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Projects in Adams County **Grants Awarded: \$347,000**

Othello **Grant Awarded: \$347,000** **Renovating Lions Park Infields and Restroom**

The City of Othello will use this grant to renovate youth baseball-softball infields and restrooms in the Lions Park Athletic Complex. The City will upgrade four infields, install drainage at the backstop, reinforce the batting box, improve the irrigation, lay sod, replace bases and home plate, add signs, and renovate the restrooms and parking so they can be used by people with disabilities. Built in 1975, the fields now are marginally safe and difficult to manage. The fields also can create safety issues because of loose dirt, small rocks, a grass lip, and standing water. With these improvements, Othello will return to its former glory as a regional hosting site for youth sports and a draw for sports tourism. Othello will contribute \$116,515. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1473)

Additional projects in this county are listed in the "Projects in More Than One County" section beginning on page 127.

Projects in Asotin County **Grants Awarded: \$260,000**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$260,000** **Improving Shumaker Grade and Snyder Bar Water Access Sites**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate two water access sites in the Chief Joseph Wildlife Area along the Grande Ronde River in Asotin County. Work will be done in the Snyder Bar and Shumaker Grade Access sites. The department will install toilets, formalize primitive campsites, improve hand-launch sites, renovate parking areas, and improve trail surfacing. The sites are used for rafting, kayaking, fishing, hunting, camping, sightseeing, 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](#). (18-1181)

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Projects in Benton County

Grants Awarded: \$867,024

Benton City

Grant Awarded: \$81,650

Buying Land for a Riverfront Park

Benton City will use this grant to buy nearly 11 acres to create a riverfront park near Seventh Street, along the Yakima River. The planned park is expected to give people access to the river for canoeing, kayaking, fishing, and watching waterfowl. Local residents have identified water access and wildlife viewing as important amenities, and this project provides both. Benton City will contribute \$20,413 in cash 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](#). (18-1278)

Benton City

Grant Awarded: \$582,000

Buying Land for a Sports Complex

Benton City will use this grant to buy 25 acres for a future park and sports complex. The land is on Ki-Be Road, across the street from the high school. Future development will include soccer, football, baseball, and softball fields, a spray pad, and amenities such as shade structures, restrooms, and parking. Benton City will contribute \$388,674. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1275)

Richland

Grant Awarded: \$99,086

Rebuilding Horn Rapids ORV Park Access Road

The City of Richland Parks and Recreation will use this grant to reconstruct a .3-mile road that accesses Horn Rapids Off-Road-Vehicle Park. The new road will replace the deteriorating road and provide a safer and smoother travelling surface to reach the park and its trails, campground, office building, restrooms, and emergency exit. The new road will be 24-ft. wide and the road structure will be 2 inches of asphalt above 4 inches of gravel. The will contribute \$30,500 in staff labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2523)

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Prosser Improving Prosser's Competitive Pool

Grant Awarded: \$31,763

The City of Prosser will use this grant to improve the competition lap pool in the Prosser Aquatic Center in EJ Miller Park. The City will replace the starting blocks, pool cover, pump, and filter. The City also will install a public address system splitter, automatic scoring system, and entrance sign. These improvements will increase swimmer safety, enhance the individual and team athletic competitive experience, and improve timing accuracy for swimming events. The Prosser Aquatic Center has two pools, a competitive lap pool and a recreational pool. The competitive pool is used for training by the 115-member Piranhas swim team, is the site for weekly meets in the summer for eight regional teams, and hosts three high school girls swim teams. Prosser will contribute \$25,988 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](#). (18-1482)

Tri-Cities Shooting Association Paving the Entry Road to the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Range

Grant Awarded: \$72,525

The Tri Cities Shooting Association will use this grant to pave about more than three-quarter mile of road used to access the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility, which is 8 miles north of Benton City, in Benton County. The current entry road is very steep and rough, which limits access. Paving the road will allow more members of the range and public to get to the range more easily and will reduce maintenance costs. The Tri-Cities Shooting Association will contribute \$76,525 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](#). (18-2262)

Projects in Chelan County

Grants Awarded: \$4,685,565

Chelan County Natural Resource Planning East Fork Mission Creek Trail Reroute

Grant Awarded: \$126,070

Chelan County Natural Resources Department will use this grant to design a 2.8-mile mountain biking and motorcycling trail reroute to restore steelhead trout habitat and water quality in the East Fork Mission Creek floodplain. Supported by the U.S. Forest Service and Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, the project will include an environmental

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review and permitting. The existing trail routes along U.S. Forest Service Road 7100, which was retired in 2012 due to storm damage. The County will design the trail reroute for motorcycling and mountain biking, with possible future trail connections to other trail systems in the area, such as Devil's Gulch and Number 2 Canyon. The department will contribute \$126,800 in a federal grant and a local grant. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2448)

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust Enhancing Cashmere Canyons Preserve

Grant Awarded: \$977,426

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will use this grant to buy 2,162 acres outside Cashmere to protect wildlife habitat and enhance public access. The new preserve protects Rocky Mountain mule deer and mule deer wintering range. The land trust also will develop a trailhead and trails that connect to an area trail network. The trailhead will include parking, signs, a toilet, and more than 7 miles of single-track trails. The land trust will contribute more than \$2 million in donation of land and a private 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](#). (18-1371)

Leavenworth Winter Sports Club Improving the Leavenworth Ski Hill

Grant Awarded: \$74,880

The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club will use this grant to improve the Leavenworth Ski Hill by grading the small tow hill to improve safety and access usable terrain. The Leavenworth Ski Hill is 1 mile from downtown Leavenworth in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club will contribute \$40,340 in cash, staff labor, and donations of cash 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](#). (18-1880)

North Cascades Sportsman's Club Installing Range Restrooms

Grant Awarded: \$41,200

The North Cascades Sportsman's Club will use this grant to build a restroom at its Washington Creek Road range, in Chelan County. The restroom will be a prefabricated, concrete-style, heated building with both men's and women's facilities. The North

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Cascades Sportsman's Club will contribute \$41,419 in cash and donations of 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](#). (18-2353)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$86,522** **Funding Rangers to Patrol the Wilderness and Backcountry**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund five seasonal rangers and up to four full-time volunteers to patrol high-use areas in the wilderness and backcountry of the district. Rangers will provide education and enforcement to promote resource protection and visitor safety. The grant will pay for salaries, uniforms, tools, and travel and transportation expenses. The Wenatchee River Ranger District encompasses some of the most globally significant day hiking, backpacking, and horse packing destinations in Washington, such as Eightmile Lake, Stuart Lake, Spider Meadows, Lake Valhalla, Colchuck Lake, and Ingalls. The Forest Service will contribute \$91,610 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2481)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$81,189** **Hiring Climbing Rangers**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund four seasonal climbing rangers for the Leavenworth area. Leavenworth is a nationally known climbing destination, drawing tens of thousands of climbers each year. High use has damaged sensitive and rare plants, disturbed sensitive wildlife species, and created other impacts such as crowding and improper disposal of human waste, all threatening closure of the area. Rangers will educate users, assess use levels, monitor conditions on the ground, and develop educational events and online information. The Forest Service will contribute \$81,692 in a federal appropriation and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2487)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$182,000

Hiring Rangers to Patrol the Backcountry

The Entiat Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to hire staff to patrol backcountry trails in the Entiat, Wenatchee River, Chelan, and Methow Valley Ranger Districts in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan and Okanogan Counties. The ranger district will hire one part-time and two full-time employees and recruit two AmeriCorps volunteers to patrol the trails. The rangers will patrol 455 miles of multiple-use and wilderness trails including 7 campgrounds and 40 trailheads. The goal is to have rangers in the field on weekends and during high-use times to contact visitors and discuss good trail use. Much of the area is in highly erosive pumice soil or fragile meadows. Field rangers contacting visitors helps prevent damage to these environments. Off-highway vehicle riders, horse riders, mountain bikers, and hikers use the trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$128,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2358)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

Maintaining Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails

The Chelan Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to maintain 236 miles of trail, including Echo Ridge Nordic Trails, Sawtooth backcountry trails, and others. Duties include clearing trail, addressing drainage challenges, installing bridges, enhancing trail surfaces, and grooming trails for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and fat tire biking in the winter. The lower Lake Chelan valley hosts more than 2 million visitors a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$130,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2525)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$145,000

Maintaining Trails in the Wenatchee River Ranger District

Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a trail crew and buy equipment to maintain 230 miles of multi-use motorized trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County. Duties include removing logs, clearing

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trails, repairing trail structures, addressing areas of standing water, and fixing signs. The project will include buying one or two motorbikes, as the current fleet is more than 10 years old and in disrepair. Motorized users, mountain bikers and hikers are the primary recipients of this project. The ranger district will contribute \$97,400 in a federal appropriation, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2292)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$199,000** **Maintaining Multiple-Use Trails in the Entiat and Chelan Ranger Districts**

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to fund a U.S. Forest Service and Northwest Youth Corps trail crew and motorcycle to maintain 195 miles of multiple-use trails located in the Entiat and Chelan Ranger Districts, located in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Duties will include clearing trail, repairing bridges and trail structures, and trailhead maintenance. This trail system is in the heart of the hugely popular, interconnected, 225-mile multiple-use trail system, which spans from Lake Wenatchee across the Entiat and Chelan Mountains to Lake Chelan. The area's high elevation and volcanic soil make the trails and surrounding environment susceptible to resource damage, which makes annual maintenance even more important. The ranger district will contribute \$134,700 in a federal appropriation, equipment, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2359)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$104,500** **Maintaining the Entiat Ranger District Campgrounds**

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to maintain seven campgrounds, one rental cabin, one historic Civilian Conservation Corps shelter, two lookout towers, and two group sites in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County. An estimated 60,000 campers visit the area from April to October each year. However, funding has decreased 30 percent in the past 10 years. Without these funds, the historic shelter will continue to deteriorate and may become unusable. Staff will remove trash, clean restrooms, remove hazard trees, maintain and repair of campground facilities, the hand well, and signs. The ranger district also will use the grant to buy small tools and equipment. The Forest Service will contribute \$104,700 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road](#)

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[Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2361)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$87,426**
Maintaining Trails and Trailheads in Chelan County

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund four, seasonal trail crew members to maintain trailheads, dispersed recreation sites, and campgrounds in Chelan County. Crews will remove trash, clean restrooms, service kiosks and bulletin boards, remove hazardous trees, and conduct annual repairs and maintenance. The Wenatchee River Ranger District sees visits of more than 1 million annually and manages 26 campgrounds, 52 trailheads, and more than 250 dispersed recreation sites. The Forest Service will contribute \$60,754. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2291)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$140,275**
Maintaining Trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund a trail crew to maintain more than 500 miles of trail in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County. Duties will include logging out downed trees, clearing trail, addressing areas of standing water, and repairing trail tread. The Forest Service will also be buying small tools and stock animal for trail crew support. This project will benefit hikers, climbers, mountain bikers, backpackers, horseback riders and other outdoor enthusiasts. The Forest Service will contribute \$95,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2393)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$75,000**
Maintaining Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trails

The Chelan Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to address backlog maintenance on 307 miles of non-motorized trail in the Lake Chelan basin. Duties will include trail clearing, minor rebuilding of trail surfaces, and repair of trail signs, drainage, and bridges. The work will improve access and safety, retain access on burned trails, and protect natural resources. The Forest Service will

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contribute \$130,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2519)

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

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to build separate 100- and 200-yard ranges with safety berms, backstops, and designated firing lines in Swakane Canyon, in the Swakane Unit of the Chelan Wildlife Area, in Chelan County. The department also will install signs and a parking lot. The department will contribute \$90,000. 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](#). (18-2394)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$8,625**
Redeveloping the Roses Lake Access Site

The Department of Fish and Wildlife use will this grant to install a new fishing dock, renovate pathways to shoreline fishing spots, and upgrade two fishing spots for people with disabilities at the Roses Lake public access site, just north of Lake Chelan and the town of Manson. This is the second phase of the site's redevelopment. The site is used for fishing from the shore and dock. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1965)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$62,760**
Developing an Interpretive Trail in the Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build a short trail in Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve, in Chelan County. The department will build a trail, less than 1 mile long, and install an informational kiosk and five interpretive signs. The self-guided educational trail will give visitors a chance to see rare plants and wildlife. Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve contains the largest know populations of Wenatchee Mountains checker-mallow, which are listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act, and Wenatchee larkspur, which area federal species of concern and listed as threatened with extinction by the State. In addition to these two species, the proposed trail will provide an opportunity to see 220 native plant species and more

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than 120 species of native birds. There is no formal public access at this preserve, and this trail will give visitors a self-guided opportunity to learn about Washington's unique natural heritage in a beautiful setting. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1603)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the Camas Meadows Forest

Grant Awarded: \$117,500

The Department of Natural Resources' Natural Areas Program will use this grant to restore 220 acres of forest and wet meadow habitats through thinning, prescribed burning, invasive plant control, and planting of native vegetation in the Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve, in Chelan County. The work will enhance habitat for the Wenatchee Mountains checkermallow, which is listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act, three rare plant species, and a variety of 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, as well as shoreline areas and forest openings, 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 degrades habitat quality for wildlife, impacts rare plant habitat, and puts 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](#). (18-1894)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Improvements to Lake Wenatchee State Park's Boat Launch Area

Grant Awarded: \$248,000

State Parks will use this grant to plan and design improvements to the boat launch area in Lake Wenatchee State Park. The improvements will increase efficiency, improve traffic circulation, and increase the number of boats that can launch at one time. State Parks will be planning for a new boat ramp and boarding floats, paving of the overflow parking area and pathways for people with disabilities, improvements to the restroom, and installation of signs. Lake Wenatchee State Park has the only improved boat launch on the lake, resulting in large backups at the single-lane ramp. Staff spend many hours helping people park in the unimproved lot. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities](#)

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[Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2558)

Wenatchee

Grant Awarded: \$263,192

Building a Soccer-Lacrosse Field in Lincoln Park

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to build the city's first soccer-lacrosse field in the 18-acre Lincoln Park in south Wenatchee. Within a 10-minute walk of much of south Wenatchee and located on major bus lines, the park serves as a vital recreational hub for this part of the community. More than 87 percent of residents living around the park are Latino and the average household income levels are some of the lowest in the city. The field will bring new life and function to the park, meet the needs of the community as expressed in a number of public outreach efforts, and address a current shortage of five soccer fields in the community. Fences will be added along Crawford Street to improve safety and the outdated restrooms will be replaced and moved to improve service and function. The field also will accommodate two youth fields. Wenatchee will contribute \$321,808 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](#). (18-1246)

Wenatchee

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

Enhancing Access to Kenzie's Landing

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to buy 51.76 acres of open land for recreation, habitat protection, education, and community safety at Kenzie's Landing, in the foothills at the edge of town. The acquisition would preserve critical trail connections and provides access between publicly owned land and the community. The City also will develop a trailhead complete with restrooms, water, a picnic shelter, and other features. The land and trailhead will provide permanent access to more than 18 miles of existing trails. It also will improve emergency access by building the trailhead access drive and adding water. This project completes the highest priority trail project in Wenatchee and satisfies 28 of the city's parks comprehensive plan goals and objectives. Wenatchee will contribute more than \$1.4 million in cash, council bonds, staff labor, and donations of cash and 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](#). (18-1247)

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Wenatchee Renovating Lincoln Park

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to renovate the 18-acre Lincoln Park in south Wenatchee. The City will build a BMX pump track in an underused part of the park, add a group picnic shelter, replace an outdated playground, add a splash pad, build a new stage, and improve the walkways, parking areas, and landscaping. This project creates a vibrant recreation hub in the most culturally diverse and lowest income portion of the city. The project also provides active play elements to help combat the area's above average childhood obesity rates. Wenatchee will contribute more than \$1 million in cash, staff labor, potentially a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Program, 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](#). (18-1245)

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Projects in Clallam County

Grants Awarded: \$5,179,179

Clallam County Completing the Spruce Railroad Trail

Grant Awarded: \$1,999,950

The Clallam County Public Works Department will use this grant to build the last 2 miles of trail built on the historic 1918 Spruce Railroad grade between the McFee Tunnel and Daley-Rankin Tunnel. The entire 4 miles of the Spruce Railroad Trail in Olympic National Park will receive a refreshed gravel surface and paving. The County also will extend the trail .2 mile north down the Lyre River ravine. This project will provide a safe, 10-mile trail for all non-motorized visitors, bypassing U.S. Route 101 around Lake Crescent. The federal highway has no safe shoulders for bicyclists, equestrians, or visitors in wheelchairs. The restored trail includes measures to enhance rock fall safety and a new bridge near the Daley-Rankin Tunnel. Clallam County will contribute more than \$2.1 million in a federal appropriation, cash, and a private 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](#). (18-1558)

**North Olympic Land Trust
Preserving Dungeness Farmland**

Grant Awarded: \$559,771

The North Olympic Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 104 acres of prime farmland in the Sequim-Dungeness valley with increased development pressure. Leased by the same family since the 1940s, the farm supports cattle and hay. An agricultural conservation easement will conserve the countryside view from the levee along the Dungeness River that thousands of people walk each month. North Olympic Land Trust will contribute \$559,772 in donations of cash 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](#). (18-1944)

**Port Angeles
Filling a Missing Gap in the Olympic Discovery Trail**

Grant Awarded: \$1,421,700

The City of Port Angeles will use this grant to build a missing gap of the Olympic Discovery Trail, completing a local vision 35 years in the making to develop a continuous 11.5-mile trail corridor for local, regional, and international use. This proposed trail segment will replace a poorly signed, steep, and dangerous roadside shoulder with a trail that's accessible to people with disabilities and travels along a forested marine bluff. At the top of the bluff in Crown Park, visitors will enjoy views across Ediz Hook and the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Vancouver Island and beyond. Port Angeles will contribute \$609,300 in cash 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](#). (18-1319)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Buying a Boat Launch at Sekiu**

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 6.5 acres of a private fishing resort at Sekiu in Clallam County. The land includes a four-lane boat launch and boat trailer parking and two additional overflow parking areas away from the main launching site. These launches accommodate all sizes of trailerable boats at most tides, giving recreational boaters access to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2259)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Caring for Off-road Vehicle Trails near Port Angeles

Grant Awarded: \$197,758

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 36 miles of off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in the Foothills and Sadie Creek trail systems near Port Angeles. Activities will include rerouting trails, clearing trail, maintaining culverts, hardening sections of trail with crushed rock, and maintaining bridges and signs. Trailhead duties include maintaining restrooms and signs and removing garbage. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable off-road vehicle trails and facilities. The department will contribute \$132,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2284)

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Projects in Clark County

Grants Awarded: \$5,484,836

King's Way Christian Schools Converting the East Field to Synthetic Turf

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

King's Way Christian Schools in Vancouver will use this grant to renovate the east field, which consists of two full-size natural grass soccer fields, to synthetic turf fields complete with lights, accessible pathways, restrooms, and scoreboards. Youth athletics is growing rapidly and the east field's surface significantly restricts playability. Overuse and rain creates slippery, unsafe conditions for athletes during a large part of the year. The proposed improvements will convert the east field it into a 65,000 square foot synthetic facility for soccer, baseball and softball play complete. This project is vital to increase field availability and expand participation opportunities for over 4,500 youth athletes in our community. King's Way Christian Schools will contribute \$2,279,100 in donations of cash, and donation of labor. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1906)

La Center

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

Improving Drainage and Irrigation at Holley Park Ball Fields

The City of La Center will use this grant to install underground drainage and irrigation at two ball fields in Holley Park, an 11-acre community park. Holley Park is the city's busiest park and has three softball fields, two soccer fields, and a small multi-use field. The improvements will allow the city to extend the use of the fields. The new irrigation system is designed to be more efficient, saving water and providing consistent coverage. The new drainage system will redirect storm water away from the East Fork Lewis River and nearby wetlands, which are used by salmon, chum, steelhead, and bull trout. La Center will contribute \$80,025 in staff labor and park impact fees. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2026)

Piston's Wild Motorsports

Grant Awarded: \$25,000

Maintaining Motorized Trail in Yacolt Burn State Forest

The Piston's Wild Motorsports and Jones Creek Trail Riders Association will use this grant to buy trail maintenance tools and other equipment to care for 4x4 and all-terrain vehicle trails in southwestern Washington. Piston's Wild Motorsports will buy an off-road trailer to move rock to the trails and an enclosed trailer to move equipment. Jones Creek Trail Riders Association will use this grant to maintain three of its older all-terrain vehicles and buy two chainsaws and other hand tools. Other purchases include rock, materials, equipment rentals, and fuel for equipment for both groups. Piston's Wild Motorsports will contribute \$35,000 in donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2551)

Port of Camas-Washougal

Grant Awarded: \$67,050

Designing Improvements to the Washougal Breakwater Dock

The Port of Camas-Washougal will use this grant to design and develop construction plans for renovating the access ramp from Washougal Waterfront Park to the Breakwater Dock. The dock is the only one between the cities of Tri-Cities and Kalama on the Columbia River and is used by for overnight stays by visiting boaters. The renovation will include making the dock accessible to people using wheelchairs and upgrading the electrical system by moving the overhead powerline to the dock surface

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and installing eight lighted electrical pedestals. The Port of Camas-Washougal will contribute \$22,350. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2282)

Vancouver **Grant Awarded: \$235,415**
Expanding George and Hazel Stein Neighborhood Park

The Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy land to expand a future neighborhood park. The land is north of Mill Plain Boulevard in an older, underserved neighborhood. The City bought .77 acre in 1975, and an adjoining landowner donated a .8 acre, which then triggered a time-sensitive opportunity to buy another 1.9 acres for further expansion. The new purchase will give the city 3.5 acres for a future neighborhood park. Vancouver will contribute \$238,077 in park impact fees and a donation 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](#). (18-1679)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$3,418,639**
Expanding Lacamas Prairie Natural Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 315 acres in the Lacamas Prairie Natural Area. The land includes about 63 acres of riverbank habitat, 21 acres of wetlands, and 231 acres of uplands. The Willamette Valley wet prairie, which includes the Lacamas Prairie Natural Area, represents the only example of its size and quality in Washington. Threatened by habitat destruction in one of the state's most rapidly urbanizing counties, the land contains habitat for five state sensitive plant species and one rare animal species. The land also supports the second largest of 20 known populations of Bradshaw's lomatium, a globally critically imperiled, federally listed endangered 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](#). (18-1520)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$174,000**
Hiring a Warden for the Pacific Cascade Region

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a full-time warden to patrol the agency's Pacific Cascade Region, which includes the Yacolt Burn State Forest

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and other forest blocks in southwest Washington. The warden will patrol 580 miles of road, 72 miles of trail, 8 campgrounds, 11 trailheads, and 3 day-use areas on more than 210,000 acres in the region. The warden will focus on identifying potential health, safety, and resource damage concerns; providing public outreach; engaging user groups; providing an additional enforcement presence; and supporting the Forest Watch program, which is aimed at establishing partnerships with user groups and educating visitors. The Department will also buy education materials and electronic equipment intended to deter crimes and increase public safety. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$116,500 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2507)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$150,000** **Maintaining Pacific Cascade Non-Motorized Trails and Facilities**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a natural resource technician and trail crew to maintain non-motorized trails and trailheads within its Pacific Cascade Region, located in southwest Washington. Duties will include logging out downed trees, clearing trail, addressing areas of standing water, and repairing trail tread. Other maintenance will include removing garbage and repairing restrooms, signs, and other facility structures. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable non-motorized recreation trails and support facilities. The department will contribute \$100,100 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2509)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$100,000** **Replacing Yacolt Burn Non-Motorized Trail Bridges**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund staff and a trail crew to demolish and build 2 non-motorized bridges on the Tarbell Trail System in its western Yacolt Burn State Forest, about 10 miles northeast of Vancouver. This project will also include purchasing supplies and materials as part of the bridge replacement. The primary recreation opportunity by this project is safe and sustainable non-motorized recreation trails. The department will contribute \$43,000 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#)

