contribute \$610,000 in Conservation Futures,⁶ a federal grant, and a grant from the salmon recovery program. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1916)

Olympia Building a Spray Ground and Picnic Shelter in Woodruff Park

Grant Awarded: \$446,380

The City of Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will use this grant to build a spray ground at Woodruff Park, on Harrison Avenue Northwest in Olympia. The City also will remodel the park restroom and utility building, adjust the landscaping, build a covered picnic shelter, add paths and parking accessible to wheelchairs, and install seating, irrigation, and park furnishings. The renovation will relieve the city's spray ground at Heritage Park Fountain, which was not designed to accommodate the amount of use it receives on hot summer days. This will be the first of several neighborhood spray grounds across the city. Letters of support have been received from the Olympia School District, the Olympia Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee,

⁶Conservation 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.

the Northwest Neighborhood Association and a nearby child care center. Olympia will contribute \$446,380. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1382)

Olympia
Buying Land in the West Bay Woods

Grant Awarded: \$164,927

The Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 2.8 acres of natural open space in the West Bay woods area, in west Olympia between West Bay Drive and Rogers Street. The purchase will conserve an important buffer next to an active Pacific great blue heron rookery as well as habitat for Cooper's hawks, falcons, owls, bats, deer, mountain beavers, coyotes, red foxes, and other smaller animals. The land also will provide a pedestrian trail connection between the neighborhood and West Bay. West Bay woods is part of an undeveloped, contiguous wildlife corridor that includes the Schneider Creek basin. This acquisition was identified as a priority by the community and is contained in the *Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan*. Olympia will contribute \$164,928 in voter-approved bonds. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1620)

Olympia
Buying the LBA Woods for a Park

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

The City of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy about 72 acres, locally known as the LBA woods, to develop a community park. The land is in southeast Olympia on Morse-Merryman Road, next to Little Baseball Association (LBA) Park. Buying the land will conserve one of the last large unprotected forested areas in Olympia. This project was the most requested project by the community and is a high priority in the city's parks and recreation plan. The project has strong support from community groups such as the LBA Woods Coalition, Coalition of Parks Advocates, and Olympia Coalition for Ecosystems Preservation. While most of the park will be used for passive recreation, a portion of the site may be used for active recreation such as athletic fields. Olympia will contribute more than \$3.8 million from another grant and voter-approved bonds. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1359)

Olympia
Conserving Kaiser Woods

Grant Awarded: \$170,231

The City of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 68.5 acres known locally as Kaiser Woods, southwest of Ken Lake in Olympia. The land would provide nature trails for hiking and mountain biking. Acquiring this property will protect one of the last

large unprotected forested areas in the city. These parcels will provide a significant natural open space area in an area of the community currently lacking this type of experience. The purchase has strong community support including from the Friends of Capitol Forest, Coalition for Park Advocates, Olympia Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and the Olympia Coalition for Ecosystem Preservation. Olympia will contribute \$516,171 in voter-approved bonds. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1384)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Redeveloping Long Lake Access Site**

Grant Awarded: \$420,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the Long Lake boating access site near Lacey in Thurston County. The department will replace the launch ramp, re-grade the gravel overflow parking, repave and stripe the parking lot, build a storm water rain garden, install a new toilet, and replace chain link fence. This lake provides great fishing for largemouth bass, rainbow trout, yellow perch, bluegill rock bass, and catfish. It is popular with boaters and anglers year-round, has spring and fall plants of hatchery fish, and provides opportunities for water sports. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2412)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Redeveloping the Luhr's Landing Access Site**

Grant Awarded: \$485,000

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop Luhr's Landing, a water access site in northeastern Thurston County on McAllister Creek and near Nisqually Reach in south Puget Sound. The department will renovate the boat launch by lengthening the ramp and reinforcing its shoulders with armor flex matting, pave the gravel parking, replace the toilet, and install a pre-boarding loading platform. The infrastructure at the site is more than 40 years old and requires replacement to meet the growing demand. Traffic counts show nearly 110 vehicles use the site daily from March through August. People visit Luhr's Landing to fish, hunt for shellfish and waterfowl, boat, and watch wildlife. Luhr's Landing provides direct access to an extensive complex of conservation and recreational marine and estuarine areas, including Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, Nisqually Wildlife Area Unit, and Nisqually Reach Aquatic Preserve. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2305)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Renovating the Lawrence Lake Access Site**

Grant Awarded: \$505,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the entire Lawrence Lake boating access site near Rainer and Yelm, in Thurston County. The department will install a boat

launch ramp with boarding float, a toilet, and an information kiosk, and improve drainage and pave the parking lot. People visit Lake Lawrence year-round to fish, water ski, wake board, boat, and watch wildlife. The site improvements will improve safe and efficient loading and retrieval of boats and the new kiosk will provide needed information about boating on the lake. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2467)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Restoring South Puget Sound Grassland**

Grant Awarded: \$390,750

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore rare grasslands and woodlands in the Scatter Creek, Mima Mounds, West Rocky Prairie, Rocky Prairie, and Bald Hill areas. These sites have been degraded by invasive species and other issues. The department will acquire native seeds and transplants, prepare areas for seeding by burning them or controlling invasive plants, and then replant the areas. The department also will work on removing the Scot's broom, enhance habitat for the Oregon spotted frog in the West Rocky Prairie area, and remove trees that shade oak trees in the Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve. The shade actually results in dead and dying limbs, and eventually the whole oak tree. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will team up with the Washington Department of Natural Resources because they have identical restoration needs and can save time and money by avoiding redundancies in staffing, contracting, and seed source development. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1859)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Conserving Land in the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area**

Grant Awarded: \$3,232,991

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 74 acres in the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area, located within minutes of downtown Olympia and the city of Lacey, in Thurston County. The land includes more than 28 acres of shoreline and wetland habitats and includes the shoreline of Henderson Inlet, portions of Woodard Creek, and other small tributaries. The purchase will protect important habitat for wildlife, including nesting bald eagles, a significant heron rookery, and the largest harbor seal nursery in south Puget Sound. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1442)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Maintaining Capitol Forest Off-road Vehicle Trails**

Grant Awarded: \$189,700

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 77 miles of off-road vehicle trails and 3 support facilities in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The grant will fund a trail

technician and seasonal crews to work with volunteers. They will remove overgrown brush, install water drainage structures, harden trail surfaces where necessary, re-route small sections of trail, install signs, and maintain bridges, restrooms, campsites, and parking areas. The department will contribute \$126,500 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of equipment and volunteer 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](#). (16-2330)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$104,900** **Maintaining Trails and a Campground in Capitol Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 58 miles of hiking trails and the Margaret McKenny Trailhead and campground in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The department will remove overgrown brush, maintain and install water drainage structures, harden the trail where needed, reroute small sections of trail, and maintain bridges and signs. The department also will buy a power wheelbarrow. The forest continues to see an increase in non-motorized use, particularly mountain biking and trail running and equestrian use in winter months. The department will contribute \$105,100 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and volunteer 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](#). (16-2327)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$154,500** **Providing Education and Enforcement in Capitol State Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a recreation warden and additional department police services to patrol 143 miles of trail, 4 campgrounds, 6 trailheads, and 500 miles of open forest roads in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The recreation warden will focus on off-road vehicle compliance, identifying and correcting safety issues, supporting the Forest Watch volunteers who help with education efforts, and assisting with event management. The grant also will buy equipment to aid in the investigation of criminal activity at trailheads. The department will contribute \$155,000 in staff labor and donations of 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](#). (16-2326)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$219,000** **Renovating McLane Creek Nature Trails**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop trails and bridges at McLane Creek Nature Trails, in the Capitol State Forest near Olympia. The department will replace two wooden bridges, repair and replace boardwalks, and reconstruct small portions of trail. The

nature trails have extensive boardwalks and viewing areas allowing people close-up views of wetlands, streams, ducks, native plants, and salmon, without disrupting the environment. Schools, colleges and various agencies use McLane Creek for environmental education, research, and other classroom purposes. More than 1,000 school children received instruction on salmon ecology from volunteers in 2015. The project will be completed with a crew from Washington Conservation Corps and Department of Corrections. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$37,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2008)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$175,500**
Repaving Capitol Forest Trailhead and Campground

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to repave the Middle Waddell ORV trailhead parking lot and roads in the campground on the east side of Capitol Forest, near Olympia. The trailhead and campground are used primarily by off-road vehicle enthusiasts; however non-motorized trail users frequent both facilities for camping and events. The campground averages 1,000 overnight visitors a month in the summer. The department will contribute \$19,600 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2328)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$316,200**
Restoration Woodard Bay Shorelines and Wetlands