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program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2511)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$160,000** **Restoring the Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 88 acres of imperiled wet prairie and Oregon white oak woodland habitat in Clark County, north of Lacamas Lake and Camas. The department will control invasive weeds and encroaching woody vegetation, use site preparation techniques including prescribed fire and hydrologic rehabilitation, and replant the area. The Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve was established in 2007 to protect the last remaining example in the state of Willamette Valley wet prairie as well as habitat for eight rare plants and one bird of conservation concern. These habitats are threatened by encroachment of invasive trees, shrubs, and grasses, alteration of the fire regime, and modifications of hydrology. The preserve is home to Hall's aster, Oregon coyote thistle, slender-billed nuthatch, western gray squirrel, small-flowered trillium, and the endangered Bradshaw's lomatium. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1862)

Washougal **Grant Awarded: \$350,000** **Building a Third Field in the George Schmid Memorial Park**

The City of Washougal will use this grant to develop the third ball field at George Schmid Memorial Park. Development will include lighting for all three fields, building connecting sidewalks, and installing bleachers, dugouts, bullpens, and a scoreboard for the third field. The completed ballpark helps alleviate pressure on other local ball fields and assists with the possible loss of as many as three other fields used by East County Little League. Washougal will contribute \$377,350. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1222)

Washougal **Grant Awarded: \$74,988** **Expanding the Washougal River Waterfront**

The City of Washougal will use this grant to buy easements across two residential lots along the Washougal River to expand access to more than a half-mile of waterfront. By

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buying the easements, Washougal will be able to connect two amazing waterfront properties—Hathaway Park and the Schmid Family property—with a remarkable river's edge trail. In addition, Washougal will manage a popular swimming hole and be able to make changes, such as erosion control, bank stabilization, and native plantings, to improve the condition of the site. Washougal will contribute \$74,989 in cash and conservation futures.¹ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-1244)

Washougal Purchasing Land for a Park

Grant Awarded: \$304,744

The City of Washougal will use this grant to buy and develop land in the city's center along the Washougal River. The land not only will provide convenient recreation opportunities for residents on the east side of town, but its location next to greenway properties will provide a gateway to the Washougal River. The City will pave a path circling the upper park that will connect to gravel trails and to a trail to Hathaway Park. The City will build a construction company-inspired playground that will pay homage to the site's previous use as the George Schmid and Sons Construction Company. The City also will install picnic areas and a pavilion for gatherings and public events, restrooms, and parking. The park may include a hillside slide, sloped climbing wall, and small disc golf course. Washougal will contribute \$304,745 in cash and another 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](#). (18-2164)

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

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Projects in Columbia County

Grants Awarded: \$74,950

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$74,950

Maintaining Wilderness and Backcountry Trails in the Pomeroy Ranger District

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to maintain wilderness trails in the Umatilla National Forest. Activities will include logging out downed trees, resurfacing trails, hardening trails, maintaining water drainage structures, and inspecting and maintaining trail bridges. This project will ensure continued public access and natural resource protection. The primary recreational opportunity provided by this project will be sustainable non-motorized wilderness trail use. The Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness and the Wenatchee Backcountry area are unique in that they are the only wilderness and backcountry areas in the southeast corner of Washington. Columbia, Garfield and Asotin counties serve as portals to these areas, which in turn provide economic support to communities within the three counties. Visitors from across the region come to horseback ride, hike, backpack, hunt, or fish for the day or for a weekend retreat. The ranger district will contribute \$75,050 in a federal appropriation, staff equipment, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2267)

Projects in Cowlitz County

Grants Awarded: \$1,475,739

Castle Rock

Grant Awarded: \$708,000

Improving Safety at the Al Helenberg Boat Launch

The City of Castle Rock will use this grant to improve safety at the Al Helenberg Memorial Boat Launch. The City will build a structure in the water that will provide a safer experience by reducing the river's velocity and moving sediment away from the ramp area. Castle Rock will contribute \$237,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and 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](#). (18-2479)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Merrill Lake

Grant Awarded: \$767,739

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 71.8 acres at the south end of Merrill Lake, in Cowlitz County. The land includes old growth forest and expands on 2,170 acres of forest, wetland, riverbank, and lakeshore habitat already protected. These lands provide important habitat for deer, elk, waterfowl, migratory songbirds, amphibians, raptors, and bobcats. Other species living there include coastal tailed frog, pileated woodpecker, Vaux's swift, western toad, cascade torrent salamander, and bald eagle. Cherished by community fly-fishing groups, Merrill Lake is one of the few fly-fishing-only lakes in the state. Campers and visitors also visit the lake and the campground and picnic area nearby. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1521)

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Projects in Douglas County

Grants Awarded: \$554,390

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust Enhancing Spiva Butte Preserve

Grant Awarded: \$341,900

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will use this grant to buy 1,396 acres of shrub-steppe habitat near Spiva Butte in northern Douglas County. The land includes more than 2 miles of Deep Creek plus 50 acres of wetlands and 10 acres of lake. The project will provide habitat for sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, Washington ground squirrels, mule deer, and other wildlife, as well as opportunities for public access. Species on or near the area include sagebrush lizard, golden eagle, loggerhead shrike, burrowing owl, greater sage-grouse, Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, Rocky mountain mule deer, sage thrasher, white-tailed jackrabbit, Washington ground squirrel, silver-bordered butterfly, and others. The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will contribute \$344,900 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](#). (18-1452)

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring a Field for Sharp-Tailed Grouse

Grant Awarded: \$212,490

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore a 177.5-acre field in the Big Bend Wildlife Area of northeast Douglas County. The department will remove non-native grass from this former agricultural field and replant it with native grasses and forbs, including plants of cultural value for tribes. The Big Bend Wildlife Area was purchased to benefit Columbian sharp-tailed grouse as well as a host of wildlife that rely on shrub-steppe habitat. This field is near seasonal pot-hole lakes and lekking grounds making it a priority for restoration. Without restoration, the site will not be productive grouse breeding habitat. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1900)

Projects in Ferry County

Grants Awarded: \$1,801,550

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Building the Kelly Ferry Boat Launch

Grant Awarded: \$640,875

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation's Park and Recreation Program will use this grant to build a boat launch on the San Poil arm of the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area in northeastern Washington. Currently, anglers and boaters in Ferry County have to ride the Keller Ferry to the Lincoln County side of Lake Roosevelt to use the National Park Service's boat launch to lake. The Tribes will build the launch on 91 acres of undeveloped tribal land. The launch area will include an access road, boat trailer parking, a ramp, skid docks, and restrooms. The Colville Confederated Tribes will contribute \$213,625. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2425)

Ferry County Completing Surfacing of the Ferry County Rail Trail

Grant Awarded: \$376,000

Ferry County will use this grant to complete surfacing of the 25-mile Ferry County Rail Trail. The County will surface 8.94 miles from the Kiwanis Trailhead northeast of Curlew Lake to Lundimo Meadows Road south of the town of Curlew. Improvements include installation of a toilet, kiosk, and signs. Ferry County will contribute \$45,000 in donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and](#)

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[Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1959)

Ferry County Developing Hesse Recreation Park

Grant Awarded: \$108,900

Ferry County will use this grant to develop Hesse Park, off State Highway 21 near Republic schools and the Golden Tiger Pathway trailhead. Park components will include a pump track with an outer flat track, a grass lawn, a covered pavilion, fencing, a storage facility, electricity, and a waterline for irrigation. Some future improvements include campgrounds, restrooms, showers, mountain bike trails, and a sledding hill. The proposed project would provide reliable recreation opportunities while supporting economic stability and promoting healthy alternatives for the youth of Ferry County. Ferry County will contribute \$12,100 in 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](#). (18-1666)

Okanogan Land Trust Preserving Miller 4-Bravo Farmland and Ranch

Grant Awarded: \$215,775

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a 371-acre voluntary land preservation agreement for land owned by Daniel Miller with 4-Bravo Ranch. Made up of irrigated farmland and pasture, along with aspen and dry mixed conifer forest, this project will protect productive farm and rangeland that supports hay farming and livestock ranching. Located near Washington State Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Forest Service land, the area will facilitate expanded opportunities for cattle ranching and wildlife movement. The land includes a section of Curlew Creek, a fish-bearing creek with streambank habitat. Near Curlew and State Highway 21, the land sees increased pressure for industrial or residential development. Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$215,775 in donations of cash and land 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](#). (18-1861)

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Burning and Thinning the Sherman Creek Forest

Grant Awarded: \$460,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to prepare a plan and burn about 1,000 acres in the Sherman Creek Wildlife Area, in Ferry County. The department also will remove some of the trees to thin the forest, when weather prevents the fire implementation. The department has thinned more than 4,000 acres of the forest since 2008, with the intention of burning another 3,300 with prescribed fire. To date 800 acres have been burned. The burning and thinning will restore and protect ecological processes and improve forest health for white-headed woodpeckers, pygmy nuthatches, pileated woodpeckers, white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose, and other wildlife. The work also will enhance recreational opportunities like hunting 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](#). (18-1937)

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Projects in Franklin County

Grants Awarded: \$1,010,839

Pasco

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

Beginning Development of the A Street Sports Complex

The City of Pasco will use this grant to build three multiuse sports fields, a parking lot, and restroom, serving as first phase of development of the A Street sports complex, in east Pasco. By developing this city-owned vacant land into a beautiful sporting complex, the City will be able to accommodate the ever-growing demand for field space, and bring high quality fields to one of the region's most underprivileged areas. The fields will accommodate sports such as soccer, lacrosse, rugby, and Ultimate Frisbee. Pasco will contribute \$221,113. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1360)

Pasco

Grant Awarded: \$660,839

Renovating the Schlagel Park Boat Launch

The City of Pasco will use this grant to build a two-lane boat launch at Schlagel Park on the Columbia River. The existing launch was built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in

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the 1950s, upgraded in the 1970s, and is in very poor condition. The City will replace the boat ramps and launches with boarding floats and concrete ramps, replace the restroom, and reorganize traffic flow and parking. Pasco will contribute \$235,000 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](#). (18-2355)

Projects in Garfield County **Grants Awarded: \$108,000**

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$50,000** **Caring for Off-road Vehicle Trails in the Pomeroy Ranger District**

The Pomeroy and Walla Walla Ranger Districts will use this grant to maintain off-road vehicle trails throughout Asotin, Garfield and Columbia Counties within the Umatilla National Forest. Duties will include clearing trail, hardening trail, maintaining culverts, and inspecting and repairing trail bridges. This project will ensure continued public access and natural resource protection. The primary recreational opportunity provided for this project will be safe and sustainable off-road vehicle recreation. These trail systems provide the only off-highway vehicle opportunities on federal public lands in the northern Blue Mountains and help to boost the local economy of nearby communities. The ranger district will contribute \$58,000 in a federal appropriation, materials, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2268)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$40,000** **Maintaining Pomeroy Ranger District Campgrounds**

The Umatilla National Forest's Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 13 developed campgrounds, five concentrated use areas, and dispersed campsites throughout the district. Crews will remove garbage and maintain the toilets, fire rings, picnic tables, the feed mangers and hitching rails, and the bulletin boards and signs. The ranger district also will use the grant to buy cleaning supplies and toilet paper. 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 Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2266)

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U.S. Forest Service Maintaining Trails in the Pomeroy Ranger District

Grant Awarded: \$18,000

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to fund a two-person team, along with a crew of volunteers, to maintain 138 miles of snowmobile trails in the Umatilla National Forest. The crews will clear trail debris and install signs, trail markers, and snow poles. This funding will help to maintain working relationships with the Mount Misery Snow-Drifters and other volunteers to keep trails safely passable during the winter and to promote responsible snowmobiling. The Forest Service will contribute \$87,241 in equipment, staff labor, materials, a state grant, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2265)

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Projects in Grant County

Grants Awarded: \$2,764,649

Electric City Bringing Ice Age Park to Life

Grant Awarded: \$257,649

Electric City will use this grant to develop the city's first public park, named Ice Age Park. The .41-acre park is centrally located in Electric City and will include open areas, pathways, a playground and splash pad, a picnic shelter, and restrooms. This project is of high priority for Electric City because there are no city-owned public parks in this underserved community. This park will have the first public playground for local children. The park will have an Ice Age and Ice Age Floods theme because Electric City is in the center of the floods region. With themed park features and interpretive signs, this park will emphasize the region's unique character and provide educational opportunities for visitors and residents alike. Electric City will contribute \$257,650. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1419)

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Grant County **Grant Awarded: \$29,000** **Maintaining Off-road Vehicle Opportunities at the Moses Lake Sand Dunes**

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to maintain off-road vehicle opportunities at the Moses Lake Sand Dunes, located south of Moses Lake in Grant County. Duties will include repairing fences, cleaning bathrooms, updating signs, controlling noxious weeds, and removing garbage. The primary recreational opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable off-road vehicle riding. This project will help the sheriff's office to protect natural resources while promoting responsible off-road vehicle recreation. This project is essential to providing a family-friendly venue for the off-road vehicle recreationists and campers while reducing the human impact on the environment. The sheriff's office will contribute \$34,000 in equipment, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2280)

Grant County **Grant Awarded: \$200,000** **Providing Officers to Patrol the Sand Dunes**

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to fund two full-time officers to provide education and enforcement on about 8,500 acres of off-road vehicle areas. The officers will work at the Moses Lake Sand Dunes, which are off Interstate 90, south of Moses Lake, and at the Beverly Sand Dunes, which are off State Route 243 near the town of Mattawa. The officers educate the public through special events, brochures, the Internet, and signs. Off-road vehicle riders, equestrians, campers, hikers, anglers, snowmobile riders, boaters, and beachgoers use the dunes. The Grant County Sheriff's Department will contribute \$303,772 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2279)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$1,250,000** **Redeveloping the Glen Williams Access Site on Potholes Reservoir**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the Glen Williams access site on Potholes Reservoir in Grant County. The department will replace 230 feet of boat ramp, install three new toilets and a loading platform, pave the parking areas, and install signs. This access site receives the highest public use of any access site on

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Potholes Reservoir and is the only public access usable during reservoir drawdown. As one of the premiere recreational destinations in the Pacific Northwest, Glenn Williams access site serves anglers, hunters, and watersport enthusiasts year-round. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2424)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$630,000**
Redeveloping the Lind Coulee Access Site on Potholes Reservoir

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the Lind Coulee access site south of Moses Lake on the east end of Potholes Reservoir in Grant County. The department will replace planks and toilets, pave, and install a loading platform accessible to people with disabilities. The Lind Coulee access site provides access for boating, fishing, hunting, and camping, across a wind-sheltered portion of the Potholes Reservoir. Potholes offers world-class fishing and waterfowl hunting, bringing people from all over the Pacific Northwest and beyond. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2515)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$398,000**
Renovating the Burke Lake Access Site

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the Burke Lake access site in the Quincy Wildlife Area in Grant County. The department will replace the boat launch, pave the gravel parking lot, and install a boarding float and piles. Burke Lake is one of many lakes in the Quincy wildlife area, but one of the few that allow boats with motors. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2516)

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Projects in Grays Harbor County **Grants Awarded: \$1,890,500**

Hoquiam **Grant Awarded: \$156,500** **Building the Adams Street Waterfront Park**

The City of Hoquiam will use this grant to build a waterfront park along the Chehalis River and upper Grays Harbor Bay. The City will renovate a vacant dirt parking area along the Chehalis River and add a picnic shelter, interpretive signs, a paved parking lot, small craft launch, and waterside pathways with viewing areas for watching fishing boats and cargo ships. Hoquiam will contribute \$156,500. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-2023)

Hoquiam **Grant Awarded: \$64,000** **Lighting the Gable Park Athletic Field**

The City of Hoquiam will use this grant to install new ball field lighting at John Gable Park. The park does not have lighting to allow for evening soccer, T-ball, and softball. City staff will install LED lights on eight poles, lighting two fields. Hoquiam will contribute \$16,000. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2019)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$1,500,000** **Conserving Grayland Property**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 1,408 acres outside Westport, near the Elk River Natural Resources Conservation Area, Twin Harbors State Park, and John's River Wildlife Area. The land includes more than 1,000 acres of wetlands, forests, and grasslands. The land supports habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, elk, deer, marbled murrelets, bald eagles, black bears, and river otters. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1343)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$170,000** **Restoring Damon Point**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to complete a second phase of restoration at Damon Point, an extraordinary sand spit peninsula that runs from south of

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Ocean Shores for several miles towards Westport, in Grays Harbor County. The department’s goal is to restore high quality coastal dune habitat for rare and endangered bird species and a diversity of other species that use the site. The coastal grassland and forb meadows have supported snowy plover and streaked horned lark in the past, but restoration is needed to fully restore the habitat. In addition, the department will designate trails for the public that avoid key habitats and install signs with educational information to prevent intrusion into sensitive areas. The department will contribute \$28,000 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](#). (18-1221)

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Projects in Island County Grants Awarded: \$1,069,325

South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Grant Awarded: \$315,325 **Buying the Waterman Trails Property for the Public**

The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to buy 40 acres of privately owned land with a trail system to keep it open to the public. If the district doesn’t buy the land, it will be logged, subdivided, and sold for residential lots. The park district is on the southern end of Whidbey Island, and is home to about 15,000 people. The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will contribute \$349,040 in cash, staff labor, potentially a grant from the 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](#). (18-1207)

Oak Harbor Grant Awarded: \$350,000 **Creating New Soccer Fields**

The City of Oak Harbor will use this grant to buy 75 acres and develop soccer fields and a parking lot. The grant also will be used for design work, engineering, and land preparation. The two soccer fields and a parking lot will be the first phase of a multi-phased project. When completed, the park will have seven high school-sized soccer fields, two multiuse fields, two football fields, four little league fields, four girls softball fields, two adult softball fields, three T-ball fields, and 1 high school-sized baseball field.

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It also will include two parking lots, picnic shelters, restrooms, trails, disc golf and basketball courts. This site is the last undeveloped parcel of its size in the city limits. The City leases land from the school district, and the district is planning to build a new elementary school on that land, resulting in the loss of seven playfields. Oak Harbor will contribute more than \$1.6 million in cash, park impact fees, and donations of cash, equipment, 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](#). (18-1817)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Redeveloping the Deer Lake Water Access Site

Grant Awarded: \$404,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the Deer Lake water access site on Whidbey Island in Island County. The department will replace the boat launch and pave the entry road, above the launch, and a parking spot for people with disabilities. The department also will install an L-shaped boat dock. These improvements will increase use the use and safety of the site and reduce long-term maintenance. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2356)

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Projects in Jefferson County

Grants Awarded: \$3,730,191

Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association Improving Safety and Decreasing Noise

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association will use this grant to control noise and improve safety at its 100-yard range, in Port Townsend, in Jefferson County. The association will install two noise abatement and errant projectile control stalls, lighting, and fans. The club is used by more than 3,000 visitors a year and hosts special events that attract many from well outside the Olympic Peninsula area. The Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association will contribute \$86,000 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](#). (18-2561)

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The Nature Conservancy Preserving Hoh River Habitat and Recreation

Grant Awarded: \$1,487,600

The Nature Conservancy will use this grant to buy 1,080 acres in the Hoh River watershed on the Olympic Peninsula. This project will link riverside habitat along a 30-mile corridor from the Olympic National Park to the National Marine Sanctuary. The Nature Conservancy will manage the land to restore old-growth forest, floodplain, and stream habitat, while preserving access for hunting, fishing, boating, birding, and hiking. The Hoh River basin includes wild populations of coho, Chinook, and sockeye salmon and steelhead, and is important for bull trout recovery. The area also supports Pacific lamprey, marbled murrelets, northern spotted owls, bald eagles, Olympic fishers, and Roosevelt elk. The Nature Conservancy will contribute more than \$1.4 million in a private 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](#). (18-1249)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding Dabob Bay Natural Area

Grant Awarded: \$578,699

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 164 acres of shoreline and nearby forestland within Dabob Bay Natural Area on Hood Canal. This area includes examples of coastal spits, coastal bluffs, and shorelines that provide sediment and large woody materials. The project includes enhanced protection for the agency's Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve, as well as education and research opportunities. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1517)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Moving Campsites in Dosewallips State Park

Grant Awarded: \$1,513,892

State Parks will use this grant to replace 29 standard campsites with 14 utility campsites and add a restroom in Dosewallips State Park. The existing campsites are downstream of the U.S. Route 101 bridge and flood regularly, making the campsites unusable in certain seasons and requiring extensive staff time to clean up. State Parks also will move the group camp to another area of the park. The new utility sites will be in a different location that does not flood, be designed for year-round use, and accommodate longer

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recreational vehicles that may be pulling a vehicle or boat. The new restroom will have eight toilets and four showers. Moving the campsites will allow the Dosewallips River to meander more naturally, providing improved habitat for three federally listed salmon runs. This proposal is part of an extensive, multi-year, multi-phased habitat restoration project that is being conducted in partnership with the Wild Fish Conservancy. State Parks will contribute \$225,000 in a grant from the state 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](#). (18-1510)

Additional projects in this county are listed in the "Projects in More Than One County" section beginning on page 127.

Projects in King County **Grants Awarded: \$13,460,721**

Auburn **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Developing a Community Park along the Green River**

The City of Auburn will use this grant to build a 14.73-acre community park at 104th Avenue Southeast along the Green River. The City will build a 34-stall parking lot, improve access to the river, build a soft-surface trail looping through the site, and add park amenities, such as a picnic shelter, interpretive kiosk, signs, drinking fountain, and restroom. The City also will remove invasive plants and replant native species. The land currently is a mix of forest and invasive species, and river access is by an unimproved path. The only parking is along a narrow shoulder on a curved road. On any given sunny day, there are dozens of cars parked precariously along the road, which people use to get to the river and its sandy beach. Development of the park also will help alleviate the unauthorized activities at the site that harm the environment and the surrounding communities. Auburn will contribute \$626,251 in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and park impact fees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-1988)

Bellevue **Grant Awarded: \$265,000** **Replacing Synthetic Turf on a Wilburton Hill Community Park Sports Field**

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to replace the synthetic turf on a multiuse athletic field and renovate the track surrounding the field in Wilburton Hill Community Park. The

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field is lighted, un-fenced, and open to the public year-round. It is used primarily for soccer, lacrosse, summer sport camps, and scheduled school activities. After several years of intensive programming, the field and surrounding track are showing wear. Bellevue will contribute \$657,628. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-1187)

Bothell

Grant Awarded: \$1,080,300

Replacing a Bridge at Bothell Landing

The City of Bothell will use this grant to replace the trail bridge that crosses Sammamish River at the Park at Bothell Landing. The City will build a wider bridge and less steep grades to better accommodate commuters, bicyclists, and pedestrians. This project will strengthen and enhance Bothell's network of bike and pedestrian facilities while updating an important non-motorized connection in the downtown. The existing pedestrian bridge is in the 14-acre park and is downtown's trailhead to the regional bicycle system via the Burke Gilman/Sammamish River Trail and the North Creek Trail. Bothell will contribute more than \$1.2 million 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.](#) (18-1355)

Burien

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

Improving a Sports Field in Moshier Memorial Park

Burien will use this grant to convert a field in Moshier Park from grass to synthetic turf and make some pathways accessible by people with disabilities. Field 1 is Burien's only lighted field with bleachers and a score booth, resulting in heavy use. Poor drainage limits the use of the field in bad weather. Converting to synthetic turf improves conditions, reduces maintenance, and allows the field to be used year-round for not just baseball but also softball, soccer, and lacrosse. Burien will contribute \$973,521 in a state appropriation, 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.](#) (18-1693)

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Des Moines

Grant Awarded: \$273,720

Preserving Views of the Sound

The City of Des Moines will use this grant to buy the Van Gasken property for a future park. This unique waterfront land features views of Puget Sound, Vashon Island, Maury Island, and the Olympic Mountains. The City will convert it into a park that connects the downtown marina district to the city's waterfront, parks, and open space system. The park will enhance the pedestrian corridor, preserve environmental and cultural resources, and protect wildlife habitat for salmon, heron, and eagles. The land borders Des Moines Beach Park, a 21-acre National Historic District with tidelands; Des Moines Creek Park, a 43-acre open area with Des Moines Creek Trail (part of the King County Lake to Sound Regional Trail System); Overlook II Park; and the Des Moines Marina. The land has been owned by the Van Gasken family since 1883. Des Moines will contribute \$696,287 in cash and conservation futures.² This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1612)

Des Moines

Grant Awarded: \$107,202

Renovating Fields in the Des Moines Field House Park

The Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department will use this grant to renovate the playfields in the Field House Park. Work will include replacing an aged backstop and fence, adding bleachers to one field, installing a drainage system to the outfields, adding a drinking fountain to the park, and replacing a deteriorating utility shed. Field House Park is a multiuse sports complex and is Des Moines' most visited park. Poor drainage has caused cancellations of games, practices, and special events over the years. Des Moines will contribute \$107,202 in a local grant. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1788)

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.