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to control invasive plants and replant 100 acres in the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area, which is an 870-acre natural area north of Olympia on Henderson Inlet in Thurston County. The conservation area contains shorelines and estuaries, freshwater wetlands and streams, a small lake, and habitat for many wildlife species. The goal of this project is to restore saltwater shoreline habitat and enhance degraded and poorly buffered wetlands and shorelines. Animals that will benefit from the project include bats, migratory waterfowl, and Neotropical migratory birds. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1586)

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Projects in Wahkiakum County

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Projects in Whatcom County

Bellingham

Grant Awarded: \$269,168

Replacing Docks and Pilings at Bloedel Donovan Park

The Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to replace aging and damaged floating docks and pilings at Bloedel Donovan Park, one of Bellingham's most popular parks. Built in 1983, the boat launch is one of only two public boat launches on Lake Whatcom in the city limits and is the city's primary checkpoint for aquatic invasive species boat inspections. Lake Whatcom is nearly 10 miles long and 1 mile wide, making it the largest recreational lake in Whatcom County and the seventh largest lake in the state. During peak use, more than 200 motorized boats a day use this facility. Bellingham will contribute \$91,826. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2302)

Lynden Shotgun Club

Grant Awarded: \$18,298

Buying New Trap Machines to Modernize the Lynden Shotgun Club

The Lynden Shotgun Club in Whatcom County will use this grant to buy four trap machines. The club hosts multiple trap shooting competitions throughout the year and supports several youth shooting programs. The new trap machines will replace machines that are more than 25 years old on three fields. While the old machines can throw single and double targets, the machines' mechanisms are wearing out, parts are very difficult to obtain, and targets are frequently broken when thrown. The number of trap shooters using the club has declined because of this unreliability. The club also will buy a machine to throw rabbit targets in a fourth field and will upgrade electrical power to supply the 11 machines in that field. The Lynden Shotgun Club will contribute \$18,299 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2481)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$238,400

Developing the South Tennant Lake Boardwalk Trail

The Department of Fish and Wildlife use will this grant to add more than 1 mile of trail in the Tennant Lake unit of the Whatcom Wildlife Area, in Whatcom County. The trail will be a mix of

compacted gravel and boardwalk and will connect to trails at Tennant Lake and Hovander Park. The trail will be used by people for hiking and wildlife viewing. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1847)

Whatcom County

Grant Awarded: \$377,120

Conserving Anderson Creek Area Farms

Whatcom County will use this grant to conserve nearly 160 acres of three adjacent farms along Anderson Creek in the central part of the county. The County will buy voluntary land preservation agreements, also called conservation easements, which will prevent the land from being developed and ensure it will be available for farming forever. The land is used for a variety of crops and livestock, including a u-pick vegetable operation to silage to replacement heifer operations that support a local dairy. In 2001, the County set a goal to protect 100,000 acres of agricultural land, but has only 88,000 acres in agricultural zoning, which means the remaining acres must come from land zoned for rural development, such as the Anderson Creek area farms. The primary benefit of this project is to ensure the permanent preservation and maintenance of a large block of rural land as agricultural land and open space. Whatcom County will contribute \$447,120 in Conservation Futures⁷ and a federal grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1942)

Whatcom County

Grant Awarded: \$227,306

Conserving Cougar Creek Ranch

Whatcom County will use this grant to conserve the nearly 158-acre Cougar Creek Ranch, which is between Bellingham and Lynden, in the central part of the county. The County will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, which will prevent the ranch from being developed and ensure the land will be available for farming forever. The land is used for pigs, poultry, sheep, corn silage, seed potatoes, and raspberries. The farm is an original homestead that has been in the farmer's (Karl Prisk) family for generations. Preserving this farm would prevent fragmentation in the agricultural zone and keep the original homestead intact. In 2001, the County set a goal to protect 100,000 acres of agricultural land, but has only 88,000 acres in agricultural zoning, which means the remaining acres must come from land zoned for rural development, such as the Cougar Creek Ranch Farm. The primary benefit of the project is to ensure the permanent preservation and maintenance of a large block of rural land as agricultural land and open space. Whatcom County will contribute \$355,500 in Conservation

⁷Conservation 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.