Des Moines

Grant Awarded: \$211,107

Renovating the Redondo Boat Ramp

The City of Des Moines will use this grant to upgrade the boarding floats at the Redondo boat ramp. Many of the steel hinge connections between the floats have worn out, allowing too much movement between the floats. As a result, the floats are unstable even in mild wind and wave conditions. The City will replace the older string on the south side of the ramp with a new float string and refurbish the floats on the north side by replacing hardware and developing a wider approach. The ramp averages about 4,000 launches a year and is the primary launch for boaters who want to get from Three Tree Point to Dash Point. Des Moines will contribute \$72,258. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2256)

Kenmore

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Developing Access to the Squire's Landing Waterfront

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to build a launch area for hand-powered boats, complete with staging areas, a float, a community plaza and picnic shelter, restroom, parking lot, trails, boardwalks, bridges, and river viewing platforms. The City also will improve and create wetlands along Swamp Creek and the Sammamish River for migratory birds and other wildlife. The 42-acre Squire's Landing Park is on the south of State Road 522 and the Burke Gilman Trail. The work will help people reach the Sammamish River and Lake Washington. Kenmore will contribute more than \$2.9 million in a local grant, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-1535)

Kenmore

Grant Awarded: \$316,112

Developing Waterfront Access and Viewing in Log Boom Park

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to develop and restore about 2 acres of the city's 16.4-acre Log Boom Park. The work will include developing a path accessible to people with disabilities, installing a picnic shelter, and improving access to the beach for wading, launching hand-powered boats, fishing, and viewing nature. The City also will remove invasive plants and replant native plants along the shoreline, wetlands, and their

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buffers. Log Boom Park is along the northern shore of Lake Washington, just south of State Route 522 and the regional Burke Gilman Trail. Kenmore will contribute \$525,905 in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-1437)

Kent **Grant Awarded: \$95,500**
Improving Service Club Park Drainage

The City of Kent will use this grant to improve the drainage in Service Club Park, a baseball-softball complex with four fields, in the southeast corner of the city. The City will add supplemental drainage to the grass outfield in three fields. The work will reduce oversaturated outfield conditions and reduce the number of cancellations. Kent will contribute \$95,500. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1527)

King County **Grant Awarded: \$600,000**
Developing Part of the Lake to Sound Trail

King County Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to build about one-third mile of the Lake to Sound Trail, which runs along Des Moines Memorial Drive. The new segment will be a 12-foot-wide, paved, path with 2-foot-wide gravel shoulders for non-motorized use. The County will install curbs, gutters, and retaining walls, as well as pedestrian and traffic signal improvements and pavement markings at two road crossings. The trail segment is a missing link and will connect a previously constructed segment to the existing Des Moines Creek Trail, which is the western end of the Lake to Sound Trail corridor. Once complete, the Lake to Sound Trail will run 16 miles from the south end of Lake Washington to Puget Sound, linking the cities of Renton, Tukwila, SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines and connecting to four regional trails. King County will contribute more than \$1 million in 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](#). (18-1691)

Mercer Island
Redesigning the Luther Burbank Park Dock

Grant Awarded: \$173,000

The City of Mercer Island will use this grant to redesign the Luther Burbank Park boat launch, on the northeast end of Mercer Island. The existing dock layout was designed for use by large boats with high decks. Built in 1974, these docks now need repair. A recent boating needs study recommended reconfiguring the docks to a floating dock, which will serve smaller, motorized boats. Luther Burbank Park features spectacular views of Lake Washington and is used for swimming, boating, and fishing. Mercer Island will contribute \$58,000 in a voter-approved levy and park impact fees. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2396)

Rj's Kids
Building a Pump Track at the Burton Adventure Recreation Center

Grant Awarded: \$74,609

RJ's Kids will use this grant to expand the Burton Adventure Recreation Center by building a pump track for competitive bicycling and skateboarding. The park currently has an indoor skate park, outdoor skate bowl, volleyball area, BMX and walking trails, and a Frisbee disc golf course. The improvements will enhance the terrain for beginners, amateurs, and professionals alike, and create a venue for competitive racing and judged events. Vashon–Maury Island in King County is abundant in parks, natural lands, and sports fields but lacks a community center for youth and young adults. The Burton Adventure Recreation Center unofficially fills that void. Rj's Kids will contribute \$74,610 in donations of cash 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](#). (18-2039)

Seattle
Converting a South Park Playfield to Synthetic Turf

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the natural turf playfield at the South Park Community Center into a full-size, synthetic turf, multiuse, lighted playfield. South Park has the highest youth population of any Seattle neighborhood, and its residents have about one-tenth the accessible green space available to the average King County resident. South Park also is one of Seattle's lowest income and most ethnically diverse communities, with 68.7 percent people of color. The

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park is underused because of an assortment of challenges including poor sight lines to and from key park elements, insufficient lighting at night, sports fields that do not meet league standards, and a lack of facilities that draw multigenerational use and spontaneous play. By focusing improvements in an under-resourced area with a high proportion of children and youth, this high-impact project addresses multiple recreational deficiencies and will allow people of all ages to improve their health. Seattle will contribute more than \$4.1 million in cash, a local grant, 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](#). (18-1782)

Seattle

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Enhancing Kubota Garden

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant for long-overdue enhancements at Kubota Garden, including two all-gender restrooms and pathways and a picnic area accessible to people with disabilities in the 3.5-acre Terrace area. This 20-acre garden is a Seattle historic landmark and the masterpiece of Fujitaro Kubota, a horticultural pioneer who infused traditional Japanese garden design with Pacific Northwest plants to create a uniquely American-Japanese garden. The garden offers spectacular hills and valleys interlaced with streams, waterfalls, ponds, bridges, and rock outcroppings. More than 20,000 people live within a half-mile of the garden in the diverse Rainier Beach neighborhood, which has 75 percent people of color, 48 percent who do not speak English at home, and 23 percent of households living in poverty. The current gravel paths and portable toilets are not holding up to the high number of visitors. Attendance has grown 27 percent since 2014, with 77,000 last year. The Kubota Garden Foundation will contribute donations and volunteer labor. Seattle will contribute \$517,120 in a local grant, potentially a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, 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](#). (18-1582)

Seattle

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

Improving the Playfield Turf in Lower Woodland Park

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to replace the synthetic turf on Playfield 2 in Lower Woodland Park. The heavily used field is a short walk from Green Lake Park, the most visited park in Seattle, and is lined for soccer, lacrosse, and

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Ultimate Frisbee. The field is nearing the end of its useful life. Over time, heavy use of synthetic turf leads to tears in the carpet, uneven distribution of infill material, and deterioration of carpet fibers. This reduces the playability and safety of the field. Seattle will contribute more than \$1.6 million. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-1783)

Seattle

Grant Awarded: \$450,775

Replacing a Dock and Restrooms at Green Lake Park

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use grant to replace the main dock with a larger dock with two floats at Green Lake Small Craft Center, renovate two restrooms and add two restrooms with showers. The current facilities cannot keep up with demand for public water access. Green Lake is one of Seattle's most popular parks, and its water recreation draws users from all over Seattle. The center's three wood floating docks vary in age from 25 to 35 years old. The new floating launch piers will reduce maintenance, improve safety, and expand boat launching access and access to people with disabilities. The City will renovate the center further by updating the heavily used shell house restrooms and creating two new restrooms with showers at the new boathouse. This is part of a larger project to redevelop the center that includes building a two-story boathouse. Seattle will contribute \$520,000 in a local grant 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.](#) (18-1272)

Seattle

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Restoring Lowman Beach Park

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department, with support from Seattle Public Utilities, will use this grant to continue restoring Lowman Beach Park, which is on Puget Sound, in West Seattle. The City will remove part of a failing concrete seawall and restore the beach to a more natural profile, creating habitat for Chinook salmon. Barrier-free access will be provided to the restored beach. This project builds upon restoration completed by the City along the southern portion of Lowman Beach. A seawall was removed in 1995, and since then, natural processes have been expanding the beach and dropping large drift logs there. Seattle will contribute more than \$1 million in staff labor, a local grant, a grant from the state Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, and a grant from the state Puget Sound Acquisition and

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Restoration program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-1963)

Snoqualmie Expanding Development of Riverview Park

Grant Awarded: \$292,593

The City of Snoqualmie will use this grant to buy .33 acre to expand Riverview Park. The acquisition will add a scenic viewpoint, expand the play area, improve pedestrian access, enhance wildlife habitat, and remake the park as a marquee feature of the Snoqualmie Riverwalk Trail. Snoqualmie will contribute \$950,467 in cash, conservation futures,³ and 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](#). (18-1756)

Tukwila Building a Park along the Green-Duwamish River

Grant Awarded: \$260,155

The City of Tukwila will use this grant to buy 1 acre along the Duwamish River, next to the regional Green River Trail, for a park. The City will build a neighborhood park that gives trail users a chance to walk along an easy trail through the woods, see the river, and sit on a park bench. The City also will install interpretive signs that explain how the park functions as salmon habitat and how other parks within view of the shoreline are part of a connected greenbelt of habitat-oriented parks. Tukwila will contribute \$206,880 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](#). (18-1908)

Tukwila Developing Trails in the Chinook Wind Habitat Restoration Project

Grant Awarded: \$157,200

The City of Tukwila will use this grant to develop a trail system, informational signs, and viewpoints within the Chinook Wind habitat restoration project being jointly

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implemented with King County. The goal is to create trails through the Chinook Wind site so that people can enjoy views of the river and the off-channel mitigation site and learn about the history of the area and the extensive salmon recovery efforts along the river. The trail system eventually will connect with the nearby Duwamish Gardens trails, making a substantial and unique urban water access experience. Tukwila will contribute \$157,200. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-2033)

U.S. Forest Service Caring for Trails in the Skykomish Ranger District

Grant Awarded: \$89,000

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to fund trail crews, contractors, and volunteer coordination to maintain 144 miles of trails in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest during the 2020 season. Work includes hauling down trees, clearing trail, addressing areas of standing water, repairing structures and bridges, and repairing trail tread. This trail system traverses the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Wild Sky Wilderness Areas; adjacent backcountry areas such as the Mt. Index Scenic Area; and includes the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and the barrier free Iron Goat Trail within the Stevens Pass Historic District. The system receives an estimated 200,000 visitors per year with use continuing to increase. The system is within a 30-minutes' drive from the Seattle area, via Highway 2, a National Scenic Byway. The ranger district will contribute \$90,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2482)

U.S. Forest Service Coordinating Volunteers in the Snoqualmie

Grant Awarded: \$10,000

The Mount-Baker Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to hire a volunteer program coordinator during the summers of 2020 and 2021. This position recruits, trains, supervises, and supports patrols in the Alpine Lakes, Clearwater, and Norse Peak wilderness areas and backcountry. It also supports participation in community events, work parties, visitor center displays, environmental education efforts, and stewardship coordination with nonprofits. For the past decade, volunteers have donated up to 9,000 hours each season and represent a big part of how the Forest Service serves the 200,000 people who visit Snoqualmie corridor trails every year. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000 in donations of labor. This grant is from

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the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2379)

U.S. Forest Service Funding Rangers to Patrol and Educate the Public

Grant Awarded: \$70,200

The Skykomish Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to fund four wilderness rangers and an intern for 2 years, and to develop educational handouts and trailhead maps and posters for use in the 200,000 acres of the Wild Sky, Henry M. Jackson, and Alpine Lakes Wilderness areas. Typically, rangers and volunteers contact about 1 million visitors a year. The rangers will enforce wilderness regulations and educate visitors on low-impact camping and waste disposal. Rangers also will conduct workshops for schools and other groups, collect use data, document trail and campsite conditions and use patterns, and ensure the cleanliness of campsites and facilities. The Forest Service will contribute \$73,300 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2545)

U.S. Forest Service Hiring Officers to Patrol the Front Country

Grant Awarded: \$135,000

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to fund two full-time and four seasonal officers to patrol the front country along Interstate 90 and State Route 410. This district's 300,000 acres include 189,000 acres open to a broad range of visitors including hikers, equestrians, campers, off-road vehicles users, target shooters, hunters, and many others. There are more than 50 trailheads, 3 developed campgrounds, and thousands of dispersed campsites in the district. A uniformed presence will decrease vandalism and forest infractions, improve the Service's ability to respond to visitor needs and protect the resources. The Forest Service will contribute \$139,725 in cash, staff labor, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2383)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

Hiring Rangers for the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to pay for four backcountry rangers and two interns to patrol trails in the Snoqualmie Ranger District. Rangers will provide education and enforcement while hiking and biking to backcountry destinations in the 300,000-acre district that 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 such as hiking, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, foraging, and horseback riding. Rangers contact visitors in the field, while monitoring and protecting natural and cultural resources, and backcountry facilities on trails that can receive more than 1,000 hikers in a single day. Rangers also will work with volunteers. The Forest Service will contribute \$154,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2381)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

Maintaining Alpine Lakes Trail

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain more than 190 miles of trail in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and surrounding backcountry in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Work will include clearing trail, addressing drainage challenges, and repairing trail surfaces. More than 200,000 people visit Forest Service trails in the Interstate 90 corridor west of Snoqualmie Pass. Social and environmental factors such as steep grades, high rainfall, popularity, dense forests, and winter storms have created backlogged maintenance in this area. The work will reduce safety hazards and erosion, extend the life of trail facilities, and enhance access to the outdoors. The Forest Service will contribute \$156,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2378)

U.S. Forest Service
Redeveloping the Snoqualmie Lake Trailhead

Grant Awarded: \$130,000

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to install a toilet and expand the parking lot at the Snoqualmie Lake Trailhead. The Snoqualmie Lake Trailhead is at the end of Forest Service Road 5640 and provides access to numerous trails in the Taylor River watershed for people hiking, mountain biking, riding horses and doing other activities. There isn't enough parking, forcing drivers to park on the edge of road, sometimes extending down the road beyond the Middle Fork Campground. The expanded parking lot will accommodate 30 to 35 vehicles, instead of the current 15. The nonprofit Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will donate to the project by maintaining the upper portion of the Snoqualmie Lake Trail. For the past 20 years, the U.S. Forest Service has been working to collaboratively restore and improve safe public access in the 110,000-acre Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, which is less than an hour from downtown Seattle. This project is part of that effort. The Forest Service will contribute \$65,000 in donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2402)

U.S. Forest Service
Relocating the Middle Fork Trail

Grant Awarded: \$125,000

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to hire a contractor to reroute about .5 miles of the Middle Fork Trail previously taken out in a landslide. The Middle Fork Trail is a unique recreation destination along the designated wild and scenic Middle Fork Snoqualmie River. Snow-free for much of the year, the trail sees up to 35,000 hikers, bikers, and horseback riders annually. The rerouted trail will extend above and around the landslide area to avoid potential future slides. The ranger district will contribute \$126,000 in donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2399)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Building Trails and a View Shelter in Tiger Mountain State Forest

Grant Awarded: \$325,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop a shelter with sweeping views of Mount Rainier and to build 6 miles of trail in east Tiger Mountain

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State Forest, about 25 miles east of Seattle. The new trails will fill gaps in the trail system and link to other equestrian, hiking, and mountain biking trails. The new trails will give users an improved experience and safer alternative than using service roads. The viewpoint shelter will provide weather protection, a resting location, and event space. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$206,500 in a state appropriation, staff labor, materials, 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](#). (18-1733)

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

Grant Awarded: \$320,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build 10 miles of trail in Raging River State Forest, about 20 miles east of Seattle, expanding the opportunities for mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians. The new trails will give visitors a safer alternative to using service roads, further develop a Mountains to Sound Greenway trail system, add under-served downhill mountain biking trails, and provide access to an area without trails, predominantly for people riding horses. This is the third of four phases. This project is supported by the *Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan*, a public planning process completed in 2015 with widespread support from user groups, recreation nonprofit organizations, public advisory committees, and nearby communities. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$320,000 in a state appropriation, staff labor, materials, potentially a grant from the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities 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](#). (18-1446)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Buying a Mountain Top

Grant Awarded: \$2,648,563

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 569 acres, including the top of South Bessemer Mountain, to expand the Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area in east King County. The land is considered the largest and highest quality private land remaining in the conservation area. The department wants to conserve the land to protect significant urban wildlife habitat, natural resources, and wildlife habitat connections, and to provide low-impact public use. The property is highly threatened by mining and residential development. It is key land in the

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Mountains to Sound Greenway, which is a 100-mile landscape of forests, wildlife habitat, and open spaces along Interstate 90. Distinctive features of the land include talus, lakes, streams, wetlands, old-growth and mature forests, cliffs, and landscape connections for wildlife. The conservation area is used by amphibians, fish, cougars, bobcats, mountain goats, black bears, coyotes, and elk. Red-tailed hawks, osprey, barred owls, pygmy owls, and pileated woodpeckers also have been observed in the area. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1524)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$634,460** **Developing Access to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River**

The Department of Natural Resources, along with King County and North Bend, will use this grant to develop and improve two key locations for launching a boat and build one key take-out location for a popular half-day kayaking and rafting run on the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River. The department will develop launching locations at Granite Flats and Mine Creek, halfway up the Middle Fork Valley. New trails will be built there to provide additional river access points and to expand opportunities for walking, swimming, fishing, and picnicking along the river. The department will develop a take-out spot at Tanner Landing in North Bend by building a parking lot and access to the river. The department also will build a park, the Dahlgren Family Park, to provide access to Tanner Landing from North Bend Way, as well as picnic facilities and natural play areas. This grant will fund the first phase of a larger project to develop public access to the Snoqualmie River. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute more than \$1 million 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](#). (18-1456)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$160,000** **Developing Raging River State Forest Trails: Phase Three**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop 10 miles of trail in the third phase of development for its Raging River State Forest trail system, which will be 37 miles total once complete in 2021. About 20 miles east of Seattle, the new trails will give visitors a safer alternative to using service roads, provide the missing link to a Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust regional trail, and offer horseback riding access to an area of the forest without developed trails. The primary recreation opportunity

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provided by the project will be improved non-motorized multiple-use trail recreation. The department will contribute \$480,000 in a state appropriation, donations of labor, staff labor, materials, and a state grant. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2327)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Designing Tiger Summit Trailhead

Grant Awarded: \$65,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to create a construction-ready design to reconfigure and expand its Tiger Summit Trailhead in Tiger Mountain State Forest in King County. Work includes conducting a geotechnical analysis and producing engineered design drawings, a storm water information report, and a construction cost estimate. The design will undergo permitting and a state environmental review process. Tiger Summit Trailhead provides access to more than 50 miles of trails including mountain biking, equestrian, and hiking trails, and an accessible interpretive loop. Its 50-car parking lot is overflowing with no space left for horse trailers, leading people to park in a gravel area opposite State Route 18. This project's parking area includes 138 regular vehicle parking spaces, 7 spaces accessible to people with a disability, and 5 spaces that can accommodate a horse trailer. The trailhead design will also incorporate a new vault toilet, kiosk, and storm water retention and infiltration facilities. The department will contribute \$45,000 in a state appropriation. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2430)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Educating Visitors to Middle Fork and Mount Si Natural Areas

Grant Awarded: \$10,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a staff person to educate visitors in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Areas in east King County. The educator will patrol popular backcountry trails and talk with visitors about trail etiquette and rules. This grant also will fund educational materials. Better-informed visitors will lead to fewer search-and-rescue missions and less environmental damage and crime. The department will contribute \$16,370 in donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2331)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$185,000** **Hiring Specialists to Patrol the Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay two employees to patrol trails. The grant will fund a full-time specialist to patrol 160 miles of trail, 9 regional trailheads, and several day-use sites and other informal parking areas along Interstate 90 in eastern King County and in the Marckworth State Forest just outside Duval. A seasonal specialist also will patrol 115 miles of trail, 5 trailheads, multiple day-use sites, and 1 campground on land owned by the agency and the U.S. Forest Service in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Finally, the grant will pay for small tools, equipment, and educational materials. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$185,050 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2330)

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

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to partially fund a recreation specialist, equipment operator, 2 natural resource workers, and a seasonal crew to maintain more than 130 miles of non-motorized trails, 4 trailheads, and 2 day-use sites within the Snoqualmie Corridor outside of Seattle. Maintenance activities include removing downed trees, repairing trail tread, restoring trail bridges, clearing trails, and maintaining culverts, drain dips, and ditch-outs. Other activities will include trailhead surfacing, litter removal, restroom cleaning, viewpoint and river-access site maintenance, and sign repair and replacement. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable non-motorized recreation trails and support facilities. The department will contribute \$112,050 in donations of labor, staff labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2328)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$680,725
Expanding Flaming Geyser State Park

State Parks will use this grant to buy 37 acres next to Flaming Geyser State Park, in the Green River Gorge. In addition to protecting views of the gorge, purchase of the land will ensure continued use of a park trail that runs through it and will provide opportunities to improve the park's administrative facilities. The land's well also may be used to provide a much-needed water system for the park. The park does not have potable water, and State Parks has been bringing water in by truck for several years. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1890)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$128,500
Expanding Trails at Olallie State Park

State Parks will use this grant to develop 5 new trails, totaling 3.5 miles, within Olallie State Park near North Bend. The project will convert one current out-n-back trail opportunity into a stacked loop trail system for mountain biking, hiking, and horseback riding of varying skill levels. New trails will improve the multiple-use two-way Olallie Trail by distributing use, encouraging descent-only trail options, reducing traffic and potential trail conflicts, and provide year-round access to a low-elevation trail network. Additional trails will complement the recently opened 9.7-mile long Olallie Trail. This proposal will result in a new recreation destination in the Snoqualmie Corridor with more than 13 trail miles. State Parks will contribute \$56,200 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2450)

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Projects in Kitsap County **Grants Awarded: \$7,231,220**

Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District **Buying Sakai Property for a Park** **Grant Awarded: \$399,807**

The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District will use this grant to help buy 16.63 acres for a park. Known as Sakai property, the land is the last available large open space in the Winslow area on Bainbridge Island. It contains a pond, wetlands, and Ravine Creek. The Sakai family purchased the land in 1935 and operated it as a berry farm before and after the family's World War II internment in 1942. The land will complement interpretation efforts at Pritchard Park, where the first internees were deported under Executive Order 9066. The park will include an outdoor play area with an undeveloped field for pickup games, a combination tennis and pickle ball courts, parking, and trails. The park district will contribute more than \$3.4 million 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](#). (18-1754)

Bremerton **Grant Awarded: \$350,000** **Improving Warren Avenue Playfield**

The City of Bremerton will use this grant to improve the Warren Avenue Playfield, a 2-acre park used primarily for youth football, baseball, and T-ball. The City will replace the sports field lighting and backstop, pave the gravel parking lot, and build a pathway from the parking lot to the park's entry from donor bricks purchased by the community. The aging neighborhood park currently has an unpaved parking area and outdated sports field lighting on nearly 50-year-old wood poles, which are deteriorating. The park also is not accessible to people in wheelchairs. Bremerton will contribute \$117,400 in cash, staff labor, a local grant, 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](#). (18-1383)

Bremerton **Grant Awarded: \$438,200** **Renovating the Kitsap Lake Fishing Dock and Park**

The City of Bremerton will use this grant to replace the 30-year-old, deteriorating fishing dock in Kitsap Lake Park. The 2-acre neighborhood park is next to a 40-acre forested

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wetland and has the only freshwater lake in Bremerton, making the park popular for fishing, swimming, boating, nature walking, and wildlife viewing. In addition to replacing the dock, the City will upgrade the restroom, improve the seating area along lake's edge, and install parking and pathways accessible to people with disabilities to link park amenities including a new picnic shelter overlooking the water, lake and wetland viewpoints, and interpretive signs. Bremerton will contribute \$441,200 in cash, staff labor, a local grant, a grant from the state Boating Facilities Program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-1646)

Bremerton **Grant Awarded: \$500,000**
Renovating Warren Avenue Neighborhood Park

The City of Bremerton will use this grant to upgrade the Warren Avenue Playfield, an aging 2-acre neighborhood park with an unpaved parking area, outdated sports field lighting, cracked and aging restroom, and a substandard children's playground near a busy traffic intersection. Currently no part of the park is accessible to people with disabilities. The City will develop pathways that will allow people with disabilities access to updated park amenities including a paved parking lot, children's playground, restroom, shelter, and enhanced entry built from community member-purchased donor bricks. The City also will install lights and a backstop at the sports field. Bremerton will contribute \$498,000 in cash, staff labor, a local grant, potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities 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](#). (18-1649)

Bremerton **Grant Awarded: \$556,200**
Replacing a Kitsap Lake Park Boat Launch

The City of Bremerton will use this grant to replace the deteriorating boat launch, upgrade the restroom with a new roof and outdoor shower, and build a boat trailer parking stall and pathways accessible to people with disabilities. Built in 1989, the boat launch has outlived its useful life and is deteriorating rapidly. The ramp's panels have separated, creating wheel stops and damage to trailers. The floating dock is listing, its planks are rotting causing hardware to protrude, and the walkway leading to the dock is not accessible to people with disabilities. The City will replace the failing boat launch with a wider, concrete boat ramp and a boarding float. Kitsap Lake is the only freshwater

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lake in Bremerton and it is stocked for year-round fishing making it a popular destination. During peak use, more than 50 motorized boats a day use this facility for fishing, wildlife viewing, water skiing, tubing, and riding personal watercraft. Bremerton will contribute \$187,660 in cash, staff labor, a local grant, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2567)

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group **Grant Awarded: \$583,576** **Enhancing Lower Big Beef Creek**

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group will use this grant to buy about 297 acres of land in the lower Big Beef Creek watershed. The area includes wetlands and forests and is used by Hood Canal summer chum. The enhancement group will contribute more than \$1.8 million in conservation futures,⁵ a federal grant, and a grant from the state 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](#). (18-1529)

KBH Archers **Grant Awarded: \$41,027** **Replacing a Roof and Wetland Boardwalk**

KBH Archers will use this grant to replace the clubhouse roof and a wetlands boardwalk at its Kitsap County range. Crews will replace the 25-year-old failing roof with a steel roof. They also will replace 170 feet of raised walkway that runs through the wetlands of the archery field course, limiting the environmental impact of foot traffic in this area. KBH Archers will contribute \$41,028 in donations of 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](#). (18-2297)

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe **Grant Awarded: \$2,000,000** **Conserving Port Gamble Bay Shoreline**

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will use this grant to buy the development rights on 20 acres, including 4 acres of tidelands, at Port Gamble Bay. The purchase is the first step in a larger project to restore high quality, near-shore habitat and provide water access and

⁵Conservation 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.

educational opportunities. The bay is home to large herring stocks, surf smelt, sand lance, and multiple species of salmon, trout, and shellfish. The site also is important to indigenous people who lived there for thousands of years and continue to rely on the water resources. This project will provide immediate access to the bay for non-motorized boats. The landowner plans to develop the site and agreed to let the Tribe purchase the development rights forever if money could be found within 3 years. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will contribute more than \$1.3 million from a state grant and \$23,174 in cash. These grants are from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [here](#) and [here](#) for more information and photographs of this project. (18-1619, 18-1618)

Port of Keyport

Grant Awarded: \$520,650

Building a Port of Keyport Boat Ramp

The Port of Keyport will use this grant to build a boat ramp at its small marina on Liberty Bay in Keyport. The existing boat ramp has deteriorated severely and has a cracked concrete surface and uneven grades. In addition, the approach to the ramp is narrow with crumbling pavement, which has caused some boaters to accidentally back onto the adjacent beach. The Port will build a one-lane concrete boat launch ramp and rebuild a portion of the adjacent wood pier with environmentally friendly, grated decking. The new design will allow for a slightly wider ramp and improved maneuvering for trailers and docking boats. The Port of Keyport will contribute \$173,550. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2421)

Port of Poulsbo

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

Building a Floating Breakwater in Poulsbo

The Port of Poulsbo will use this grant to replace a deteriorated, aging breakwater in Liberty Bay. The south fixed breakwater, supported by creosote-treated timber piling, will be replaced with a floating installation. With plans for the Elliott Bay Marina to contribute an existing floating breakwater, the new repurposed docks would expand guest moorage and dramatically improve public access. The Port of Poulsbo will contribute \$1.3 million in cash and donation of materials. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2571)

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Poulsbo Developing Rotary Morrow Community Park

Grant Awarded: \$12,960

The City of Poulsbo will use this grant to develop Rotary Morrow Community Park, located on the quickly expanding east side of Poulsbo along the Noll Road corridor. In this 1.2-acre park, the City will install nature play activities including logs, playground equipment, game tables, trails, benches, landscaping, and parking. The character of the park will remain forested and natural. This neighborhood corridor is facing tremendous residential development in the next 5 years and the City has identified the need for two parks on the east side of town to accommodate the population. The park is next to Poulsbo North Kitsap Rotary's housing development for domestic violence survivors. The Poulsbo North Kitsap Rotary Foundation is donating the land to the City for the park and Rotary Club leadership has committed to building a tree fort and arbor in the park. Poulsbo will contribute \$333,570 in cash and donations of labor, land, 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](#). (18-1422)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Creating Access to Lake Tahuya

Grant Awarded: \$310,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife use will this grant to develop a water access site, where no public access exists, on Lake Tahuya, the third largest lake in Kitsap County. The department will develop a launch for small boats and build a parking lot. The department also will install a kiosk, fences, signs, an entry gate, and a toilet. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1610)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Building Trails in Green Mountain State Forest

Grant Awarded: \$320,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop 14 miles of trail in Green Mountain State Forest, about 18 miles southwest of the Silverdale-Bremerton area. The new trails will expand opportunities for mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians and give visitors a safer and less congested experience on the mountain. The department will renovate and re-route 4 miles of trail and develop 10 miles of new trail, effectively doubling the miles of existing trail. The renovated and re-routed trails

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will disperse users out of busy trailheads and protect a sensitive stream and wetland. The new trails will improve trail connections and provide access into remote areas of the state forest. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$140,000 in a state appropriation, staff labor, materials, 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](#). (18-1447)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$198,800** **Renovating the Green Mountain State Forest Summit Vista**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to renovate a summit vista in Green Mountain State Forest on the Kitsap Peninsula. The department will build a picnic shelter and install picnic tables, bike and motorcycle racks, and horse hitching posts. The department also will replace the railing on the edge of a clifftop viewpoint and build stone sitting walls, including a new wall and interpretive sign around footings of a former fire tower lookout. The department will lay crushed rock in the viewing areas, install stone steps on steep and eroding circulation routes, and place boulders and logs to protect the forest plants and define the viewing areas. Finally, the department will build a short trail to bypass a steep area and thin the trees to open up views. The department will contribute \$70,000 in state appropriations. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2426)

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Projects in Kittitas County **Grants Awarded: \$1,544,297**

Back Country Horsemen of Washington **Grant Awarded: \$8,025** **Educating Recreationists about Minimal Impact Recreation**

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to buy computers, trailer tires, portable displays, DVDs, pamphlets, lodging for instructors, and travel, as part of its effort to teach people across its 32 chapters throughout the state about how to minimally impact natural resources when recreating. In addition to sharing information, it also will create videos to reach audiences beyond its members. Back Country Horsemen will contribute \$97,200 in donations of labor. This grant is from the

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[Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2263)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$20,100**
Caring for Winter Recreation Opportunities in the Cle Elum Ranger District

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two positions to maintain 500 miles of snowmobile trails and 60 miles of ski, snowshoe, and dogsled trails in national forests in Kittitas County. Duties will include clearing trail debris, installing signs and trail markers, and repairing culverts, which are pipes that carry streams under roads. The ranger district is one of the most heavily used winter recreation areas in the state, with easy access from population centers, snow, and good weather. Trends indicate that visitors to the district's sno-parks will continue to increase, from an average of 24,000 visitors in 2011-12 to 40,000 in 2015-16. The Forest Service will contribute \$42,500 in a state grant and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2312)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$192,000**
Caring for Off-Road Vehicle Trails in Northern Cle Elum Ranger District

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to hire a four-person crew to maintain 230 miles of trail within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Kittitas County. Duties include removing logs, clearing trail, maintaining trail and drainage structures and repairing signs. The project will ensure long-term public access and natural resource protection. Whether riding on two or four wheels or enjoying the trails by foot, horseback, or mountain bike, visitors have the opportunity to see waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, and forests. Accessed by both Interstate-90 and U.S. 97, these opportunities bring in thousands of visitors a year who help boost the economy through the purchase of meals, fuel, groceries, lodging, supplies, equipment and services. The ranger district will contribute \$22,000 in donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2306)

U.S. Forest Service
Educating Visitors about Environmental Stewardship

Grant Awarded: \$100,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund 10 rangers, 1 law enforcement officer, and 5 volunteers to patrol camping areas and trailheads in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Rangers will educate visitors on a variety of topics including proper sanitation, respecting wildlife, selecting campsites, not creating trails, and taking care of the environment. The district sees about 166,000 summer visits. Patrols will focus on dispersed camping areas in ecologically sensitive areas along stream and lakes, including areas with threatened and endangered species such as bull trout. The Forest Service will contribute \$100,500 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2309)

U.S. Forest Service
Funding Rangers to Patrol the Alpine Lakes Wilderness

Grant Awarded: \$100,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund three rangers, a volunteer intern, and volunteers to patrol the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The rangers will educate wilderness visitors and protect the wilderness and trail resources. Hikers, backpackers, mountaineers, climbers, hunters, anglers, and horseback riders use the area. The Alpine Lakes Wilderness and adjacent area contain 157 miles of trail, 16 trailheads, more than 60 lakes, and more than 750 campsites. It sees more than 55,000 visits a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$68,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2308)

U.S. Forest Service
Funding Rangers to Patrol Off-road Vehicle Areas

Grant Awarded: \$186,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund one full-time officer and four seasonal officers and to buy a trailer. The officers will patrol more than 400 miles of front country trails open to off-road vehicle users, including 7 campgrounds and more than 30 trailheads with dispersed camping. Located 80 miles east of the Puget Sound, the district is one of Washington's most popular off-road destinations, and hosts thousands of users every week. The rangers

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provide information and assistance to visitors, coordinate volunteers, and teach safe-riding principles. The Forest Service will contribute \$83,174 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2307)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$150,000**
Maintaining the Cle Elum Ranger District Front Country

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund a 10-person crew to maintain 21 campgrounds, 30 trailheads, numerous day use areas, five boat launches, and two rental cabins in Kittitas County. Land in the ranger district is used for camping, picnicking, sightseeing, swimming, hunting, and hiking. The crew will assess and remove hazardous trees, remove trash throughout the district as well as at a large dumpsite, clean restrooms, repair the water system, and maintain signs, bulletin boards, picnic tables, and fire rings. Hundreds of thousands of visitors venture to the area annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,500 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2310)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$150,000**
Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails in the Cle Elum Ranger District

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund a 4-6-person trail crew to maintain 326 miles of non-motorized trails, including 80 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. Duties will include clearing downed trees, restoring trail tread, addressing areas of standing water, building and maintaining trail structures, and installing trail signs. The project will also include volunteer coordination. Trails provide opportunities for hikers, backpackers, trail runners, stock users, and mountain bikers to see the Alpine Lakes Wilderness' waterfalls, creeks and rivers, alpine meadows and forests. These opportunities and features attract tens of thousands of visitors a year that boost the local economy through the purchase of meals, fuel, groceries, lodging, supplies, equipment and services. The ranger district will contribute \$103,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2485)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$187,500

Maintaining Off-road Vehicle Trails in Southern Cle Elum Ranger District

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to hire a 4-person crew and buy equipment to maintain 170 miles of multi-use trails within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Kittitas County. Duties will include clearing trail, maintaining trail tread, addressing areas of standing water, and repairing trail signs. This project will ensure long-term public access and natural resource protection. Whether riding on two or four wheels or enjoying the trails by foot, horseback, or mountain bike, visitors have the opportunity to see waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, and forests. Accessed by both Interstate-90 and U.S. 97, these opportunities bring in thousands of visitors a year who help boost the economy through the purchase of meals, fuel, groceries, lodging, supplies, equipment and services. The ranger district will contribute \$22,000 in donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2305)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$207,500

Restoring the Teanaway River and Meadows in the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore a section of the recently-acquired 215-acre Teanaway Valley Unit of the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area, in Kittitas County. The department will remove a culvert that is blocking steelhead and spring Chinook. A culvert is a large pipe or structure, which carries streams under roads. The department also will increase floodplain connection along two tributaries by installing weirs, replant the floodplain and riverbanks, and remove weeds and plant native bunchgrasses in the grassland and meadows to restore them. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will contribute \$90,500 in donations of 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](#). (18-1979)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Restoring the Quilomene Wildlife Area

Grant Awarded: \$93,172

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore degraded shrub-steppe habitat in the Green Gate area of the Quilomene Wildlife Area, 12 miles east of Ellensburg. The department will return about 12 miles of unauthorized vehicle trails to a

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more natural state, replant and protect 14 acres of shrub steppe, and install signs about the restoration activities for users. The area is critical overwintering and breeding habitat for many species that rely on shrub-steppe habitat and is a critical habitat link for sage grouse in Douglas and Kittitas Counties. This area is a documented breeding area for golden eagles, and is used by Townsend's ground squirrels, Columbia spotted frogs, sage thrashers, Merriam's shrews, Colockum elk and Naches mule deer herds. This area is popular for big game and upland bird hunting, biking, horseback riding, hiking, pleasure driving, shed hunting, and bird watching. The restoration actions will protect and restore draws of mature sagebrush, streams, emergent wetlands, and fragile shrub-steppe habitat. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1903)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$75,000 **Maintaining Interstate 90 to Blewett Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks**

State Parks will use this grant to maintain snowmobile trails, remove winter storm debris, and plow snow. The Interstate 90 corridor east to Blewett Pass is Washington's most popular winter snowmobile riding area and accounts for 33 percent of all riding days for the entire state. The snowmobile trails also provide opportunities for snow-biking, dog mushing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and fat tire bike riding. State Parks will contribute \$598,820. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2333)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$75,000 **Maintaining Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks near Taneum Ridge**

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to maintain four sno-parks and groom about 9,400 miles of snowmobile trail near Cle Elum in Kittitas County. Maintenance includes plowing snow at the sno-parks, clearing storm debris, and clearing trails once or twice a week from December to April. The Taneum-Manastash area is part of the most popular riding area in the state, and is especially important to the small communities with easy access from Interstate 90. The trails climb to ridges above the upper Yakima Valley with views of the valley below and the Stuart Range to the north. State Parks will contribute \$175,276. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2335)

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Projects in Klickitat County **Grants Awarded: \$197,600**

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$91,300** **Restoring Columbia Hills Grassland**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 30 acres of rare plant habitat in Columbia Hills Natural Area Preserve and Columbia Hills State Park, on the eastern edge of the Columbia Gorge, near Goldendale. The Columbia Hills area has diverse plant communities including grassland, vernal pools, wet meadows, and oak forests, and several rare plants found only in Klickitat County. In addition, numerous wildlife and birds rely on these areas for breeding and foraging. An increase in nonnative grasses such as cheatgrass, bulbous bluegrass, and rush skeletonweed, threaten the native communities. The department will treat nonnative species in select areas and restore the native plant communities on 25 acres. In addition, the department project will control invasive plants and plant oak trees on 5 acres destroyed by wildfire, around Crawford Oaks Trailhead. The department also will install two interpretative signs along Stacker Butte road in the Columbia Hills Natural Area Preserve to highlight the ecological and geological significance of this area. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1669)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$106,300** **Restoring the Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve Forest and Meadow**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore the Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve, in northwest Klickitat County, 24 miles north of White Salmon. The department will control weeds, remove nonnative pasture grasses, and help native plants establish on 10 acres of wetlands. The restoration work will improve breeding and foraging habitat for Oregon spotted frogs and sandhill cranes. The department also will thin and removing trees on another 50 acres of forest to enhance habitat for northern spotted owls, western gray squirrels, and Pulsifer's monkeyflowers. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1664)

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Projects in Lewis County **Grants Awarded: \$850,000**

Chehalis **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Renovating Chehalis Recreation Park**

The City of Chehalis will use this grant to renovate Recreation Park, near Interstate 5. The City will replace the failing irrigation and drainage systems that serve the four ball fields, replace sod, upgrade the surfaces, and improve pathway. The City also will replace the 25-year-old playground with one accessible to people with disabilities. The 50-year-old park has many needed upgrades and this is one to keep the fields more playable during wet weather, which now causes too many cancelled games due to flooding and wet fields. Chehalis will contribute more than \$1.9 million in cash, potentially 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](#). (18-1736)

Chehalis **Grant Awarded: \$350,000** **Renovating the Recreation Park Ball Fields**

The City of Chehalis will use this grant to renovate four ball fields in the 2.4-acre Recreation Park Sports Complex. The City will upgrade the fields to provide barrier-free access, install drainage and automated irrigation systems, replace and move the bull pens, lay infield top soil, replace the outfield sod with sand, and grade and seed the entire complex. The Recreation Park Sports Complex has a failing drainage system, broken irrigation lines, and thatch-like grass over clay soil, making it difficult, costly, and many times impossible to use following bad weather. Due to existing conditions, tournament participant numbers have dropped drastically. The sports complex is used by high school and competitive fast pitch teams, a youth sports league supporting more than 400 players, unscheduled pick-up games, and City-hosted tournaments that bring thousands of spectators and players. The project will revitalize an essential and well-used facility providing a functional, aesthetic complex that will save money, provide safe reliable fields, and extend the playing season. Chehalis will contribute \$515,000 in cash and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit

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RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#).
(18-1820)

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Projects in Mason County **Grants Awarded: \$3,391,517**

Mason County **Grant Awarded: \$325,000** **Replacing the Irrigation System in the Mason County Recreation Area**

Mason County Support Services will use this grant to replace the irrigation system at its most visited park, the Mason County Recreation Area, in Shelton. The County will replace the main water line and add new irrigation lines, spray heads, valves, and pumps which will offer a better playing surface and use less water. The recreation area is open year-round and home to numerous leagues and tournaments for youth and adults. Mason County will contribute \$325,000. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1269)

Port of Allyn **Grant Awarded: \$386,100** **Buying Land to Create a Boat Launch Staging Area**

The Port of Allyn will use this grant to buy the last piece of privately owned land next to its boat launch near Allyn Waterfront Park. The Port plans to demolish the only structure on the property—a 1940s-era house—and use the land as a staging area for boaters waiting to use the boat ramp. There is no waiting area for vehicles towing boats, which means they often block access to the ramp and the entrance and exits to the parking lots, park on private property, and sometimes create waiting lines that extend onto State Highway 3. A staging area would alleviate these problems. The Port of Allyn will contribute \$128,700 in donations of cash. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2337)

Port of Grapeview
Developing the Grapeview Boat Launch

Grant Awarded: \$628,000

The Port of Grapeview will use this grant to build parking and paths and install a picnic shelter and pump-out station for the recently completed boat launch. The Port's facilities are crowded into a narrow area leading to the launch, which leaves little room for people to maneuver their boats and trailers. Parking is across the main Grapeview Loop Road and therefore not easily accessible for people with disabilities. The Port will create a turnaround area, trailer parking, pathways for safer and easier access to the launch, and a picnic area for boaters to spend time before and after launching. The Port of Grapeview will contribute \$212,000 in cash, council bonds, 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](#). (18-2420)

Squaxin Island Tribe
Enhancing Skookum Valley

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

The Squaxin Island Tribe will use this grant to buy up to 614 acres in the Skookum Valley, depending on landowners' willingness. This project will protect more than 4 miles of Skookum Creek, an additional 4.4 miles of tributaries, as well as wetlands, streambanks, and forests. Wildlife in and around Skookum Creek include coho and chum salmon, cutthroat trout, steelhead, and elk. The tribe will contribute \$500,000 in a federal grant, a grant from the state 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](#). (18-1654)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Maintaining Tahuya 4x4 Trails

Grant Awarded: \$107,900

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a part-time recreation specialist and a full-time equipment operator to do routine trail and facility maintenance and repairs around the Tahuya State Forest near Belfair. Activities will include trail clearing and resurfacing, inspecting and maintaining bridges, maintaining culverts, adding rock to trails to prevent erosion. Other maintenance includes litter removal and repairing signs and fencing. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable trails and facilities. This project ensures continued access 4x4 opportunities open year-round, which is uncommon in Washington State. The

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department will contribute \$31,200 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2505)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$185,200** **Maintaining Tahuya and Green Mountain Trails and Facilities**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a trail specialist, trail technician, and seasonal crews to maintain more than 200 miles of trails, five campgrounds, and seven trailheads in the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests near Belfair. Duties include coordinating volunteers. The department will be clearing trail, fixing trail steepness, hardening trail surfaces where necessary, building small reroutes, maintaining bridges, and installing signs. Other maintenance includes upkeep at restrooms, campsites, and parking areas. The department will contribute \$97,900 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2514)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$1,259,317** **Protecting Kennedy Creek Natural Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 138 acres in the Natural Resources Conservation Area along the Kennedy Creek corridor that connects to the Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve. About 30,000 chum return to spawn in Kennedy Creek every year. The project area provides habitat for coastal cutthroat trout, steelhead, and coho salmon. The project would increase protection for one of the few remaining high-quality salt marsh communities in Puget Sound, including vital habitat for migrating shorebirds such as band-tailed pigeon, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, mountain quail, nesting purple martin, common loon, bufflehead, and brown pelican. The area includes Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail, considered the region's premier salmon-ecology education trail, which more than 5,000 school-aged children visit each year. The land also provides outdoor recreation opportunities for one of the fastest growing counties in southern 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](#). (18-1519)

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Projects in Okanogan County **Grants Awarded: \$3,038,579**

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation **Grant Awarded: \$93,750** **Designing a Boat Launch at Nicholson Beach**

The Confederated Colville Tribes will use this grant to design and permit a boat launch at the undeveloped Nicholson Beach at the north end of Omak Lake. There is only one other boat launch on the 3,200-acre lake; however it is unusable and is being removed. The largest saltwater lake in Washington, Omak Lake is a unique natural area, with almost no surrounding development. It's a popular destination for fishing, boating, waterskiing, and more. The Colville Confederated Tribes will contribute \$31,250. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2447)

Methow Conservancy **Grant Awarded: \$427,319** **Preserving Twisp Farmland**

The Methow Conservancy will use this grant to buy 2,180 acres to protect shrub-steppe, streambank, and wetland habitat; conserve mule deer and at-risk species; and maintain seasonal wildlife corridors while allowing private landowners to continue to farm the land. Without easement protection, the landowners likely would subdivide and sell their lands for residential development. The Methow Conservancy will contribute more than \$2 million in donation of land 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](#). (18-1791)

Okanogan Land Trust **Grant Awarded: \$729,363** **Conserving Rangeland**

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 2,691 acres of the Ellis Barnes Livestock Company's rangeland, which will restrict future development. The land includes wetlands that provide habitat for waterfowl, cavity-nesting ducks, and Chinook salmon. The Barnes family began assembling this ranch in 1924 and incorporated it in 1929, making it one of the oldest in