Futures⁸ and a federal grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1939)

Whatcom County

Grant Awarded: \$149,500

Replacing the Roof on the Plantation Indoor Rifle Range

Whatcom County Parks and Recreation will use this grant to replace the roof of the indoor range to allow a new heating, ventilating, and air conditioning unit, which was purchased with a previous grant, to be installed. The indoor range roof is a membrane material that usually lasts 15 years. With care and maintenance, this roof has lasted 21 years to date. Recently, the roof has begun to show its age though leaks and other problems. The Plantation Rifle Range opened in 1971 with a 300-yard outdoor range and since has expanded to include a small bore rifle and pistol range, a trap range, and classrooms. The Plantation Rifle Range serves as a focal point for public and law enforcement shooting and training activities for the greater Whatcom and Skagit Counties. More than 23,000 shooters visited the range in 2013. Whatcom County will contribute \$150,500 in cash, staff labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2784)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$2,773

Hiring a Mount Baker Climbing Ranger

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to hire a second climbing ranger. The district's climbing program on Mount Baker has only one ranger, who cannot work safely alone. Together, the two rangers will work as a rope team on the mountain to access camps, routes, and the summit to interact with climbers. Thousands of climbers attempt to summit Mount Baker's 10,781-foot peak each season. The climb to the top is physically challenging and all routes require technical mountaineering skills. Climbers need to be experienced in glacier travel, crevasse rescue, and route finding, and have proper equipment (and know how to use it) to attempt the summit. As a skilled and experienced rope team, the rangers will contact climbers and educate them about how to minimize their impacts on the alpine environment including disposing of waste, selecting campsites, preparing properly for climbing, and safe climbing practices. The Forest Service will contribute \$23,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2461)

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Projects in Whitman County

Port of Whitman County

Grant Awarded: \$198,000

Planning for the Replacement of the Boyer Park Dock

The Port of Whitman County will use this grant to plan and design new docks, pilings, and utility systems in the Boyer Park Marina, which is on the Snake River below lower Granite Lock and Dam, in Whitman County. Planning will include all designs and permitting needed to construct new marina infrastructure that will replace the original ones built in the early 1970s. The docks are starting to lose flotation, the concrete surfaces are deteriorating and pilings are starting to loosen. Electrical and potable water systems are working but need to be brought up to contemporary marina standards. Replacement of these docks not only will address safety and condition issues but will be more attractive to boaters, thereby encouraging more recreational boating on the Snake River. The Port of Whitman County will contribute \$77,000. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2493)

Projects in Yakima County

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

Maintaining Central Washington Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest’s Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a five-person trail crew, crew leader, transportation, and supplies to maintain 100 miles of motorcycle and four-wheel drive trails in Kittitas and Yakima Counties in central Washington. Crews will clear trails, remove overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and trail surfaces, and maintain signs. Regular maintenance greatly reduces the need for costly reconstruction projects and helps to provide safe and enjoyable trail experiences. The Naches Ranger District’s 140 miles of motorcycle and 170 miles of four-wheel drive trails are used by an estimated 35,000 recreationists each year. The Forest Service will contribute \$123,000 in equipment, staff labor, a federal grant, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2504)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Naches Campgrounds

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four-person summer crew for 2 years to maintain 42 recreation areas. The crew will perform regular maintenance to keep facilities open and available for the public to enjoy. Work will include painting signs and bathrooms, fixing parking area delineators, and repairing deteriorated tables, fire rings, broken bulletin boards, and uprooted bollards. The grant will be matched by a four-person crew dedicated to routine maintenance, which includes toilet cleaning and pumping, litter and graffiti removal, and general facility upkeep. The district hosted an estimated 124,400 visitors in 2016. The Forest Service will contribute \$229,240 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of 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](#). (16-2597)

U.S. Forest Service
Planning for Motorized Recreation in the Little Naches River Valley

Grant Awarded: \$69,180

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Naches Ranger District will use this grant to collect data and complete the analysis and planning necessary to provide and maintain recreation in the Little Naches River valley. Currently user-created trails and vehicle traffic have destroyed vegetation, created mud holes, and compacted soil around trees, weakening the trees and creating safety issues. Visitors have denuded the shorelines, removing almost all the trees and bushes that help create habitat for fish and insects. Soil is eroding into the river, affecting water quality. The degraded conditions of the Little Naches River and floodplain shorelines are harming fish habitat and could result in area closures. The Forest Service will revisit public input gathered from earlier planning efforts, fill gaps in data using updated technologies, and conduct public outreach to design a proposal that could include new and improved trails along the river. The Forest Service will contribute \$110,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2768)

U.S. Forest Service
Providing Education and Enforcement in the Naches Ranger District Wilderness