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Okanogan County. This family-owned cow-calf operation is one of a handful still operating in the northern Okanogan Valley and contributes significantly to the local agricultural economy. Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$729,364 in a federal appropriation 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](#). (18-1705)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$63,404

Caring for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail

The Methow Valley Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to continue to replace equipment and maintain the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail in the Pasayten Wilderness. Work will include clearing trail, repairing trail surfaces, controlling erosion, and repairing trail sections damaged by fire. In 2009, Congress designated the Pacific Northwest Trail as a national scenic trail. The Methow Valley Ranger District maintains 85 miles of this trail, through one of the most spectacular continuous wilderness portions of the trail. Remote crews, supported by pack stock and using traditional wilderness tools, do most of the work. Without this maintenance, this national scenic trail would cease to exist. The Forest Service will contribute \$145,380 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2382)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$111,747

Developing North Summit Horse Camp

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to complete the second phase of North Summit Horse Camp development, located on Loup Loup Pass between the Okanogan and Methow Valleys. The project would include adding six pull-through campsites (to the six campsites already developed), toilet facilities, picnic shelter, water for stock, cow fencing, manure bunkers, and graveling. The finished campground will be one of two equine-focused campgrounds and picnic areas in the area with facilities to accommodate equine. This pass is popular with riders of all ages and abilities because it provides access to moderate riding terrain at an elevation that melts out earlier than the higher country. Visitors to this campground would help to bolster the local economy. The Ranger District will contribute \$48,135 in donations of cash, donations of equipment, donations of labor, and staff labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and](#)

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[Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2497)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$95,674

Educating Climbers in the Methow Valley

The Methow Valley Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund two climbing rangers and two volunteer climbing rangers. The rangers will educate climbers about environmental stewardship, determine educational needs, collect use and resource data, identify environmental impacts, enforce regulations, and continue to build relationships in the community and with climbing organizations. One of the premiere and most popular climbing areas in the state, the district has more than 400 published climbing routes at 64 different areas. The popularity of climbing continues to grow here, and two recently published guidebooks draw people from all over the world. Climbers account for 22,000 visitor use days in a single season. The Forest Service will contribute \$95,888 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2290)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

Maintaining Backcountry Trails near Darrington

The Darrington Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to hire four seasonal trail crewmembers for two summers to maintain 200 miles of trail. An estimated 63,340 people hiked in the ranger district in 2018. The crew will work in remote wilderness areas that require 9-day campouts. Wilderness regulations prohibit motorized tools, thus requiring the use of hand tools and increased costs for transport. Trails are maintained for stock, which requires more upkeep and repairs. This project provides access to Glacier Peak Wilderness and the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and includes other trails off the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway. Continued maintenance of these trails is crucial for public safety, addresses deferred maintenance, protects habitats, and enhances trail access. The Forest Service will contribute \$151,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2271)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Methow Valley Campgrounds

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Methow Valley Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund four seasonal employees and expenses for seven volunteer campground hosts to clean and maintain 23 campgrounds spread across the district. The employees and volunteers will maintain all campground facilities, roads, pathways, picnic tables, fire grates, water systems, signs, dumpsters, and outhouses. The grant also will pay to monitor noxious weeds, remove hazardous trees, and enforce regulations as well as buy cleaning supplies, maintenance tools and materials, and toilet paper. The Forest Service will contribute \$224,783 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2375)

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

Grant Awarded: \$140,000

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Tonasket Ranger District will use this grant to maintain multiple-use trails in its and the nearby Methow Valley Ranger District, which provide opportunities for motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Duties would include clearing and repairing trails and bridges, updating signs, and implementing minor trail reroutes. This project will help address deferred maintenance and ensure continued public access. The Ranger District will contribute \$62,610 in a federal appropriation, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2404)

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

Grant Awarded: \$149,984

The Methow Valley Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund a full-time four-person trail crew to maintain trails in the Pasayten Wilderness, Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness, North Cascades Scenic Highway corridor, and surrounding backcountry areas for two years. Work will include taking out downed trees, repairing trail tread, addressing areas of standing water and other maintenance. The primary recreation opportunities this project supports are hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Repairing and maintaining the trails is one key part of sustaining a

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vibrant local recreation economy. The ranger district will contribute \$150,980 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2377)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$198,938**
Patrolling the Methow Valley and Tonasket Ranger Districts

The Methow Valley and Tonasket Ranger Districts in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund three seasonal rangers, two interns, and community volunteers to educate visitors about leaving the area the way they found it and to enforce regulations. Patrols will travel by foot or stock and focus on popular areas in the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas, and the Pacific Crest Trail. Guidebooks and articles have popularized the area, which attracts more than 125,000 visitor use days annually. Recreationists include hikers, backpackers, mountain bikers, climbers, photographers, wildlife viewers, backcountry skiers, stock users, hunters, and anglers. The Forest Service will contribute \$216,359 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2369)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$223,000**
Renovating the Blue Lake Access Site

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the Blue Lake water access site about 5 miles southwest of Oroville. The department will renovate the hand-launch area and parking, build pathways, and install a fishing platform, toilet, signs, barrier rocks, and wood fences. The site is used for boating, wildlife viewing, and fishing. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1724)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$92,400**
Restoring Scotch Creek to Improve Grouse Habitat

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore a half-mile of Scotch Creek, in the Scotch Creek Wildlife Area, in Okanogan County, to improve habitat for sharp-tailed grouse. The Columbian sharp-tailed grouse is listed as a species threatened

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with extinction by the State, and exists in only seven isolated and small populations in Washington, with the Scotch Creek Wildlife Area being one of those places. The grouse eat water birch in the winter and the department wants to establish birch along the creek. The department will install beaver dam analogs to raise the water table and allow the creek to meander and collect sediment into the creek's incised channel. The overall goal is to make this segment of the creek healthier, to increase capacity of the creek and wetland to store water for drought protection, and improve water quality, habitat, and habitat-forming processes. In the second year of the grant, the department will plant the creekbanks. Raising the water table will allow streambank plants and trees to survive. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1847)

Winthrop

Grant Awarded: \$488,000

Buying a Rolling Hillside for Trails

The Town of Winthrop will use this grant to buy 139 acres of rolling hillside along the eastern edge of town, fulfilling a significant goal of protecting undeveloped land and ensuring public access to a network of walking trails across an iconic shrub-steppe hillside. The landowner is selling the property for development of up to 275 homes. With the threat of a sale looming, the Methow Conservancy purchased the land until Winthrop could get funding to buy it for a public park. Following acquisition, Winthrop will work in partnership with the Methow Conservancy and Methow Trails to develop access, parking, and a network of walking trails on the land. As a park near neighborhoods, the land will provide opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy walking, photography, wildlife watching, scenic views of the north Cascade Mountains, and education on shrub-steppe habitat. The land also provides valuable mule deer winter range. Winthrop will contribute \$326,900 in a private grant and donations of cash and 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](#). (18-1855)

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Projects in Pacific County Grants Awarded: \$1,818,625

Long Beach Grant Awarded: \$75,000 **Renovating Culbertson Park**

The City of Long Beach will use this grant to renovate Culbertson Park to make it more usable by people with disabilities. Work will include resurfacing the basketball and tennis courts, creating pickle ball courts, installing new dugouts, and upgrading pathways. In the center of town, the park hosts many summer softball and baseball tournaments, youth sports, and high school teams, and is used nearly year-round. Long Beach will contribute \$47,500 in cash and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-1921)

Port of Chinook Grant Awarded: \$112,500 **Planning Improvements at Port of Chinook Marina**

The Port of Chinook Marina will use this grant to develop its recreational boating plan for the marina in Pacific County. The plan could include boat ramps, boarding floats, guest moorage, parking, and restrooms. This plan would address launching and parking to speed up launching at peak times. The Port of Chinook will contribute \$37,500 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.](#) (18-2372)

Port of Chinook Grant Awarded: \$29,775 **Port of Chinook Boat Ramp Pay Station**

The Port of Chinook Marina in Pacific County will use this grant to install an automated pay station at the boat launch and support features for the station, such as electrical service, trenching, and a kiosk protected from the weather. The Port of Chinook will contribute \$9,925 in donations of cash. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2462)

Port of Ilwaco
Renovating the Port of Ilwaco Boat Launch Area

Grant Awarded: \$331,350

The Port of Ilwaco will use this grant to renovate the area around the boat launch in its marina in Pacific County. The Port will install a restroom, landscape, repave and stripe the parking lot, and add an automated pay station, kiosk, and signs. The boat launch is a popular sport for boating, crabbing, fishing, and viewing of Cape Disappointment to the west and Baker Bay and the Columbia River to the south. The Port of Ilwaco will contribute \$110,450 in donations of cash. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2373)

South Bend
Installing Lighting at a Cheney Park Field

Grant Awarded: \$270,000

The City of South Bend will use this grant to install lights at the newly renovated synthetic turf Cheney Field in downtown South Bend. The lights will allow for extended play time for baseball and softball teams. The baseball-softball field underwent a complete renovation in 2017 using private money. The fields currently are not lit. When completed, this field will be the only field with synthetic turf and lights in Pacific County. South Bend will contribute \$60,000 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](#). (18-1550)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Buying Nemah Tidelands in Willapa Bay

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 103 acres, including 1 mile of undeveloped shoreline, on Willapa Bay, 20 miles south of Raymond in Pacific County. The primary opportunities offered by this site are recreational harvest of oysters and clams, wildlife viewing, kayaking, waterfowl hunting, and access to explore the unique shoreline of Willapa Bay. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1344)

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Projects in Pend Oreille County **Grants Awarded: \$62,930**

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$62,930** **Grooming and Plowing Winter Trails in Northeastern Washington**

The State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at seven sno-parks and groom about 537 miles of snowmobile trail in the Selkirk Mountains near Mount Spokane State Park. Duties include plowing sno-parks and access roads and grooming snowmobile trails. Snowmobile trails are open to cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, dog mushing, and fat tire biking. The trail systems in this area draw snowmobilers from Kettle Falls, Colville, Chewelah, Metaline Falls, Newport, Spokane, as well as from Idaho and British Columbia. State Parks will contribute \$310,420. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2411)

Additional projects in this county are listed in the "Projects in More Than One County" section beginning on page 127.

Projects in Pierce County **Grants Awarded: \$9,986,502**

Bonney Lake **Grant Awarded: \$350,000** **Building a Lighted Field in Allan Yorke Park**

The City of Bonney Lake will use this grant to build a multiuse athletic field with synthetic turf and lighting in Allan Yorke Park. This new field will allow year-round use and will be available for municipal recreation program and community group use including organized baseball, softball, soccer, rugby, and lacrosse clubs. The proposed field will have an overlapping little league field, be enclosed by a fence, and have a paved walkway connecting it to the parking lot. A new restroom is included. Bonney Lake will contribute more than \$2.9 million in cash and potentially 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](#). (18-1326)

**Gig Harbor
Building a Sports Complex**

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

The City of Gig Harbor will use this grant to create two multiuse synthetic turf fields with lighting, 250 parking stalls, and a restroom and concession building. The goal is to provide all-weather fields primarily for youth sports leagues and a site where every resident can recreate. Gig Harbor has only three synthetic turf fields, and only two have field lighting. The synthetic turf will allow the fields to be used year-round, regardless of the weather. Gig Harbor will contribute \$3.5 million in a state appropriation, donations of cash, park impact fees, and potentially 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.](#) (18-2075)

**Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club
Making Noise and Safety Improvements at a Gig Harbor Shooting Range**

Grant Awarded: \$46,000

The Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club in Gig Harbor will use this grant to make safety improvements in the club house. The club will build additional space for training classes, staging, and a waiting area. The club also will install noise reduction improvements and a monitor system. The Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club will contribute \$46,000 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.](#) (18-2444)

**Great Peninsula Conservancy
Preserving Kaukiki Farmland**

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Great Peninsula Conservancy will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 96 acres of farmland, which is under increasing development pressure. Kaukiki farmland includes prime agricultural soils and includes ponds, wetlands, and a fish-bearing stream that flows through the area and into Taylor Bay. Owned and operated by the Bryant family since 2008, the farm produces cattle and sheep for meat and wool. At 141 acres, Kaukiki Farm is one of the largest agricultural and community resources on the Key Peninsula. The landowners offer outreach and educational opportunities through their partnerships with the Key Peninsula Farm Tour and Pierce County Conservation District. Great Peninsula Conservancy will contribute \$500,000 in a

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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](#). (18-1503)

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Building the Gateway Park Splash Pad

Grant Awarded: \$497,800

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to develop a splash pad in the 72-acre Gateway Park, on the north end of Key Peninsula. There are no splash pads in the service area; the nearest one is more than 14 miles away in Tacoma and requires paying a toll. This splash pad also will be the only place in the Key Peninsula area where people with disabilities can play in the water, unassisted, on an accessible surface. The park district will contribute \$497,800 in cash, another grant, 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](#). (18-1284)

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Expanding Taylor Bay Park

Grant Awarded: \$204,500

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy 1.17 acres on Taylor Bay, next to Taylor Bay Park, on south and west ends of the Key Peninsula in Pierce County. The land is a missing link that abuts two parts of Taylor Bay Park. Buying the land will reduce public confusion about access and eliminate potential conflicts. The park district will improve the stairs that go to the beach and will redesign a driveway to allow for public parking. The park district will contribute \$204,500 in cash and conservation futures.⁶ This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1283)

Lakewood Improving Harry Todd Park

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to improve the waterfront in Harry Todd Park, which is on the south side of the 1,200-acre American Lake. The City will build a fishing

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.

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pier, which will provide the only public fishing dock on American Lake, and replace finger pier docks to support rowing shells and other human-powered boats. In addition, the City will replace the restroom and build pathways from the parking lot to picnic and open areas. This park is in the Tillicum neighborhood, a geographically isolated and low income area. It is the only community park in the area and the only park that provides free waterfront access. Lakewood will contribute \$776,718 in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-2003)

Lakewood Upgrading Access to Fort Steilacoom Park

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to improve access on the southeast end of Fort Steilacoom Park, a more than 350-acre regional park in Lakewood. The City also will pave a parking area, improve two trailheads and trail surfacing, add new pedestrian trails, expand the Discovery Trail interpretive program, and add a restroom, signs, landscaping, and site furnishings. The improvements will provide new and upgraded access to park amenities, including a 24-acre dog park, 30-acre Waughop Lake, a historic cemetery and barns, sport fields, and event venues. Lakewood will contribute \$571,312 in cash 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](#). (18-1923)

Nisqually Land Trust Preserving the Busy Wild Creek Forest

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

The Nisqually Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement⁷ to conserve 320 acres of commercial timberlands near and along Busy Wild Creek, in the Mashel River sub-basin of the Nisqually River watershed. The land includes .7 mile of Busy Wild Creek and 1.4 miles of its feeder streams. Busy Wild Creek forms the headwaters of the Mashel River, which is the main tributary to the Nisqually River. The land has steep, unstable slopes and has been managed within a larger industrial timberland ownership for at least 70 years. The easement will maintain the land as working forest forever but requires management designed to increase stream flow and

⁷Voluntary land preservation agreements also are called conservation easements.

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water quality to levels significantly above those achieved by forest practices regulations. In particular, the easement will enhance habitat values for steelhead trout, which are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The *Nisqually Steelhead Recovery Plan* identifies Busy Wild Creek protection as a highest freshwater priority. In 2016, it was declared federal critical habitat for steelhead. The easement also will enhance habitat protection already in place on 2.4 miles of Busy Wild Creek immediately below the target property and extend and buffer federal, state, and local protected habitat for northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets. Finally, it will secure, for permanent public use, about 1 mile of the most popular section of the Mount Tahoma Trails hut-to-hut cross-country ski trail, which is used by more than 3,000 visitors annually and is an economic driver in the Ashford area. The Nisqually Land Trust will contribute \$360,400 in a private 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](#). (18-1886)

PCC Farmland Trust Preserving Mountain View Dairy

Grant Awarded: \$778,711

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for the 284-acre Mountain View Dairy, preventing development. Founded in the 1950s, this certified organic dairy farm is under a lease-to-own arrangement with an established local farming family. Permanently protecting this farm through a conservation easement allows a local farm business to expand, increases local food production, and conserves prime farmland soils. The project has support from Pierce County and the Pierce Conservation District. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$793,289 in donations of cash and conservation futures.⁸ This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1376)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Lighting a Field in Sehmel Homestead Park

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to install field lights, add a walkway, and light the parking lot at Sehmel Homestead Park on the Gig Harbor

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

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Peninsula. The addition of lights will add 425 hours of playable time to the field for youth athletics. The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will contribute \$380,500 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](#). (18-1932)

Pierce County

Grant Awarded: \$709,000

Developing Chambers Creek Canyon Trail

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use this grant to develop a 2.5-mile trail from Kobayashi Park near the confluence of Chambers, Leach, and Flett Creeks west to Chambers Creek estuary. The trail will give visitors a unique backcountry experience in the middle of a dense urban setting. Pierce County will build 1.2 miles of the proposed trail, including a 140-foot pedestrian bridge, a small footbridge across Peach Creek, a one-third mile long boardwalk, and a trailhead on the Lakewood side of the canyon. These enhancements will connect and improve existing trail segments on either side of the canyon. Lack of formal trails within the canyon has resulted in numerous volunteer paths, which threaten the integrity and stability of the steep canyon slopes and the health of wildlife habitat. Lack of a bridge causes damage to the salmon spawning gravel in Chambers Creek. A clearly defined trail will provide access for users while protecting and preserving the canyon's sensitive areas. Pierce County will contribute \$709,000 in cash, park impact fees, 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](#). (18-1267)

Puyallup

Grant Awarded: \$322,000

Improving a Puyallup Valley Sport Complex Field

The Puyallup Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to convert one outfield from natural to synthetic turf in the Puyallup Valley Sport Complex. The converted outfield will attach to the synthetic turf infield, creating a completely synthetic turf field. This conversion will allow the field to be used year-round for a multitude of sports, including baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, and football. The field now is shut down in the fall and winter to prevent damage. Converting the field will increase use by more than 50 percent and provide play opportunities for an additional 1,850 youth. It also will allow Puyallup to offer a fully accessible playing surface for disabled athletes, the first in the city. This is the second phase of a larger project to convert all three fields

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at the complex to synthetic turf. Puyallup will contribute \$600,300 in cash, potentially 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.](#) (18-1684)

Puyallup Improving Puyallup Valley Sports Complex Field

Grant Awarded: \$414,135

The Puyallup Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to convert one outfield from natural to synthetic turf in the Puyallup Valley Sport Complex. The converted outfield will attach to the synthetic turf infield, creating a completely synthetic turf field. This conversion will allow the field to be used year-round for a multitude of sports, including baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, and football. The field now is shut down in the fall and winter to prevent damage. Converting the field will increase use by more than 50 percent and provide play opportunities for an additional 1,850 youth. It also will allow Puyallup to offer a fully accessible playing surface for disabled athletes, the first in the city. This is the second phase of a larger project to convert all three fields at the complex to synthetic turf. Puyallup will contribute \$461,150 in cash, potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities 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.](#) (18-1668)

Skookum Archers Improving the Skookum Archers Range

Grant Awarded: \$99,024

The Skookum Archers will use this grant to improve the grounds at its Puyallup range in Pierce County. The club will move the septic system, build a maintenance building, install permanent mounted target stops, landscape, and improve the irrigation. The Skookum Archers will contribute \$99,024. 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.](#) (18-2541)

Tacoma Replacing the 15th Street Guest Moorage Dock

Grant Awarded: \$598,337

The City of Tacoma will use this grant to replace about 225 feet of dock used for guest moorage along the Thea Foss Waterway in downtown Tacoma. The 1975 dock has

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deteriorated concrete decking and the gangway is not accessible by people with disabilities. In addition, the wood wharf leading from the shoreline to the gangway is structurally inadequate for the level of activity it sees and needs replacing. The dock is next to the 15th Street view corridor that leads directly to downtown Tacoma. Tacoma will contribute \$199,446. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2498)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$101,630

Maintaining Evans Creek Off-road Vehicle Area

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to maintain 46 miles of Jeep and single-track trail and 41 campsites in Evans Creek Off-road Vehicle Area south of Buckley. Five miles west of the Mowich Lake Entrance to Mount Rainier National Park, Evans Creek is within a two-hour drive of 3.75 million people around Puget Sound. As the Puget Sound region's population increases and motorized recreation becomes more and more popular, Evans Creek will continue to experience more demand for recreation opportunities. This funding supplements recreational pass dollars and allows the U.S. Forest Service to provide a quality experience to visitors. The ranger district will contribute \$69,930 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2387)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$103,341

Restoring Corral Pass Campground and Trailhead

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to fund two seasonal employees to coordinate volunteers to restore its Corral Pass Campground and Trailhead, which wildfire destroyed in 2017. East of Enumclaw, this site is visited by more than 6,000 people every year and provides access to the Noble Knob Trail and views of the Norse Peak Wilderness. The crews will replace outhouses, install hitching rails and high lines, bear-proof garbage cans, and install trail signs, picnic tables, and fire rings. The crews also will replace eight to ten campsites popular with hunters, mountain bikers, equestrians, and hikers. Finally, the crews will continue assessing trees that pose a hazard to visitors, build a fence to protect a nearby meadow, and add parking. The Forest Service will contribute \$70,050 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#)

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program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2400)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$145,000** **Caring for the Elbe Hills State Forest Non-Motorized Trails**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to partially fund a staff member, equipment operator, and a seasonal trail crew to maintain 40 miles of non-motorized trails, 7 day-use areas, 3 trailheads and 1 campground in the Elbe Hills State Forest, a working forest near Ashford. Trail maintenance activities will include clearing trail, repairing tread, maintaining trail infrastructure and addressing areas of standing water. Other activities will include replacing signs, kiosks; painting structures and restroom hardware; and cleaning restrooms and campsites. The Nicholson Trail system is a popular destination for many equestrian and outdoor events throughout the year. The department will contribute \$150,000 in staff equipment, labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2492)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$182,000** **Caring for the Elbe Off-Road Vehicle Trail System**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to partially fund two staff and a seasonal trail crew to maintain 13 miles of motorized trails, 1 trailhead and 1 campground in Elbe Hills State Forest near Mount Rainier. Duties will include trail clearing, removing hazard trees, repairing trail tread, adding rock to harden trails, and repairing culverts and water drainage. Other maintenance includes installing signs, painting structures, and maintaining restrooms and campsites. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this grant is sustainable 4x4 and mixed-motorized recreation trails and facilities. The department will contribute \$127,000 in donations equipment, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2491)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$1,236,000 **Improving Kopachuck State Park's Beach**

State Parks will use this grant to design and build beach access in Kopachuck State Park, a 114-acre park on Puget Sound's Henderson Bay, southwest of Gig Harbor. State Parks will build a restroom, walkways, scenic viewpoints, a picnic plaza, a pocket beach, and marine campsites. These new day-use facilities are expected to attract thousands of visitors annually to Kopachuck. This is the second phase in the redevelopment of this park. Currently, access to the beach is challenging if not impossible because of steep hillsides and trail conditions. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1844)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$1,969,000 **Renovating Boating Amenities in Penrose Point State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to renovate boating amenities in Penrose Point State Park, a 165-acre park on Mayo Cove and Carr Inlet at the southern end of Puget Sound in Pierce County. State Parks will replace the pier and moorage floats and install a restroom and picnic facilities. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2555)

Wilkeson Grant Awarded: \$30,024 **Building Bacon and Eggs Skateable Art Skate Park**

The Town of Wilkeson will use this grant to build a bacon-and-eggs-inspired, skateable, pop art structure at its skate park. The 3,600-square-foot structure will be build on the south end of the skate park and will add four skating elements to the park. The skate park serves nearly 500 residents plus surrounding towns and unincorporated developments nearby. Located along the Foothills Trail, the park's improvements will enhance opportunities for bikes, scooters, rollerblading, and skateboarding. Wilkeson will contribute \$20,017 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](#). (18-1952)

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Projects in San Juan County Grants Awarded: \$3,987,448

San Juan County Land Bank Grant Awarded: \$410,000 Buying Lopez Island Shoreline for a Park

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to help buy about 10 acres along the western shore of Lopez Island for a public beach and for launching hand-powered boats. The 7.35-mile western shore of Lopez Island largely is inaccessible because of high bluffs, rocky shoreline, and overwhelmingly private ownership. Only two-thirds mile is accessible from land, and the land to be purchased is the only remaining potential access point to the rest. Due to threat from vacation home development, the land was purchased in 2017, but about \$450,000 is still owed to the seller. The land connects to 2 miles of public tideland reachable only by boat. This area is part of the Cascadia Marine Trail, but rarely is used because there is no way for paddlers to launch or take out. This project would fill that gap. Its beach also would allow swimming, beachcombing, and wildlife viewing as well as kite and stand up paddle boarding among other activities. The San Juan County Land Bank will contribute \$412,806 in a voter-approved levy, potentially a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, 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](#). (18-1935)

San Juan County Land Bank Grant Awarded: \$410,000 Buying Lopez Island Shoreline for a Park

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to help buy about 10 acres along the western shore of Lopez Island for a public beach and for launching hand-powered boats. The 7.35-mile western shore of Lopez Island largely is inaccessible because of high bluffs, rocky shoreline, and overwhelmingly private ownership. Only two-thirds mile is accessible from land, and the land to be purchased is the only remaining potential access point to the rest. Due to threat from vacation home development, the land was purchased in 2017, but about \$450,000 is still owed to the seller. The land connects to 2 miles of public tideland currently reachable only by boat. This area is part of the Cascadia Marine Trail, but rarely is used because there is no way for paddlers to launch

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or take out. This project would fill that gap. Its beach also would allow swimming, beachcombing, and wildlife viewing as well kite and stand up paddle boarding among other activities. Additionally, the land is near Shark Reef, a component of the San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuge, and an important seal and sea lion haul out location. The land bank will contribute \$412,806 in donations of cash, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-2031)

San Juan Island Conservation District **Grant Awarded: \$41,173** **Using Youth Conservation Corps to Maintain San Juan Island Trails**

The San Juan Island Conservation District will use this grant to hire about 50 youth through Youth Conservation Corps to maintain 198 miles of backcountry trails across San Juan, Orcas, Lopez Islands. Youth Conservation Corps crews offer a summer work opportunity for youth (ages 12-18) working and learning in the natural environment with mentoring from natural resource professionals, AmeriCorps crews, and Washington Trails Association volunteers. The conservation district will contribute \$68,195 in a federal grant and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2590)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$1,226,800** **Expanding Moran State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 55 acres on the Strait of Georgia next to Moran State Park on Orcas Island. Most of the shoreline along the strait is high-bank and buying this land will allow State Parks to extend the park's trail system and give visitors access to the water, which isn't possible in the park's current boundaries. In addition, visitors will be able to get to this land from the water. Moran State Park is one of Washington's iconic state parks in the San Juan Islands. It is 5,252 acres and offers abundant camping, five freshwater lakes for swimming and non-motorized boating, and more than 30 miles of hiking, bicycling, mountain biking, and equestrian trails. State Parks will contribute \$409,600 in donations of cash and 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](#). (18-1480)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$1,899,475 **Expanding Obstruction Pass State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 55.5 acres next to Obstruction Pass State Park on Orcas Island in San Juan County. Nearly doubling the size of the park, the land will allow for trail connections and will extend the public shoreline to Spring Bay. All of the shoreline in Obstruction State Park is high-bank and buying this land will enable State Parks to provide access for visitors to walk to the water. Obstruction Pass State Park is an 80-acre park with parking, about 3.5 miles of trails, nine primitive campsites, one Cascade Marine Trail campsite, three restrooms, mooring buoys, and more than 1 mile of publicly owned saltwater shoreline. State Parks will contribute \$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](#). (18-1703)

Additional projects in this county are listed in the "Projects in More Than One County" section beginning on page 127.

Projects in Skagit County Grants Awarded: \$1,952,942

Sedro Woolley Grant Awarded: \$297,000 **Revitalizing Winnie Houser Park**

The City of Sedro Woolley will use this grant to redevelop and improve 9.5 acres of recreational land used for soccer and other sports. Currently the fields are randomly placed. The City will move the soccer fields, organize the parking, and add a restroom, equipment storage area, and picnic area. The City also will install irrigation to provide better field conditions and extended playing time. Sedro Woolley will contribute \$137,100 in cash, equipment, staff labor, 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](#). (18-1307)

Skagit County Grant Awarded: \$298,338 **Developing the Northern State Recreation Area's Trailhead and Park**

The Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop its Northern State Recreation Area. The County will build a trailhead complete with a restroom, parking, interpretive trail, entrance monuments, signs, and picnic area

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amenities. In addition, a part of the day-use area will reflect the first and only park dedicated to veterans in all of Skagit County. The County will upgrade 1 mile of trail to be accessible to people with disabilities and will add a short .1-mile section to complete the loop. The Northern State Recreation Area is a 726-acre park that historically was farmland associated with the Northern State Mental Hospital. The park consists of a gravel parking lot, disc golf course, and about 5 miles of multi-use trails. Skagit County will contribute \$306,338 in cash, another grant, 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](#). (18-1609)

Skagit County

Grant Awarded: \$270,000

Renovating Skagit Valley Playfields

The Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate four baseball-softball fields in the Skagit Valley Playfields Complex, in Mount Vernon. Work will include converting the infields to multipurpose synthetic surfaces and buying temporary pitching mounds. The infield has limited use, reduces the length of the season, and increases the number of rain outs. The renovation will permit year-round play for baseball and softball. Youth sports are increasing each year, creating a demand for synthetic fields with improved drainage. Skagit County will contribute \$336,000 in a state appropriation, cash, and staff labor, 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](#). (18-1531)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$19,760

Enhancing Access and Amenities at Snowy Lakes

Methow Valley Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to add three backcountry toilets, a new hitch rail for equine, and an official trail to replace the user-built route to Snowy Lakes. Snowy Lakes is a popular subalpine backpacking destination just off the Pacific Crest Trail, 10 miles north of Rainy Pass on the North Cascades Scenic Highway. By developing a well-graded trail system with switchbacks to the lakes, this project will protect sensitive areas and reduce erosion. The area around the lakes is fragile with limited camping areas, but the lakes still see upwards of 50 people per night on busy weekends. Human waste and overcrowding, both leading to resource damage, are the main issues that this project will address. The ranger district will contribute \$20,388 in equipment, staff labor, and materials. This grant

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is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of this project. (18-2374)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$490,000**
Redeveloping the Lake Cavanaugh Water Access Site

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the Lake Cavanaugh water access site east of Mount Vernon in Skagit County. The department will build a concrete boat launch, pave a gravel parking lot, and install a toilet, boarding float, and moorage dock. Currently the public uses the gravel shoreline to launch boats. The new boarding float and launch will increase safety during the retrieval and launching of powered boats. Paving the parking lot will increase the usability of the site by controlled parking in spaces rather than having cars park all over the site. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2349)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$55,962**
Caring for the Samish Overlook and Lily and Lizard Lake Campgrounds

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a staff person and a seasonal Washington Conservation Corps crew, and support volunteers to maintain its Samish Overlook day-use area and Lily and Lizard Lake campgrounds in Blanchard Forest in Skagit County. The crews will repair signs, remove litter, upgrade campsites, maintain restrooms, and maintain two free-flight paragliding and hang gliding launch areas. The department will contribute \$56,204 in donationstaff equipment, labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2245)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$135,882**
Maintaining Recreation Opportunities in Blanchard and Harry Osborne State Forests

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a maintenance steward and seasonal Washington Conservation Corps crews to maintain trails and trailheads for non-motorized recreation in the Blanchard Forest Block and the Harry Osborne State Forest in Skagit County. Duties will include removing garbage and maintaining parking

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areas, restrooms and signs. Trail maintenance activities will include repairing trail tread and surfaces and maintaining trail surfaces, culverts, and bridges. By providing timely maintenance, this project allows the Department to protect natural resources and enhance the longevity of its recreation opportunities. The department will contribute \$138,634 in staff equipment, materials, and donations of labor, materials, and equipment. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2243)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$9,900**
Replacing a Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle Area Trail Bridge

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to permit and replace a 30-foot fiberglass trail bridge within the Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle trails system, located southeast of Mount Vernon. The new bridge will enhance public safety and water quality. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project is safe and sustainable off-road vehicle recreation. The department will contribute \$49,500 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2357)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$225,000**
Maintaining Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Area Trails and Trailheads

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a staff person and Washington Conservation Corps crews to maintain 46 miles of off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in the Walker Valley forest east of Mount Vernon in Skagit County. Activities include trail hardening, clearing trails, maintaining culverts, and inspecting and maintaining 22 trail bridges. Trailhead maintenance will include repairing signs, removing garbage, and resurfacing parking areas and roads. The department will contribute \$335,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2352)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Patrolling Puget Sound Recreation Areas

Grant Awarded: \$151,100

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund one full-time, year-round warden to patrol the Walker Valley ORV Area, Blanchard Mountain non-motorized recreation area, and Harry Osborne equestrian area, all in Skagit County. These three major recreation areas total more than 73,000 acres and host more than 90 miles of trail. The warden will educate visitors about the rules and principles of environmental stewardship as well as manage visitor safety, enforcement, and volunteer coordination. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$97,000 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2354)

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Projects in Skamania County

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Projects in Snohomish County

Grants Awarded: \$8,552,692

Edmonds

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

Developing Athletic Fields in Civic Park

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to build athletic facilities at Civic Park, an 8-acre park in downtown Edmonds. The City will build a full-size multipurpose field with lighting, a small multipurpose practice field, a skate park, an all-weather sport court, tennis and pickle ball courts, petanque courts, a track, a fitness zone, and restrooms. Edmonds will contribute more than \$10.8 million in a state appropriation, cash, council bonds, a local grant, potentially grants from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and 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](#). (18-1380)

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Edmonds Creating Civic Park

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to develop Civic Park, an 8-acre park in downtown Edmonds. Development will include upgrading the athletic fields, playground, skate park, and tennis court. Other components will include pathways, an outdoor fitness zone, multi-use sport court, gathering plaza, picnic area, and restroom. Edmonds will contribute more than \$11.5 million in a state appropriation, cash, council bonds, a local grant, potentially grants from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and state Youth Athletic Facilities 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](#). (18-1370)

Everett Renovating Howarth Park's Tennis Courts

Grant Awarded: \$52,828

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the tennis courts and adjacent parking lot at Howarth Park. The courts will be repaired, resurfaced, and re-striped, including pickle ball striping for expanded use. Everett has too few courts for its population, based on recommended standards. Everett will contribute \$64,568. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2022)

Everett Renovating Rotary Park's Boat Launch

Grant Awarded: \$299,086

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop and renovate the Rotary Park waterfront boating access facility. Work will include replacing the boarding float, renovating the parking, and installing general security lighting. Rotary Park was developed in 1990 and includes a two-lane boat launch with a boarding float next to the Snohomish River. The boat launch is used by anglers, waterskiers, personal watercraft operators, and wildlife enthusiasts. Everett will contribute \$100,761. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2338)

Everett

Grant Awarded: \$126,546

Renovating Sport Courts in Forest Park

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the tennis court, field hockey court, and adjacent parking area at Forest Park, in central Everett. The two courts will be repaired, resurfaced, and re-striped including striping for pickle ball. The City also will install four adjustable hoops to allow for one full and two half basketball courts. The renovation also will add parking and pathways to both courts that are accessible by people with disabilities. Finally, the City will install a solar compacting garbage can, a bottle filling water fountain, and a bike rack. Everett will contribute \$154,111. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2021)

Everett

Grant Awarded: \$93,491

Renovating the Tennis Court in American Legion Memorial Park

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the tennis court at American Legion Memorial Park. The court will be repaired, resurfaced, and re-striped including striping for pickle ball. The City also will add two adjustable hoops for two half-basketball courts, parking and a pathway for people with disabilities, a solar compacting garbage can, a bottle-filling water fountain, and a bike rack. American Legion Park is an 18.5-acre community park adjacent to a golf course and home to the Evergreen Arboretum. Everett has too few courts for its population, according to recommended standards. Everett will contribute \$140,236. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1975)

Lynnwood

Grant Awarded: \$326,500

Developing a South Lynnwood Park Athletic Field

The Lynnwood Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department will use this grant to develop a basketball court and an artificial turf soccer field in South Lynnwood Park. This 4.2-acre park is along the regional Interurban Trail and in the heart of the South Lynnwood neighborhood, which is the city's most underserved area. The City will install an enclosed, artificial turf, youth-sized soccer field over the footprint of a poorly-situated and cracked basketball court. The City also will build a new basketball court by the tennis courts. The soccer field will be primarily for children's programs and leagues

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and the basketball court for teenagers' pick-up games, though both will be available for community play. The project includes containment netting for both amenities, and benches and shade trees for the soccer field. Lynnwood will contribute \$58,500. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1508)

Lynnwood Renovating South Lynnwood Park

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

The Lynnwood Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department will use this grant to renovate South Lynnwood Park in south Snohomish County. Development at the 4.2-acre park will include a playground, picnic shelter, park furniture, restrooms, a bike station, tennis courts, a native plantings area with an interpretive sign, walking paths, parking, and new entry signs. South Lynnwood Park is along the regional Interurban Trail and in the heart of the South Lynnwood neighborhood, which is the city's most underserved area. The park development will reconnect the community to its local greenspace, promote active lifestyles, and encourage community connections. Lynnwood will contribute more than \$1.4 million in cash, staff labor, a local grant, potentially 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](#). (18-1320)

Marysville Renovating Cedar Field

Grant Awarded: \$305,649

The Marysville Parks, Culture and Recreation Department will use this grant funds to fully renovate the city's oldest youth baseball field, Cedar Field. The City will install a drainage system, infield and outfield turf, fencing, and lighting. Once completed, this facility will support boys and girls T-ball, baseball, softball, kick ball, and other recreational uses. Marysville will contribute \$371,929. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1511)

Monroe

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

Renovating a Field in Lake Tye Park

The Monroe Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to convert to synthetic turf one baseball and one soccer field in the south end of Lake Tye Park. The renovated playfields will support play year-round, including baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, football, and rugby. The City also will install baseball and softball amenities such as improved backstop and covered dugouts, new electrical service and lights, and paved pathways. The playfields are used by the local community, for regional events, and by the adjacent elementary school. After 22 years of play, the grass fields are worn and have limited accessibility. Several community groups support this project including the Sky Valley Little League, which has donated \$10,000. Monroe will contribute more than \$2.1 million in a state appropriation, cash, potentially 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](#). (18-1460)

Mountlake Terrace

Grant Awarded: \$350,000

Converting a Dirt Field to Synthetic Turf at Evergreen Playfield

The City of Mountlake Terrace will use this grant to renovate Evergreen Playfield 1, in central Mountlake Terrace. The City will convert the dirt surface to a synthetic turf playfield and add lighting, fences, and landscaping. The refurbished field will support multiple sports including baseball, fast pitch, soccer, rugby, lacrosse, flag football, and ultimate disc. Mountlake Terrace will contribute \$1.23 million in cash, a private grant, potentially 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](#). (18-1431)

Mukilteo

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Improving the Mukilteo Shoreline

The City of Mukilteo will use this grant to restore a quarter-mile of shoreline along a proposed promenade planned to connect Edgewater Beach Park and Lighthouse Park. The work will be done at the Mukilteo Tank Farm owned by the Tulalip Tribes. The City will add rounded boulders, gravelly-soil terraces, logs, and large woody materials on top of the existing rip rap, creating space for planting shrubs, grasses, and trees. The

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shoreline plantings help shade the water, cooling it for fish. The plants also drop branches and leaves into the water, which provide food for the insects fish eat and places for fish to rest and hide from predators. Mukilteo will contribute \$598,000 in materials, grants, and park impact fees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-1752)

PCC Farmland Trust Preserving French Slough Farm

Grant Awarded: \$952,400

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for the 570-acre French Slough Farm, preventing its development. The land borders French Creek and the Pilchuck River where it meets the Snohomish River. Both the Pilchuck and Snohomish Rivers are priority habitat for migrating and breeding Chinook salmon, listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and coho, a National Marine Fisheries Service species of concern, as well as cutthroat, chum, and bull trout. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute more than \$2.1 million in conservation futures⁹ 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](#). (18-1420)

PCC Farmland Trust Preserving Getchell Ranch

Grant Awarded: \$111,200

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for Getchell Ranch, one of the oldest farmsteads in the Snohomish River Valley. The 94-acre ranch includes prime soils, a historic farmhouse and barn, a small heritage orchard, and pasture. Owned by the same family since 1873, the ranch has been home to sheep, pigs, dairy and beef cattle, oxen, poultry, fruit, corn, potatoes, pasture, and hay. The Washington Heritage Register, the Snohomish County Centennial Farm Registry, and the Snohomish County Register of Historic Places recognize Getchell Ranch's significant cultural and historic value. The easement will prevent the land from being developed. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$111,200 in donations of cash and a federal grant.

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

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This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1418)

PCC Farmland Trust Protecting Rengen Ranch

Grant Awarded: \$527,000

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for the 200-acre Rengen Ranch, preventing development. The tremendous population growth in Snohomish County has put additional development pressure on farms immediately surrounding the county's growing metropolitan areas, and makes large, contiguous farms like Rengen Ranch critical for maintaining an agricultural industry in Snohomish County. The owners have maintained the former dairy infrastructure in good condition, along with their water rights, farm roads, and livestock fencing for continued agricultural use into the future. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$527,000 in donations of cash 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](#). (18-1421)

Port of Everett Replacing the Jetty Landing Restroom

Grant Awarded: \$584,500

The Port of Everett will use this grant to replace a restroom at Jetty Landing Park and Boat Launch. The Port also will landscape, add sidewalks, improve access for people with disabilities, and install two entrance signs and security lighting. The current restroom was built in 1982 to serve the boat launch and adjacent park, which includes picnic facilities, guest docks, and a public fishing pier. At the time, the boat launch consisted of only six launch lanes. Today the outdated and undersized restroom continues to serve the park and boat launch, which now consists of 13 lanes and is the largest public boat launch in western Washington. The restroom building serves more than 50,000 people annually. The Port of Everett will contribute \$198,063. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2524)

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Snohomish County **Renovating a Field in Whitehorse Community Park**

Grant Awarded: \$25,000

Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to replace the outfield on the large baseball and adjacent softball fields, in Whitehorse Community Park, just north of Darrington. The field irrigation was provided by a well-based system, and as a result, were unable to be watered during dry summers. The turf has fallen into disrepair. After the 2014 Oso mudslide, the Town worked with Snohomish County to bring a municipal water line to the field and hook the irrigation system up to a reliable system. Improvements to the fields will include fencing for a baseball bull pen and outfield, new spectator bleachers for both fields, a water fountain, and new dugout roofs. The 82-acre park has three baseball fields that support the local Darrington Junior Athletic Association teams, as well as several community-based and pick-up softball games. Snohomish County will contribute \$25,000 in cash and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2017)

Snohomish County **Restoring Meadowdale Beach Park Estuary**

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to restore the estuary associated with the salmon-bearing Lund's Gulch Creek and improve visitor areas in Meadowdale Beach Park. The County will remove fill and place large wood and native plants in the area to re-establish a historic (pre-railroad) 1.3-acre estuary. In the park, the County will build seven viewpoints, four interpretive signs, and pathways along the creek and a boardwalk over a wetland. The County also will install benches and picnic tables, a portable restroom, and a pedestrian bridge over the creek for viewing salmon. The park is at the northern end of Brown's Bay on Puget Sound and sees 65,000 visitors annually. The creek is used by Chinook, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as other salmon species. This project is part of a larger project to provide more elements accessible to people with disabilities, improve water access, address shoreline armoring impacts, and enhance shoreline and in-stream habitat. Snohomish County will contribute more than \$2.3 million in cash, a grant from the state Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, and a grant from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Visit RCO's

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online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-1504)

Stanwood **Grant Awarded: \$350,000**
Renovating a Heritage Park Ball Field

The City of Stanwood will use this grant to renovate the northwest baseball-softball field in the Heritage Park Recreation Complex. The City will enlarge the field to allow for both kid and adult play, convert the infield to synthetic turf to allow use by people with disabilities, restore the outfield with new seeding, and renovate the drainage system. There are only nine baseball-softball fields in this service area, and most suffer from poor drainage. The lack of fields places games as a priority, limiting practices. In addition, people with special needs often must play in Everett because the existing fields are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Stanwood will contribute \$496,700. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1981)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$200,000**
Installing a Boardwalk to the Big Four Ice Caves

The Darrington Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to replace a decaying 23-year-old boardwalk with a new 8-ft. wide boardwalk accessible to people with disabilities. The 750-ft. long boardwalk traverses a wetland, helping more than 50,000 visitors access the Big Four Ice Caves every year. The new wetland will provide opportunities for wildlife viewing and access for those heading directly to the ice caves. The district will contribute \$330,000 in a federal appropriation. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2274)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$150,000**
Maintaining Trails and Trailheads along the Mountain Loop Byway

The Darrington Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to hire 4 seasonal employees to maintain 21 trailheads, trails, and dispersed sites along the Mountain Loop Byway. The South Fork Stillaguamish and Sauk River valleys annually receive more than 100,000 visitors. This area has hikes ranging from family-friendly day hikes to difficult overnight backpacking. The natural features include

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alpine lakes, waterfalls, mountain vista views, and an array of different habitat. Activities consist of day hiking, camping, backpacking, picnicking, hunting, and scenic driving. The ranger district will contribute \$151,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2272)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$232,000**
Developing Ebey Island Recreation Area

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the Ebey Island Unit in the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area in Snohomish County. The department will build a hand-carry boat launch and landing, develop a gravel parking lot, and install fences and gates. The area is used for hunting, non-motorized boating, wildlife viewing, and photography. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1951)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$216,000**
Adding Backcountry Toilets in the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to add backcountry toilets in the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area, in east Snohomish County. The department will add the toilets at five campgrounds: Beaver Plant Lake, Upper Ashland Lake, Lower Ashland Lake, Little Greider Lake, and Big Greider Lake campgrounds. The Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area provides backcountry hiking and primitive camping opportunities for recreation users from all over Washington and beyond. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$20,150 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](#). (18-1614)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$403,114**
Building Reiter Foothills Off-road Vehicle Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund two full-time employees, two seasonal equipment operators, equipment, and other materials to build

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2.25 miles of new 4x4 trail and 4.5 miles of all-terrain vehicle trail in the Reiter Foothills Forest near Gold Bar. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable off-road vehicle trails. The department will contribute \$177,475 in a state appropriation, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2454)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$99,000**
Funding a Warden to Patrol the Reiter Foothills Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to partially fund a full-time warden to patrol the Reiter Foothills Forest, in eastern Snohomish County near Gold Bar. The warden will identify health, safety, and resource damage concerns; educate visitors about trail use and protecting natural resources; enforce rules; and support forest watch volunteers. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$68,250 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2452)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$286,315**
Installing Bridges in the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to install three bridges in the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area, in east Snohomish County. The bridges will be on the Boulder-Greider trail system, which accesses campgrounds at Little Greider Lake, Big Greider Lake, and Boulder Lake. The Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area provides backcountry hiking and primitive camping opportunities for recreation users from all over Washington and beyond. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$25,150 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](#). (18-1860)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$162,063** **Maintaining Off-road Vehicle Trails in Reiter Foothills Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 30 miles of Reiter Foothills Forest trails in Snohomish County. Activities include clearing trails, maintaining trail drainage and resurfacing trails. Other duties include removing garbage, cleaning bathrooms, and repairing signs. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable off-road vehicle trails and trailhead facilities. The department will contribute \$111,625 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2449)

Additional projects in this county are listed in the "Projects in More Than One County" section beginning on page 127.