Grant Awarded: \$1,208

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund two seasonal rangers and up to four part-time volunteers to patrol high-use areas within the wilderness and backcountry areas of the district. Rangers will provide education and enforcement to promote minimizing impact by visitors, resource protection, and visitor safety. The Naches Ranger District encompasses some of the most popular day hiking, backpacking, and horse packing destinations in Washington. Areas such as Dewey Lakes, Twin Sisters Lakes,

and Surprise Lake have all been popularized in numerous guidebooks as well as in newspaper and magazine articles. The Forest Service will contribute \$37,750 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and donations of 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](#). (16-2703)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Land in the Cowiche Watershed

Grant Awarded: \$3,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 3,200 acres of crucial upland wildlife habitat in the Cowiche watershed, which is 15 miles northwest of Yakima, in Yakima County. This is the final phase in the department's 14 year-long quest to knit together this ecosystem, which contains priority habitats and state species of concern, such as shrub-steppe, stream shorelines, wetlands, oak-pine forests, sage thrashers, loggerhead shrikes, sage sparrows, golden and bald eagles, Townsend ground squirrels, western gray squirrels, Townsend big-eared bats, white-headed woodpeckers, Lewis' woodpeckers, and pygmy nuthatches. The purchase links the department's Cowiche and Oak Creek Wildlife Area units with other public lands, connecting more 80,000 acres of protected land that extends for more than 26 miles, and builds on the department's efforts that already have protected 5,600 acres of upland habitat in the watershed. The project is critical because it: a) protects upland cold water inputs for Cowiche watershed habitat for steelhead, bull trout, westslope cutthroat trout, and coho salmon; b) secures critical winter range and movement corridors for up to 2,800 elk and other big game; c) provides the public with recreational opportunities, including hunting, wildlife viewing, camping, hiking, and mountain biking; and d) maintains stream shoreline and upland habitats that support state priority wildlife. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1344)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Trails and Campgrounds in the Ahtanum State Forest

Grant Awarded: \$179,750

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a two-person seasonal crew to maintain more than 40 miles of off-road vehicle trails, 12 campgrounds, and 3 trailheads in the Ahtanum State Forest, 30 miles west of Yakima. The crew will trim overgrown brush, maintain water drainage structures, lay crushed rock to harden small sections of trail, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, remove litter, clean restrooms, and maintain picnic tables, fire rings, and campsites. The department will contribute \$46,750 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2208)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$75,950**
Refreshing the Ahtanum State Forest Campground and Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain and repair nine campgrounds and two trailheads in the Ahtanum State Forest, 30 miles west of Yakima. Maintenance will include replacing picnic tables, fire pits, kiosks, and signs. The department also will lay gravel for parking areas, pathways, and campsites. The department will contribute \$19,050 in donations of labor, and 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](#). (16-2242)

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Projects in Multiple Counties

Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield Counties

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$50,000**
Maintaining Trails for Motorized Uses in the Blue Mountains

The Umatilla National Forest's Pomeroy and Walla Walla Ranger Districts will use this grant to hire crews to maintain off-road vehicle trails throughout Asotin, Garfield, and Columbia Counties. Crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown bushes, harden and fix trail surfaces, maintain water drainage structures, and inspect and maintain trail bridges. Pomeroy and Walla Walla district trail systems provide the only off-highway vehicle recreation opportunities in the northern Blue Mountains on federal lands. The Forest Service will contribute \$95,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2229)

Chelan, Grant, and Kittitas Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$115,847**
Maintaining Campsites and Day-Use Areas in Southeast Washington

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund staff, equipment, and materials to maintain campgrounds in Chelan, Grant, and Kittitas Counties. Crews daily will maintain restrooms, campsites, and day-use areas. The department also will buy a vehicle, vehicle accessories, small tools, and minor equipment. Work will be done across the northern part of the department's Southeast Region. The department will contribute \$51,750 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of 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](#). (16-2315)

Chelan and Kittitas Counties

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Removing Fire Fuel from the Colockum Forest**

Grant Awarded: \$24,180

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant for a 2-year project to remove small trees and brush to open up a ponderosa pine forest in the Colockum Wildlife Area, south of Wenatchee in Chelan and Kittitas Counties. In 2006, the department started a project to reduce the density of Douglas fir and grand fir in the pine forest by removing trees that had established there because of past logging practices and wild fire suppression. The resulting slash was not piled, but instead left fairly evenly distributed throughout the forest. The department will use manual labor and fire to remove the woody debris and stimulate fire-dependent plants eaten by deer and elk. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1881)

Chelan and Okanogan Counties

**U.S. Forest Service
Providing Patrols for the Central Zone Backcountry**

Grant Awarded: \$176,400

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to fund two seasonal rangers and two AmeriCorps volunteers to patrol trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Chelan and Okanogan Counties. The rangers will patrol 300 miles of multiple-use trails, 7 campgrounds, and 29 trailheads that also offer surrounding dispersed camping. The AmeriCorps backcountry rangers will patrol 155 miles of wilderness, multiple-use, and non-motorized trails accessed by 11 trailheads. The Forest Service will contribute \$82,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of 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](#). (16-2228)

Clark, Klickitat, Kittitas, and Mason Counties

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Buying Inholdings and Land Next to State Parks**

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

State Parks will use this grant to buy high-priority land within or next to the boundaries of state parks. It is intended to be a flexible source of funding for smaller or lower-cost properties that present themselves through the biennium. It will allow State Parks to act quickly and opportunistically to purchase inholdings as they come on the market, and it will facilitate the purchase of smaller properties that might not score well as individual competitive grants, but that are nonetheless essential to park operations. State Parks will contribute \$350,000 in

donations of land. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1974)

Clark and Thurston Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$105,000

Maintaining Capitol and Yacolt Burn State Forests

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain campgrounds and facilities in the Capitol State Forest near Olympia and the Yacolt Burn State Forest near Longview. The department will clean restrooms, repair facilities, buy cleaning supplies, pump out toilets, and remove litter in campsites and at trailheads. The department will contribute \$105,100 in staff labor and donations of 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](#). (16-2331)

Clark and Wahkiakum Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$157,500

Maintaining the Yacolt Burn State Forest Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund an employee and some crew time to maintain off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in Yacolt Burn State Forest, near Vancouver. The crew will trim overgrown brush, maintain water drainage structures, lay crushed rock to harden small sections of trail, fix trail surfaces, re-route small sections of trail, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, remove litter, and clean restrooms. The department will contribute \$67,600 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2450)

Douglas and Okanogan Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$98,100

Restoring Fire-Ravaged Shrub Steppe Habitat

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 65 acres of shrub-steppe habitat damaged by wildfires in four Natural Area Preserves in Okanogan and Douglas Counties. Following the fires, the department had done a limited amount of weed control and seeding, but more work needs to be done to fully restore these native plant communities in north central Washington. The department will control nonnative plants and replant with native plants. To enhance sage grouse habitat, the department will thin the sagebrush and plant native bunchgrass on 10 acres of previously disturbed areas at Two Steppe Natural Area Preserve. Work will be done at the following Natural Area Preserves: Two Steppe, located 20 miles east of Waterville, lies within the identified breeding area of a greater sage-

grouse population; Riverside Breaks, north of Omak, contains a population of the rare Snake River cryptantha; Davis Canyon, located north of Brewster, was established as a National Natural Landmark because of the high quality plant communities present there; and Methow Rapids, south of Pateros, includes unique plant communities not protected in other areas. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1678)

Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring a Coastal Forest

Grant Awarded: \$176,000

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore about 895 acres of Pacific Northwest coastal forest in the Bone River and Niawiakum River Natural Area Preserves and the Elk River and Ellsworth Creek Natural Resources Conservation Areas, in Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties. These natural areas include rare salt marsh habitats and extensive forested uplands, including significant pockets of mature and old-growth forest. They represent a large portion of a quickly disappearing mature/old-growth forest landscape in southwest Washington. Restoration will focus primarily on the thinning of densely planted commercial forest stands in the 35- to 50-year-old age range. In their current condition, these forests provide lower quality habitat for diverse plant and animal communities and are not representative of a natural northwest coastal forest ecosystem. Goals for the restoration include reducing stand density, increasing understory vegetation and plant diversity, increasing the amount of large woody debris on the forest floor, and creating wildlife snags. Doing so, will dramatically improve the quality of habitat for a variety of plants and animals, including the marbled murrelet, spotted owl, cavity dwelling birds, amphibians, and the resident herds of Roosevelt elk. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1953)

King and Snohomish Counties

U.S. Forest Service Maintaining Skykomish Campsites and Trailheads

Grant Awarded: \$117,493

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to fund a crew to maintain trailheads and dispersed campsites in King and Snohomish Counties and to buy a mini excavator. The crew will clean and pump toilets, rent portable restrooms, remove trash, clean campsites, and maintain trailheads. There are 25 trailheads and nearly 300 dispersed campsites that serve about 70,500 day hikers, backpackers, stock users, and campers. Other users include climbers, kayakers, rafters, anglers, and hunters. The district will maintain relationships with volunteer groups such as Dirty 13 4x4 Club, Cascade Backcountry Ski Patrol, Washington Trails Association, commercial rafting groups, the towns of Skykomish and Index,

and Skykomish High School. The district also will provide jobs to youth with the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Student Conservation Association and to military veterans. The Forest Service will contribute \$125,537 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of 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](#). (16-2607)