Projects in Spokane County **Grants Awarded: \$6,248,960**

Dishman Hills Conservancy **Grant Awarded: \$803,700** **Buying Land on Dishman Hills**

The Dishman Hills Conservancy will use this grant to buy 257 acres for wildlife and recreation, next to the Dishman Hills Conservation Area, about 3 miles from Spokane's city limits. Dishman Hills is the wild heart of Spokane because it is surrounded by development. Conserving the land is important to maintain a corridor for wildlife movement and a diversity of plants. The forest is home to deer, moose, elk, cougars, black bears, pileated woodpeckers, flammulated owls, northern goshawk, Vaux's swift, bald eagles, and peregrine falcons. The area also is used for hiking, mountain biking, climbing, and nature study. Dishman Hills Conservancy will contribute \$803,700 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](#). (18-1282)

**Ducks Unlimited
Restoring and Protecting Saltese Flats**

Grant Awarded: \$473,000

Ducks Unlimited will use this grant to buy 126 acres in a 1,200-acre historical marsh south of Spokane, a rapidly expanding urban area. Ducks Unlimited will restore wetlands and riverbank habitat by redirecting flows and planting shrubs and trees. Tundra swans, waterfowl, great blue herons, Columbia spotted frogs, and western toads will benefit from habitat enhancements. To support future school field trips and educational research, Ducks Unlimited will develop a trail with interpretive signs and an interpretive center. Ducks Unlimited will contribute \$475,203 in a federal appropriation, a federal grant, cash, and donations of labor, land, 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](#). (18-1899)

**Spokane
Finishing Development of Bidwell Park**

Grant Requested :\$500,000

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to finish development of the 20-acre Bidwell Park. Development of the remaining 6 acres will include expanded green space, paved trails, a natural area, landscaping, a restroom, a playground, a picnic shelter, a baseball field with safety fencing, four sand volleyball courts with lighting, and two pickle ball courts. These improvements will help meet the outdoor recreation needs of this growing community by expanding the trail system, access to green space, and athletic facilities. Spokane County will contribute \$871,000 in cash, potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1630)

**Spokane
Rehabilitating Don Kardong Bridge**

Grant Awarded: \$726,000

The City of Spokane will use this grant to renovate the Don Kardong Pedestrian Bridge on the Spokane River Centennial Trail. The City will install bridge decking and timber framing, lighting, guardrails, and scenic overlooks. The project remedies safety hazards, improves user experience, and extends the life of this critical trail link for another 40 years. Spokane will contribute \$726,000 in cash and a private grant. This grant is from

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the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1960)

Spokane **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Renovating the Riverfront Park Suspension Bridge**

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate a pedestrian bridge in Riverfront Park, the city's most popular urban park. Originally installed as part of the Expo '74 World's Fair, this bridge provides an unparalleled viewing experience over the upper falls of the Spokane River; serves as a major north-south connection for walkers, runners, cyclists, and sightseers for recreational enjoyment; and is a crucial companion for interpretive information about the river. Today many bridge components have exceeded their design lives and require increasingly significant repairs to maintain public access. Portions of the bridge decking fail yearly, requiring expensive patching. Bridge railings do not meet modern guardrail standards, and significant portions of the bridge deck framing are heavily corroded. The City plans to extend the bridge's useful service life for an additional 50 years by replacing the bridge decking, guardrail, corroded structure, and utility vaults at each end of the bridge. Spokane will contribute more than \$1.2 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-2004)

Spokane County **Grant Awarded: \$1,210,442** **Buying Land in the Mica Peak Conservation Area**

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to buy 901 acres of high quality habitat that will link Mica Peak Conservation Area with Liberty Lake Regional Park, creating 5,300 acres of contiguous public, protected habitat for moose, elk, pileated woodpeckers, and other species with special status less than 5 miles from the cities of Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley. The project also will preserve rare old-growth trees, including Ponderosa pine, western hemlock, grand fir, and other species native to the Inland Northwest. The purchase will preserve a critical public trail connection between the well-established trail system in Liberty Lake Regional Park and the developing trail system in the Mica Peak Conservation Area. Lastly, this project protects Quinnamose Creek, which is the primary tributary to the Saltese Flats wetland complex, a critical stop for migrating birds and a significant aquifer recharge source for the region's sole aquifer. Spokane County will contribute more than \$1.3 million in

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conservation futures¹⁰ and donations of labor and 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](#). (18-1308)

Spokane County **Grant Awarded: \$40,000**
Creating a Vision for Spokane County Off-road Vehicle Park

Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf will use this grant to hire a consultant to develop a master plan for its Spokane County Off-Road Vehicle Park. The project will include a cultural resource survey, initial park assessment, and public engagement process. The county will use this plan to provide a long-term vision for park development, help guide and prioritize future park investments, identify potential funding for projects, and reinforce the park's value within the community. The County will contribute \$30,000 in donations of cash. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2322)

Spokane County **Grant Awarded: \$250,000**
Finishing Development of Bidwell Community Park

Spokane County will use this grant to build a baseball field, four sand volleyball courts with lighting, a paved trail, and a restroom at Bidwell Community Park, completing the park's development. Adding these elements will significantly expand youth athletic opportunities in the north Spokane area and serve a broader range of the community. The baseball field and sand volleyball courts will be made available for pickup games and open practice for the entire community. Spokane County will contribute \$750,000 in cash and potentially 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](#). (18-1636)

Spokane County **Grant Awarded: \$136,080**
Funding Rangers for Spokane County Parks

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to fund two part-time rangers, pay for their supplies and equipment, and buy educational

¹⁰Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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materials. The rangers cover more than 11,000 acres of urban, suburban, and rural wilderness parks at 14 locations throughout Spokane County. The parks include more than 350 miles of trail and include four lakes, multiple river access points, a campground, and two off-road vehicle parks with an expected half-million visits during the next 2 years. Spokane County will contribute \$160,143 in cash, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2419)

Spokane Youth Sports Association **Grant Awarded: \$350,000** **Beginning Development of the Zakheim Youth Sports Complex**

The Spokane Youth Sports Association will use this grant to begin development of the Zakheim Youth Sports Complex on the South Hill of Spokane. The association will build one multipurpose sports field, a parking lot, storage facilities, and restrooms. When fully developed, the sports complex will include four youth baseball fields, two multi-sports fields with lights, a basketball court, storage facilities, restrooms, and a walking path. The multiuse field could be used year-round and will be the only synthetic turf field on the South Hill. The Spokane Youth Sports Association will contribute more than \$1.8 million 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](#). (18-1451)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$354,000** **Redeveloping the Liberty Lake Access Site**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the Liberty Lake access site, which is 20 miles east of Spokane in Spokane County. The department will replace the toilets, reseal and stripe the parking lot, install a boarding float extension, and renovate infrastructure including armoring the ramp, and install signs. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2461)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$698,705 **Buying Land within Mount Spokane State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 160 acres inside Mount Spokane State Park. The land is surrounded by State Park property and contains a road, several recreation trails, and quality wildlife habitat. The land previously was logged and is the site of a 1962 plane crash. At 14,000 acres, Mount Spokane is the largest state park in Washington. It hosts a variety of winter and summer activities including hiking, cycling, horseback riding, Nordic skiing, downhill skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1942)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$207,033 **Restoring Ragged Ridge**

State Parks will use this grant to complete restoration of a meadow in the southeast corner of Mount Spokane State Park. The 624-acre Ragged Ridge Natural Area Preserve supports a mixture of mature forests and open meadows, and contains a mountain ridge. The meadow has been damaged by off-road vehicles and invasive and non-native species. State Parks will halt prohibited all-terrain vehicle use, replant eroded areas, remove trees invading the meadows, suppress non-native plants introduced by off-road vehicles, and educate the public about stewardship of the natural area preserve. This grant will complete restoration efforts that have been ongoing for more than 30 years. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1987)

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Projects in Stevens County Grants Awarded: \$183,450

U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest Grant Awarded: \$99,950 **Maintaining Recreation Opportunities in the Colville National Forest**

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to hire four seasonal employees to maintain 20 campgrounds, 60 developed recreations sites and trailheads, and 800 dispersed

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campsites about 50 miles from Spokane, the second largest city in the state. The goal is to provide safe, well-maintained recreation facilities for visitors, who in turn support local economic growth through the purchase of fuel, groceries, and other supplies. The Forest Service will contribute \$100,050 in a federal appropriation. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2499)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$83,500** **Replacing Trail Bridges in the Little Pend Oreille Trail System**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this development grant to purchase and replace two trail bridges, two boardwalks and install one new culvert on the Little Pend Oreille Trail System in northern Stevens County. The department will replace degrading structures to enhance visitor safety. The primary recreational opportunity provided by this grant is sustainable, safe trails off-road vehicle trails. The department will contribute \$21,000 in a state appropriation. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2478)

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Projects in Thurston County **Grants Awarded: \$12,354,329**

Capitol Land Trust **Grant Awarded: \$843,000** **Conserving Silver Creek Prairie Habitat**

The Capitol Land Trust will use this grant to buy about 220 acres of undeveloped streambank, wetland, and forest in Tenino. The land contains 1.5 miles of Deschutes River shoreline and .6 mile of Silver Creek shoreline, both providing important habitat to salmon species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. Silver Creek provides scarce off-channel fish habitat and is a critical source of cold water for the Deschutes River, which suffers from water that is too warm. Most of the land is comprised of prairie soils, and there is oak-prairie habitat along the northern edge. Elk visit the land year-round. The land trust hopes to protect this important wildlife habitat and will add a small parking area and trail for public access to part of the land. Capitol Land Trust will contribute \$843,000 in a local grant and a grant from the salmon recovery program. This

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grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1608)

Olympia **Grant Awarded: \$427,990**
Building Grass Lake Nature Park Trail

The Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a 1.06-mile trail in northwest Olympia, from Harrison Avenue to Kaiser Road through Grass Lake Nature Park. Development also will include a 400-foot boardwalk, trailhead, two kiosks, interpretive signs, and habitat enhancement. As part of this project, the City will build the first of Olympia's premier nature parks for passive recreation that is entirely accessible to people with disabilities. Development includes building a Capitol-to-Capitol Trail segment and building a wetland boardwalk to provide access to 107 acres currently inaccessible from the trail network. Other improvements include creating a connection from Grass Lake Nature Park to Yauger Community Park, restoring habitat, and connecting nearby neighborhoods to the trail system. Olympia will contribute more than \$1.6 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](#). (18-1243)

Olympia **Grant Awarded: \$500,000**
Building Lions Park Sprayground

The Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will use this grant to build a sprayground at Lions Park. The City also will modify the park shelter to allow better access to the sprayground, build walkways accessible to people with disabilities, improve the parking, and install new drainage infrastructure and lighting. The project will help relieve demand at the city's only other sprayground, the Heritage Park Fountain. Olympia 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](#). (18-1528)

Olympia **Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000**
Buying LBA Woods

The Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 59 acres to expand a community park, known locally as LBA Woods. Acquiring the land will

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conserve one of the last large unprotected forested areas in the city. This property was purchased under a Waiver of Retroactivity and a payment is due in 2019. Olympia will contribute more than \$4.6 million 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](#). (18-1251)

Olympia **Grant Awarded: \$349,999**
Installing New Field Surface and Lights at Stevens Field

The City of Olympia will use this grant to install synthetic infield surfacing and lighting on ball field 2 in Stevens Field Park. The improvements will increase field use, decrease rain outs, improve player safety, and reduce maintenance. The field is used mostly for youth baseball and softball. Olympia will contribute \$837,401. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1539)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$1,100,000**
Conserving Oregon Spotted Frog

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 138 acres of critical habitat for Oregon spotted frog. This project also protects Chinook and coho salmon and steelhead. The area includes rare oak, Puget Sound prairie, and other sensitive habitat. The department will continue to provide hunting and fishing opportunities on the land. The project will create a 3,264-acre corridor that connects to a 100,000-acre state forest. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1358)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$3,000,000**
Enhancing South Sound Prairies

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 900 acres, which includes 175 acres of prairie and oak woodlands habitat and 725 acres of mixed forest, wetland, and streambank. The land includes habitat for Taylor's checkerspot butterfly, Mazama pocket gopher, Puget blue butterfly, Willamette Valley upland prairie, Willamette Valley wet prairie, north pacific oak woodland, and temperate Pacific freshwater marsh. The project also provides access to hiking, hunting, and horseback riding opportunities. This

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grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1333)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$930,000**
Redeveloping the Boston Harbor Boat Launch

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the Boston Harbor Access at the northeastern end of Budd Inlet in Thurston County. The department will replace the boat launch ramp, improve the parking area, replace the restroom, enhance fencing and signs, and install a loading platform. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2423)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$290,000**
Renovating the Nisqually River Water Access Site

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the water access site known as the Nisqually Handicap Water Access Site on the Nisqually River in Thurston County. The department will install a new toilet, renovate the pathways, repair the fishing rail and rod holders, replace the fishing shelter, place riprap or sheet pile edging on the river, renovate the parking area, place barrier rocks, and install fences and wheel stops. The site is used for fishing from the bank, wildlife viewing, and photography. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1457)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$115,500**
Caring for Capitol State Forest Trails, Trailheads, Picnic Areas, and Campgrounds

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a full-time equipment operator and seasonal crews to maintain 61 miles of hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking trail, trailheads and recreation sites within Capitol State Forest near Olympia. Trail maintenance includes clearing trail, maintaining culverts, re-shaping eroded sections of trail, hardening trails, addressing areas of standing water, and repairing bridges, kiosks and signs. Trailhead and facilities maintenance includes upkeep of restrooms, campsites, parking areas and signs. The department will contribute \$115,700 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the

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[Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2464)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$30,455**
Developing Capitol State Forest Non-motorized Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant add 6 miles of non-motorized trail in its Capitol State Forest near Olympia. The new trails, by way of providing various loop trail options, will help to reduce density on popular trails. Four miles of new trail located near Mima Falls will benefit hikers, mountain bikers, trail runners, and equestrians. The other 2 miles near North Slope will provide an intermediate trail for mountain bikers who are new to downhill riding. The department will contribute \$29,700 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2466)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$115,000**
Developing Off-Road Vehicle Trails in Capitol State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to design and build 4.5 miles of two-track and 1.5 miles of single-track off-road vehicle trails in Capitol State Forest, located near Olympia. The additional trails will provide for additional riding loop opportunities near the Middle Waddell campground and trailhead and direct riders away from a county road. The department will contribute \$29,000 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2467)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$2,681,010**
Enhancing Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy more than 189 acres of oak woodland, prairie, and streambank habitat near its Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve. This preserve is one of the largest intact prairie sites left in western Washington and includes the last, best example of mounded prairie in the state. Mima Mounds is recognized nationally for its ecological and geological importance as a national natural landmark. The site supports prairie-dependent butterflies and birds,

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Oregon branded skipper, western meadowlark, and savannah sparrow. This proposal is part of a regional conservation plan developed by partners, including Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fort Lewis Military Reservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and The Nature Conservancy to protect remnants of natural communities and restore their structure and function. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1523)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Funding Capitol State Forest Wardens

Grant Awarded: \$197,500

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund one full-time and one half-time warden to patrol 160 miles of trail, 4 campgrounds, 6 trailheads, and 560 miles of forest road in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The wardens will focus on off-road vehicle use and identifying and correcting safety issues for all trail and road users. Additionally, the wardens will help manage events and support Forest Watch volunteers, who educate visitors about safety and proper forest use. The department will use some of the grant to buy equipment to aid in the investigation of criminal activity at trailheads. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$132,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2463)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Improving the Margaret McKenny Campground and Trailhead

Grant Awarded: \$146,300

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to improve and further develop the Margaret McKenny Campground and Trailhead in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The department will build four new campsites, repave roads, enlarge trailhead parking, and install a septic system at the campground host site. The work will reduce routine maintenance costs, improve the experience for visitors, and help meet the increasing demand for parking and overnight camping. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$8,500 in staff labor and donations of equipment 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](#). (18-1949)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$193,200** **Maintaining Capitol State Forest Off-road Vehicle Trails**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a full-time equipment operator, seasonal crews, and equipment to maintain 83 miles of off-road vehicle trails and facilities in Capitol State Forest. Duties will include trail clearing, removing hazard trees, repairing trail tread, adding rock to harden trails, and repairing culverts and water drainage. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project is safer and more sustainable off-road vehicle trails and facilities. Many mountain bike and trail-running enthusiasts enjoy the off-road vehicle trails as well. The department will contribute \$83,200 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2465)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$434,375** **Restoring South Sound Prairies**

The Department of Natural Resources, along with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, will use this grant to restore rare grassland and oak woodland habitat at five of the most important prairie-oak conservation sites in the south Puget Sound region: Scatter Creek, Mima Mounds, West Rocky Prairie, Rocky Prairie, and Bald Hill. These sites support numerous rare and declining prairie-associated wildlife species but have been degraded by invasive species, altered fire regimes, and other issues. The state agencies will acquire native seeds and transplants, prepare restoration areas for seeding by burning them and controlling invasive plants, and seed and replant the treated areas. Key invasive species, including Scot's broom and tall oatgrass, will be targeted for control on additional areas within the sites. The work will enhance habitat for the Oregon spotted frog in the West Rocky Prairie area. The two agencies are partnering on this project 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](#). (18-1777)

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Projects in Walla Walla County **Grants Awarded: \$434,500**

Blue Mountain Land Trust **Grant Awarded: \$284,500** **Protecting Eagleson Farmland**

The Blue Mountain Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement on 652 acres of farmland next to other conserved land. The land boasts 360-degree views of Walla Walla and the Blue Mountains, making it a prime target for development despite its productivity as farmland. An easement will prevent development, ensuring that this land remains in farmland production. Blue Mountain Land Trust will contribute \$284,500 in a donation of land value 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](#). (18-1632)

Walla Walla Gun Club **Grant Awarded: \$150,000** **Building a Firing Range**

The Walla Walla Gun Club will use this grant to design and build a covered pistol and small bore rifle range off Middle Waitsburg Road, in Walla Walla County. This range will be used by the public, law enforcement, schools, 4H clubs, and youth organizations of all types for a myriad of small bore rifle and pistol practice and competitions. The Walla Walla Gun Club will contribute \$330,440 in a private grant and donations of cash, equipment, 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](#). (18-2315)

Projects in Whatcom County **Grants Awarded: \$3,578,100**

Bellingham **Grant Awarded: \$350,000** **Building Fields in Squalicum Creek Park**

The City of Bellingham will use this grant to build a baseball diamond and multipurpose sports field in Squalicum Creek Park. The City will grade the site, install drainage and irrigation systems, and add an infield, backstop, and pathways. The baseball outfield would contain part of the multipurpose field, which will provide an area for lacrosse, soccer, rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, and other outdoor play. The overall goal is to produce a fully-functional, regulation-sized youth baseball and outfield to meet the demands of

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outdoor youth play for the Bellingham service area and beyond. This the fourth phase of development. Bellingham will contribute \$842,254 in a voter-approved levy. This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-1670)

Blaine-Birch Bay Park Recreation District 2 Buying California Creek Estuary

Grant Awarded: \$299,400

The Blaine-Birch Bay Park Recreation District 2, in partnership with the Whatcom Land Trust, will use this grant to buy 11.51 acres of wildlife habitat on California Creek to protect rare tidelands and an estuary and allow trails and a place to launch kayaks. The land is at the confluence of California Creek and Drayton Harbor, one of two main tributaries flowing into Drayton Harbor. The land consists of a quarter-mile of estuary shoreline and 500 feet of creek shoreline consistently used by birds, cutthroat trout, and chum and coho salmon. This coastal inlet provides estuarine and wetland habitat that is protected from the oncoming waves of adjacent Drayton Harbor, making it ideal for migrating juvenile salmon, shellfish, waterfowl, and shorebirds. The site also is ideal for beginning kayakers as they learn to paddle Puget Sound waters. Its scenic location and shoreline make development likely in the future. The park district will contribute \$458,000 in a state appropriation, a voter-approved levy, potentially a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, 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.](#) (18-1947)

Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District Conserving California Creek Estuary

Grant Awarded: \$458,000

The Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District will use this grant to buy 11.51 acres of wildlife habitat to protect rare tidelands and estuary and provide access to the public. Working with the Whatcom Land Trust, the district will buy the land, remove the house there, and develop a non-motorized trail, an interpretive trail, and a kayak boat launch. The land is at the confluence of California Creek and Drayton Harbor and is used by birds, trout, and salmon. This coastal inlet provides estuarine and wetland habitat that is protected from the oncoming waves of adjacent Drayton Harbor, making it ideal for migrating salmon, shellfish, waterfowl, and shorebirds. Due to its scenic location near the shoreline, development of the land is likely. The Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District will contribute \$458,000 in a state appropriation, donations of cash, a

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grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant was funded by the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#). (18-1945)

Lummi Nation **Grant Awarded: \$350,000** **Building the First Phase of the Lummi Nation Community Park**

The Lummi Nation will use this grant to build the first phase of the Lummi Nation Community Park, a 7-acre park with two multipurpose fields, connecting paths, and support facilities. The park is at the gateway to the Lummi Nation community on the southeast corner of Slate Road and Haxton Way. Development will include a gravel parking lot, backstops, drainage and irrigation, dugouts, batting and pitching machine enclosures, scoreboards, fencing, paved parking for people with disabilities, a paved trail, a paved spectator court, and the beginning of landscaping. The Lummi Nation will contribute more than \$1.9 million in cash and potentially 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](#). (18-1802)

Lynden Shotgun Club **Grant Awarded: \$22,850** **Buying Wireless Equipment**

The Lynden Shotgun Club will use this grant to make improvements for people with disabilities and buy equipment for its Whatcom County shooting range. The club will create one parking stall for people with disabilities and an accessible route to the clubhouse and firing line. The club also will buy skeet and trap machines, a wireless voice call system, and wireless control devices. Finally, the club will install solar and battery support systems for the machine operations, and weather protection for target throwing equipment. The Lynden Shotgun Club will contribute \$22,850 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](#). (18-2300)

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Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Maintaining the Salmon Ridge Trail System

Grant Awarded: \$10,450

The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will use this grant to maintain 15 miles of cross-country ski trails and 5 miles of snowshoe trails east of Bellingham near Mount Baker and the North Fork Nooksack River. The Salmon Ridge Trail system is the only groomed and tracked cross-country ski trail system in northwest Washington. It attracts nearly 10,500 visits each winter. This grant funds a groomer to pack the snow and set ski tracks once or twice a week on 15 miles of ski trail. It also supports volunteer events to clear trails and overhanging branches, install trail signs, and address trail erosion. The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club, a nonprofit, volunteer-based club with 113 members, has maintained the Salmon Ridge Trail system for 26 years. The club will contribute \$27,800 in a state grant and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2344)

U.S. Forest Service Developing Hart's Pass Trailhead

Grant Awarded: \$198,140

The Methow Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to expand parking opportunities to two parking areas at Hart's Pass, one of the district's most popular recreation areas. Parking availability at Hart's Pass is inadequate for the roughly 15,000 visitor use-days it receives every year. Visitors routinely park along the shoulder of the road or block portions of the road, creating hazardous conditions and damaging resources. The District would expand parking to accommodate stock trucks and a loading ramp for equine. Both parking areas would include a toilet, kiosk, and guardrails for safety. The primary recreation opportunities will be stock use, hiking, and sightseeing. This upgraded and expanded parking area will contribute to a safer, more sustainable and enjoyable recreation experience for visitors, who provide support to the local economy as well. The district will contribute \$23,435 in equipment, and staff labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2371)

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U.S. Forest Service Hiring a Mount Baker Climbing Ranger

Grant Awarded: \$10,000

The Mount Baker Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to fund one climbing ranger. Working alongside another ranger, the climbing ranger will patrol the camps, routes, and summit at Mount Baker. Thousands of climbers attempt the Mount Baker summit each season. Due to Mount Baker's popularity, un-ropeed climbers, human waste, and other camping impacts are common. The ranger will educate visitors about safe climbing practices and low-impact recreation techniques. The Forest Service will contribute \$25,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2469)

U.S. Forest Service Maintaining Mount Baker District Trails

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Mount Baker Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to maintain 100 miles of the district's wilderness and non-motorized trails across Mount Baker, Noisy-Diobsud, and Glacier Peak Wildernesses, as well as in the Mount Baker National Recreation Area in Whatcom and Skagit Counties. Trail maintenance will include trail clearing, addressing water drainage, and maintaining trail tread. Other work may include replacing boardwalks, retaining walls, and small bridges. A combination of Forest Service crew, contractor, youth crews, and donated labor will accomplish the work. The goal of this project is to provide safe and enjoyable experiences to about 200,000 wilderness and backcountry recreational users while still protecting natural resources. This project preserves opportunities for hiking, backpacking, climbing, horseback riding, running, hunting, fishing, gathering, photography, and wildlife viewing. The ranger district will contribute \$104,500 in a federal appropriation, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2471)

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Redeveloping the Lake Whatcom Boat Launch

Grant Awarded: \$505,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the Lake Whatcom water access site in Whatcom County. The department will build a concrete boat launch and moorage and loading dock, pave the parking lot, and install a toilet. The new boat launch and dock will increase safety during the retrieval and launching of powered boats. The paving of the parking area will decrease long-term maintenance of the site. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2350)

Whatcom County Conserving TeVelde Agricultural Lands

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 19.6 acres of prime soils in northern Whatcom County, near the TeVelde Farm. Migratory waterfowl regularly visit agricultural lands in this area. Whatcom County will contribute \$92,800 in conservation futures.¹¹ This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1625)

Whatcom County Conserving the McLeod Property

Grant Awarded: \$175,000

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 16.59 acres of prime agricultural soils. The land currently supports a local farm business, Uprising Organics, which grows vegetable, flower, and herb seeds. This area protects shoreline habitat for migratory waterfowl and provides an additional buffer to the large dairy operation next door. This land's proximity to Wisner Lake, which a large and diverse assortment of migratory waterfowl visit, also helps to protect wildlife habitat. Whatcom County will contribute \$191,300 in conservation futures¹² 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](#). (18-2060)

¹¹Conservation 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.