King and Snohomish Counties

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$68,200

Providing Education and Enforcement in the Skykomish Ranger District Wilderness

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to fund three wilderness rangers and one intern for 2 years to provide wilderness education and regulation enforcement in Snohomish and King Counties. The rangers and intern will enforce regulations, educate visitors on low impact camping and waste disposal, and conduct workshops for schools and other large groups. They also will maintain backcountry toilets, clean and monitor campsites, document trail conditions, and develop informational handouts and trailhead posters. About 200,000 acres of the Wild Sky, Henry M Jackson, and Alpine Lakes Wilderness areas lie within the Skykomish District. Near coastal cities and with easy access for more than 3 million people, the district has attractive destinations for activities such as climbing, hiking, fishing, hunting, and stock use. There are more than 150 miles of maintained trails, including 50 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, which access these wilderness areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$70,200 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of 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](#). (16-2586)

Kitsap and Mason Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$71,900

Maintaining Hood Canal Area Campsites and Day-Use Areas

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain campgrounds and facilities in its Hood Canal District, located in Mason and Kitsap Counties. The department will clean restrooms, repair damaged facilities, buy supplies, pump out toilets, remove litter, fix and install signs, and clean campsites and day-use areas. The department will contribute \$34,500 in staff labor and donations of 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](#). (16-2474)

Kittitas and Yakima Counties

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$189,000

Providing Education and Enforcement Rangers in the Naches Ranger District

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund five rangers to educate motorcyclists, four-wheel drive enthusiasts, and other motorized users at campsites, staging areas, and on the district's more than 250-mile trail system in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The Naches District trail system provides an estimated 10 percent of all trail opportunities for motorized vehicles in Washington. Its centralized location makes it one of the most highly used areas in the state. The goal is to educate as many motorized visitors as possible to promote responsible off-highway vehicle use so the trails may be enjoyed and the resources protected. The Forest Service will contribute \$120,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of 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](#). (16-2596)

Kittitas and Yakima Counties

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$150,720

Maintaining Naches Ranger District Off-Highway Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four-person trail crew, crew leader, transportation, and supplies to maintain almost all of the motorcycle and 4-wheel drive trails in the district, which is in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The crew will clear all 290 miles of trail each year for 2 years. In addition, the crew will trim overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, repair trail surfaces, and maintain signs on about 70 miles of trail each year for 2 years. The Naches district's trail system receives extensive motorized use from an estimated 45,000 recreationists each year. The Forest Service will contribute \$127,840 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of cash and volunteer 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](#). (16-2575)

Klickitat, Lewis, and Skamania Counties

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$94,000

Maintaining Gifford Pinchot National Forest Trails

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest's Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to maintain about 230 miles of trails, trailheads, and six campgrounds primarily for motorized users, for 2 years, in Klickitat, Lewis, and Skamania Counties. Volunteers will contribute 2,000 hours of donated labor during 2 years. The trail system offers a unique riding experience through forests and meadows with stunning vistas of Mount Adams, Mount Saint Helens, and

Mount Rainier. The Forest Service will contribute \$119,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2457)

Klickitat, Lewis, and Skamania Counties

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$134,624

Maintaining Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest's Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to accomplish routine annual and heavy maintenance on about 300 miles of wilderness trails and trailheads over 2 years. The trails are in Klickitat, Lewis, and Skamania Counties and offer hiking and horseback riding through old-growth forests and alpine meadows with views of Mount Adams, Mount Saint Helens, and Mount Rainier. The trail system also includes 81 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. Work will be accomplished by a four-person crew in the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District and a crew in the Mount Adams Ranger District. In addition, volunteers will contribute 2,800 hours of donated labor, in partnership with groups such as the Pacific Crest Trail Association and the Back Country Horsemen of Washington. It is estimated that 35,000-40,000 visitors recreate annually in Gifford Pinchot wilderness. The Forest Service will contribute \$158,654 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2464)

Klickitat and Yakima Counties

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$354,750

Restoring Rock Creek-Tieton Forest

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore about 1,500 acres of in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area, west of Naches in Klickitat and Yakima Counties. The department will restore the land by thinning the forest and burning some of it. Because the land is former timber company land, there is a deficit of large trees that could provide durable habitat for wildlife, such as many of the state's species of greatest conservation need as well as several species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, including the northern spotted owl, the white-headed woodpecker, Lewis's woodpecker, northern goshawk, and the Townsend's big-eared bat. The restoration will improve the ecological processes and functions so the land can better support wildlife and be more resilient to catastrophic fire in the face of climate change. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1611)

Klickitat and Yakima Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$125,000

Restoring Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources' Natural Areas Program will use this grant to restore about 150 acres of meadow and dry forest habitat in the 2,350-acre Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area, 5 miles north of the town of Glenwood in Klickitat and Yakima Counties. The department will thin about 100 acres of forest, burn another 50 acres, plant native plants on 5 acres, control invasive plants on 10 acres, and restore the water flow on 2 acres by removing ruts from old roads on the site. This work will restore ponderosa pine dry forest and seasonally wet meadow habitat that supports greater sandhill cranes, long-bearded sego lily, rosy owl-clover, dwarf rush, Pulsifer's monkey-flower, and Kellogg's rush. Along with benefits to these species, this work also will reduce fuels on the land and lessen the threat of fire. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1715)

Lewis and Skamania Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Awarded: \$102,746

Plowing and Grooming Snowmobile Trails in the South Cascade Mountains

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow 11 sno-parks and groom 281 miles of snowmobile trail in the southern Cascade Mountains in eastern Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, and near Mount Saint Helens and Mount Adams in Skamania County. Crews will plow the sno-parks as needed and groom the trails at least weekly for two winters. The southern Cascades provide a diverse riding environment, dominated by spectacular views of Mount Rainier, Mount Saint Helens, and Mount Adams. The sno-parks and trails serve visitors from the Cowlitz Valley, the Columbia Gorge, Goldendale, and a variety of communities along the Interstate 5 corridor from Olympia to Portland. State Parks will contribute \$288,478. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2511)

Lewis, Skamania, and Yakima Counties

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$63,600

Providing Rangers for the Gifford Pinchot Wilderness High Use Areas

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest's Mount Adams Ranger District will use this grant to fund four seasonal wilderness rangers to provide education and enforcement in the high use Snowgrass Flats in Goat Rocks Wilderness, Blue Lake in Indian Haven Wilderness, South Climb in Mount Adams Wilderness; and the Pacific Crest Trail. The rangers will focus on visitor safety and making productive and positive in-field visitor contacts. Most of these areas are near trailheads,

and many visitors are relatively inexperienced. While well-intentioned, they do not understand appropriate backcountry ethics and have caused increased search and rescues. The areas, which are near Vancouver and Portland, see more than 30,000 visitors annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$66,400 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and donations of 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](#). (16-2471)

Skagit and Whatcom Counties

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$131,000

Maintaining Mount Baker Ranger District Trails

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 100 miles of wilderness and backcountry trails for non-motorized use in Whatcom and Skagit Counties. Crews will remove fallen trees and brush growing over the trail, maintain drainage structures and trail surfaces, and repair or replace boardwalks, retaining walls, and bridges. Work will be accomplished by Forest Service crews, contractors, youth crews, and volunteer labor in the Mount Baker, Noisy-Diobsud, and Glacier Peak Wildernesses, as well as in the Mount Baker National Recreation Area. The Forest Service will contribute \$92,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer 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](#). (16-2546)

Spokane and Stevens Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Awarded: \$156,516

Funding Patrols at Riverside State Park and Spokane Area Trails

State Parks will use this grant to fund a full-time ranger and associated equipment, outreach materials, and additional services from fully commissioned rangers, to patrol parks in Spokane and Stevens Counties. The ranger will provide education and enforcement at the 12,000-acre Riverside State Park with nearly 100 miles of trail, the 40-mile-long Spokane River Centennial Trail and its trailheads, and the 24-mile Columbia Plateau Trail and its trailheads from Fish Lake to Amber Lake. Open year-round, these destinations collectively support more than 4 million visits annually. The ranger will focus on promoting public safety including patrolling trailheads with a high volume of criminal activity, developing educational materials, and educating visitors about park rules and regulations, trail etiquette, and minimizing their environmental impacts. The ranger also helps support the volunteer program and the nearly 200 annual events that take place in these areas. State Parks will contribute \$242,367 in equipment, 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](#). (16-2781)