¹²Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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Whatcom County Conserving the Roper Property

Grant Awarded: \$100,000

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 26.75 acres of prime agricultural soils. This land supports Sage and Sky Farm, which raises mixed vegetables and sheep for meat and wool production on about 4 acres. Agricultural lands in this area include wetlands where a diverse assortment of migratory waterfowl regularly visit. Whatcom County will contribute \$117,800 in conservation futures¹³ 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](#). (18-2015)

Whatcom Land Trust Preserving Skookum Creek

Grant Awarded: \$864,260

Whatcom Land Trust will use this grant to buy 780 acres in the Skookum Creek watershed. Skookum Creek includes 2.3 miles of habitat for coho salmon, steelhead, and bull trout and .6 mile of habitat for spring Chinook salmon. Historic logging in the area removed trees that shaded the water and contributed sediment to the creek and its tributaries. Whatcom Land Trust will place large trees in the creek, which help create deep cold-water pools for salmon to rest in as they migrate. The land trust will contribute more than \$1 million in a grant from the state 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](#). (18-1373)

Additional projects in this county are listed in the "Projects in More Than One County" section beginning on page 127.

¹³Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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Projects in Whitman County

Grants Awarded: \$3,994,323

Washington Department of Natural Resources Preserving Steptoe Butte

Grant Awarded: \$1,238,510

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 437 acres at Steptoe Butte near Steptoe Butte State Park in Whitman County. The state will designate the land as a Natural Area Preserve or Natural Resources Conservation Area, conserving the largest known remaining occurrence of Palouse prairie in Washington. This site includes at least three rare plants (including federally threatened Spalding's catchfly and state endangered broad-fruit mariposa-lily), four priority plant communities, and one rare earthworm species. Nearly 100 percent of the area Palouse prairie previously covered now acts as agricultural land. Designation of this Steptoe Butte project site as a natural area will serve an integral role in the long-term conservation of Palouse prairie ecosystems. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-1526)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$1,741,699 Connecting Malden and Rosalia via the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail

State Parks will use this grant to grade three trail and road intersections, lay crushed rock on 9 miles of trail, and develop a trailhead in Malden, as part of the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail, formerly known as the Iron Horse/John Wayne Pioneer Trail. The work will create a trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders in the east-central Washington and connect the communities of Malden and Rosalia. The existing trail corridor remains in the same condition as when the railroad surplused the land before 1990. The new trail's location near U.S. Route 195 provides easy access for visitors from both Spokane and Pullman. State Parks will contribute \$80,000 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.](#) (18-1840)

U.S. Forest Service
Fixing Motorized Trails in the Naches Ranger District

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

The Naches Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to hire a five-person trail crew to maintain 50 miles of its 300-mile motorcycle and 4x4 trail system in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. Work will include clearing overgrown brush, fixing drainage, and repairing structures, trail surfaces, and signs. The grant also supports transportation and supplies. An estimated 45,000 recreationists visit these motorized trails each year. The Forest Service will contribute \$81,000 in a federal appropriation, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2413)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Motorcycle and 4x4 Trail in Central Washington

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Naches Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to hire a four-person crew and crew leader and buy equipment to maintain 300-plus miles of district motorcycle and four-wheel drive trails in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. Duties will include clearing trail, repairing signs and structures, and enhancing standing water on the trail. Centrally located in Washington, this 136-mile single-track motorcycle and 170-mile 4x4 trail system receives an estimated 45,000 recreationists each year. The ranger district will contribute \$80,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2398)

U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Naches Ranger District Recreation Opportunities

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to maintain campgrounds, trailheads, day-use sites, and boat launches throughout the district. Duties will include increasing site accessibility, enhancing aging facilities, and restoring plants along lakes, rivers, and shorelines by adding parking control structures. The District will also replace deteriorated picnic tables, fire rings, parking bollards, bulletin boards, and site posts markers where needed. More than 63,000 visitors from the Seattle and Tacoma, Tri-Cities, and Yakima areas come to this area every year to hunt, fish, camp, boat, swim,

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hike, picnic, and ride off-road-vehicles every year. The Ranger District will contribute \$234,000 in a federal appropriation, donations of labor, staff labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2490)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$80,000**
Maintaining Wilderness Trails in the Naches Ranger District

The Naches Ranger District in the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund a 4-person crew and 2,800 volunteer hours to maintain 360 miles of wilderness trails over 2 years. Located in Yakima County, this trail system offers scenic hiking and horseback riding through old-growth forests and alpine meadows with views of Mount Rainier and Mount Adams. The system also includes 80 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. Duties will include clearing logs, restoring trail tread, addressing areas of standing water, and building and repairing trail structures and signs. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this grant is hiking and horseback riding through three congressionally designated wilderness areas. Regular maintenance decreases resource damage, increases safety, minimizes conflicts between user visitors, and extends the life of trails. An estimated 35,000 to 40,000 people visit these trails every year. These opportunities attract tens of thousands of visitors a year who boost the local economy through the purchase of meals, lodging, fuel, groceries, equipment and services. The ranger district will contribute \$76,440 in a federal appropriation, equipment, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2397)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$40,000**
Responding to Deferred Naches Wilderness Trails Maintenance

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four- to six-person trail crew to maintain 360 miles of wilderness and adjacent non-motorized trail in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Yakima County. The crew will clear trails, limit erosion and enhance drainage, and rebuild small bridges. The project also will include buying small tools and materials. These trails attract tens of thousands of visitors each year. The Forest Service will contribute \$62,500 in a federal appropriation, equipment, materials, labor, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit

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RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#).
(18-2384)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Enhancing the Wenas Creek

Grant Awarded: \$230,769

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve wildlife habitat by restoring the floodplain function of north Wenas Creek and thinning trees from the adjacent slopes of Cleman Mountain. The department will remove the undersized Mellotte bridge and return the road that runs across the floodplain to a more natural state. The department then will install a new bridge a half-mile downstream, where the creek is confined and the bridge can be more efficiently sited. Moving the bridge and removing the road will restore floodplain function. The department also will remove trees on 1,000 acres of the mountain slope, and place up to 500 trees in the creek to create habitat for steelhead, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, and other fish. Trees in the creek create places for fish to rest and hide from predators. They also slow the river, which reduces erosion and the amount of sediment in the river. A slower river allows small gravels to settle to the river bottom for spawning areas. Finally, they change the flow of the river, creating riffles and deep cold pools, giving fish more varied habitat. The 70,000-acre Cleman Mountain unit of the Wenas Wildlife Area is heavily used by recreationists, including hunters, bird watchers, off-road vehicle riders, and others. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1830)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Preserving Cowiche Watershed

Grant Awarded: \$4,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 4,480 acres of shrub-steppe, oak-ponderosa pine woodland, and streambank habitat, protecting more than 7 miles of Cowiche Creek for steelhead. The land includes winter range for deer and elk, falls within the migration zone for the largest elk herd in Washington State, and supports nearly 70 species of butterfly, estimated to be the highest diversity of butterfly species in Washington. The oak habitat supports numerous cavity nesting bird species, western gray squirrels, and Lewis's woodpeckers. Outdoor recreation opportunities include hiking, fishing, birding, hunting, camping, wildlife viewing, and outdoor photography. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit

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RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#).
(18-1334)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$200,000** **Maintaining Ahtanum State Forest Off-road Vehicle Trails and Facilities**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire one full-time employee and buy an excavator and high-clearance utility-terrain vehicle to maintain more than 42 miles of off-road vehicle trails, 12 campgrounds and three trailheads within the Ahtanum State Forest near Yakima. Duties will include clearing trail, maintaining culverts, and inspecting and maintaining bridges. Other activities include daily litter removal, service and maintenance to 16 vault toilets, and kiosk, picnic tables, fire rings, signage and campsite maintenance. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable off-road vehicle trails and facilities. Added equipment will help the department more efficiently maintain trails and move equipment to support its volunteer events. The department will contribute \$53,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2260)

Additional projects in this county are listed in the "Projects in More Than One County" section beginning below.

Projects in More Than One County **Grants Awarded: \$3,994,298**

Adams, Grant, King, Kittitas, and Whitman Counties

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust **Grant Awarded: \$66,809** **Maintaining Trails in the Mountains to Sound Greenway**

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will use this grant to maintain 80 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails in the Mountains to Sound Greenway in King and Kittitas Counties. The trust will clear logs and trail debris, replace signs, and repair trail surfaces, drainage, and trail structures. Work will cover Cougar, Squak, Tiger, and Rattlesnake Mountains, destinations in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, along the Pacific Crest Trail, in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, and other popular hiking trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. Mountains to Sound Greenway will contribute \$150,000

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in a private grant and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2408)

Chelan, Clark, Garfield, Grays, Jefferson, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Okanogan, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Stevens, Whatcom, and Yakima Counties

Washington Trails Association **Grant Awarded: \$75,000**
Enhancing Volunteer Stewardship to Maintain Trails Statewide

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to engage backcountry volunteers in 33,000 hours of maintenance on 345 miles of hiking trails in Washington. An estimated 2.5 million visitors use backcountry trails in Washington and many of these trails are at risk of being lost altogether if not maintained. Land agencies' capacity to complete this work is increasingly diminishing. This project will support 100, weeklong volunteer trips and backcountry response teams throughout the Cascades, Olympics, Selkirks and Kettle Range, and Blue Mountains. Backcountry crews will perform a wide variety of tasks such as clearing debris, enhancing trail surfaces, installing crib walls to stabilize switchbacks, building bridges with materials found onsite, constructing short reroutes following a slide, and clearing downed trees. This grant also will support rapid backcountry response to storms and wildfires. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$568,980 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2323)

Chelan, Ferry, Kittitas, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Whatcom, and Yakima Counties

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance **Grant Awarded: \$37,500**
Maintaining Eastern Washington Trails with Volunteer Support

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to support more than 10,000 volunteer hours to maintain more than 200 miles of non-motorized trails and 120 miles of motorized trails in eastern Washington. This volunteer stewardship is important to address land managers' backlog of maintenance projects and meet the needs of the growing mountain bike community. Evergreen is planning and building trails slated to

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open in the 2019-2021 and these trails will require maintenance as early as fall 2019. Evergreen works closely with land managers statewide to identify areas with critical maintenance needs. It also responds to emergency repairs due to fire and storm damage. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will contribute \$196,000 in a private grant and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2345)

Chelan, Grant, and Kittitas Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$150,000** **Maintaining Recreation Opportunities in Southeastern Washington**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire staff and buy equipment and materials to maintain campgrounds with Kittitas, Chelan, and Grant Counties. Duties will include daily routine maintenance of restrooms, campsites, and day-use areas. Equipment will include vehicle accessories, small tools, and maintenance supplies. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable multiple-use recreation support facilities. The Department will contribute \$126,951 in donations of labor, staff equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2246)

Chelan, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Pierce, San Juan, Snohomish, Whatcom, and Yakima Counties

Washington Trails Association **Grant Awarded: \$75,000** **Engaging Youth in Volunteer Stewardship Statewide**

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to support youth volunteers in 32,000 hours of trail maintenance on 90 miles of hiking trails in Washington. This project teaches young people the skills and ethic necessary be long-term stewards of trails. Half of the project will consist of daylong work parties for youth, families, and other youth-serving organizations. These events will occur around the state, generally near Washington's major population centers including Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, and Bellingham. Volunteers will complete the other part of the project with 1- and 2-week youth volunteer vacations, often on backcountry trails in the Olympics, Cascades, and Selkirk Mountains. Volunteers will build rock steps, re-deck bridges, and uncover lost

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sections of trail, in addition to performing routine maintenance. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$498,190 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2324)

Chelan, King, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Skagit Skamania, Stevens, Thurston, and Yakima Counties

**Northwest Motorcycle Association
Caring for Multi-use Trails Statewide**

Grant Awarded: \$60,557

The Northwest Motorcycle Association will use this grant to maintain 73 miles of trail on Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Forest Service land. Maintenance is critical to prevent further trail damage and trail closures, enhance visitors' experiences, and improve safety. The trails are used by hikers, equestrians, motorcyclists, hunters, and mountain bikers. The association will contribute \$54,600 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2536)

Chelan, King, Lewis, Skagit Counties

**Pacific Crest Trail Association
Restoring the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail**

Grant Awarded: \$54,905

The Pacific Crest Trail Association will use this grant to coordinate more than 7,000 volunteer hours to address deferred maintenance on 148 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail through the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan-Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests. Overgrowing brush, deteriorating trail surface, clogged drainages, and failing trail structures are causing significant environmental damage and safety concerns. If this deferred maintenance is not repaired soon, the trail will continue to erode, leading to unsafe hiking and riding conditions. The association will contribute \$110,250 in donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2476)

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Chelan, Kittitas, Lewis, Mason, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Stevens, and Thurston Counties

Northwest Motorcycle Association Maintaining Motorcycle Trails around the State

Grant Awarded: \$198,754

Northwest Motorcycle Association will use this grant to buy machinery and equipment to maintain about 73 miles of trail on Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Forest Service land open to motorized recreation. Work will include repairing deteriorating trail, managing water drainage, removing ruts, and managing trail braiding. The project will prevent further trail damage, negative environmental impacts and keep trails open for hikers, equestrians, off-road motorcyclists, hunters and mountain bikers and other visitors. This effort also enhances trail safety. The association will contribute \$53,934 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2538)

Clallam, Ferry, Jefferson, Mason, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Stevens, and Whatcom Counties

Pacific Northwest Trail Association Maintaining the Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to hire trail crews and coordinate volunteers to maintain the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail. Crews will consist of youth and young adults from local communities and students from Curlew Job Corps. Along its path from the Rockies to the Pacific Ocean, this trail traverses 900 miles of Washington through four national forests, two national parks; and numerous state management areas. Land managers are increasingly relying on this association's partnership for trail maintenance. This project will address the maintenance backlog on hundreds of miles of trail used for hiking, horseback riding, cycling, hunting, and more. The association will contribute \$150,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2527)

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Clark and Cowlitz Counties

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$101,670** **Caring for Gifford Pinchot National Forest Motorized Trails**

The Cowlitz Ranger District in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest will use this grant to hire personnel, two trails crews, and coordinate volunteers to maintain 230 miles of motorized trails and 7 campgrounds over 2 years. Duties include clearing trail, repairing trail tread, and controlling erosion. The project will provide continued access for motorized recreation, as well as mountain biking, hiking and horseback riding. Volunteers will contribute 2,000 hours of donated labor in partnership with the Volunteers of Lewis River Trails and Southwest Washington Off-Road Riders Association. The ranger district will contribute \$111,090 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2405)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$177,000** **Maintaining Motorized Trails in Southwestern Washington**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a natural resource technician and crew to care for off-road-vehicle trails and trailheads within Yacolt Burn State Forest, near Vancouver. Trail maintenance activities include clearing trails, maintaining culverts, repairing trail surface, hardening small sections of trail with crushed rock, and building small re-routes. Other duties include maintaining restrooms and installing signs. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable trails and facilities. The department will contribute \$76,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2508)

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Clark, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit , Skamania, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Maintaining Western Washington Trails

Grant Awarded: \$62,500

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to coordinate 18,000 volunteer hours to maintain 300 miles of non-motorized and 50 miles of motorized trails in western Washington. Evergreen is building 20 miles of trail in western Washington. New trails will require maintenance as early as fall 2019. Evergreen works closely with land managers statewide to identify areas with critical maintenance needs and responds to emergency repairs due to seasonal fire or storms. The alliance will contribute \$380,000 in local and private grants and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2587)

Clark, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Mason, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, and Yakima Counties

Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance Maintaining Trails around the State

Grant Awarded: \$197,000

Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance will use this grant to buy an excavator and hire an operator and dispatcher to help with maintenance, transport, supplies, insurance, and storage fees. This will repair trail surfaces, drainage, clearing, and removing logs. This project will enhance the visitor experience and protect sensitive areas and streams. The primary recreation opportunities provided by this project are for 4x4, all-terrain vehicles and side-by-side vehicles, though it will benefit all types of recreation. The alliance will contribute \$36,400 in donations of cash, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2486)

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Clark and Thurston Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$150,000** **Maintaining Facilities in Capitol and Yacolt Burn State Forests**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund staff to clean and maintain restrooms. Duties will include buying cleaning supplies, pumping vault toilets, and removing litter in campgrounds and at trailheads. The department will contribute \$64,500 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2512)

Island, Klickitat, Pacific, and Thurston Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000** **Buying Inholdings and Land Next to State Parks**

State Parks will use this grant to buy high-priority land within or next to state parks. This grant is intended to be a flexible source of funding for smaller, lower-cost, priority purchases that present themselves throughout the biennium. It will allow State Parks to act quickly and opportunistically to purchase land as it comes on the market, and to buy smaller but important land that might not score well as individual competitive grants, but is nonetheless essential to park operations. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1839)

Jefferson, King, Kittitas, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties

Washington Trails Association **Grant Awarded: \$75,000** **Enhancing Volunteer Stewardship of Trails Statewide**

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to engage volunteers in 61,466 hours of trail maintenance on 277 miles of hiking trails in Washington. Volunteers will address a backlog of trail maintenance on some of the state's most popular trails, under stress from increased visitors. An estimated 3.9 million hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bikers visit these trails statewide. This project will support 600 volunteer events near major urban areas of Puget Sound, Vancouver, Spokane, as well as smaller

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communities around the state. Volunteers will help to clear trails, enhance water drainage, and replace old puncheons and bridges. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$977,760 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2296)

King, Kittitas, Pierce, and Yakima Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$75,000** **Caring for Snowmobile Trails from the West Cascades to Yakima**

State Parks will use this grant to maintain 19 sno-parks and groom 403 miles of snowmobile trail in King, Pierce, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties. This trail system crosses Snoqualmie and Naches Ranger Districts and the Ahtanum State Forest. Work will include snow plowing and grooming trails. The overall goal is to maintain safe parking areas and groomed trails for snowmobilers and other winter visitors. This area, together with the Snoqualmie Pass to Blewett Pass Corridor, is the most popular riding area of the state, centrally located between the population centers of Puget Sound, Yakima, and Ellensburg. State Parks will contribute \$624,198. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2391)

King and Snohomish Counties

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$122,500** **Maintaining King and Snohomish County Trailheads and Campsites**

The Skykomish Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use the grant to fund a crew to maintain and patrol trailheads and dispersed campsites in King and Snohomish Counties. The crews will clean and pump 12 toilets, remove trash, clean the nearly 300 dispersed campsites, and maintain 25 trailheads. Land in the ranger district serves more than 100,000 hikers, equestrians, campers, climbers, kayakers and rafters, anglers, and hunters. The Forest Service will contribute \$127,900 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2546)

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Kittitas, Lewis, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Stevens, Whatcom, and Whitman Counties

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Rehabilitating Backcountry Trails

Grant Awarded: \$49,458

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to replace the planking on a bridge on the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail and maintain a campground and trails in Pend Oreille County Park. Several Back Country Horsemen chapters will donate more than 6,000 volunteer hours. Back Country Horsemen has worked with land managers to keep trails open for 42 years. This grant will help hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians from Seattle, Vancouver, Portland, Spokane, and the surrounding small towns enjoy Washington's backcountry. The Backcountry Horsemen will contribute \$158,054 in equipment and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2380)

Kittitas and Yakima Counties

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Thinning and Burning the Rock Creek-Cleman Ridge Forest

Grant Awarded: \$296,161

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to thin and sometimes burn 1,499 acres in the Rock Creek-Cleman Ridge forest, in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area, northwest of Yakima. Past logging removed many of the large trees, leaving smaller, shade-tolerant trees. The restoration will increase the forest's ability to survive insects, drought, and wildfire by increasing the trees' health and varying the habitat types across the landscape. The work will ensure that the forests provide hunting and fishing opportunities, and become quality habitat to species such as mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and northern spotted owls. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1774)

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Lewis, Okanogan, Skagit, and Stevens Counties

Back Country Horsemen of Washington **Grant Awarded: \$45,435** **Maintaining Olympic Peninsula Recreation Opportunities**

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to maintain 589 miles of trail, 300 feet of puncheons, 15 feet of turnpikes, 8 trailheads, and 1 campground. Volunteer efforts will focus on Olympic National Park, Olympic National Forest, Washington State Parks, Clallam County parks, Department of Natural Resources' land, and land owned by the North Olympic Land Trust. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington has worked with land managers to keep trails open for 42 years and has U.S. Forest Service-certified sawyers to use chainsaws and crosscut saws to maintain forests. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$190,709 in donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2255)

Back Country Horsemen of Washington **Grant Awarded: \$51,245** **Restoring Trails Damaged by Wildfires, Flooding, and Windstorms**

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to organize three large volunteer events to work on national forest trails damaged by wildfires, flooding, and windstorms. Back Country Horsemen use stock to pack tools and supplies far into backcountry and wilderness areas. The group plans to start with trails impacted from the Crescent Fire near Twisp, with five other areas to target in consultation with U.S. Forest Service staff. Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$300,000 in donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2254)

Lewis and Skamania Counties

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Awarded: \$74,457** **Caring for Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails**

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to hire two, four-person crews to maintain 300 miles of wilderness trails, including 81 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. Volunteers will contribute 2,800 hours of donated labor in partnership with the Washington Trails Association, Pacific Crest Trail Association, and Back Country

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Horsemen of Washington. This project helps reduce conflicts between visitors while increasing understanding and natural resource protection. The Forest Service will contribute \$160,350 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2409)

Mason and Thurston Counties

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$320,000** **Improving Boating Access Sites in Mason and Thurston Counties**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve four water access sites in Thurston County and one in Mason County. The department will create parking stalls and pathways for people with disabilities and install new toilets at McIntosh Lake, Offut Lake, Pattison Lake, and Clear Lake in Thurston County and at Nahwatzel Lake in Mason County. Most of these restrooms have been in service for more than 50 years and are not accessible to people with disabilities. The surrounding parking near the toilets will be graded and paved. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2422)

San Juan and Skagit Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$121,000** **Restoring San Juan Islands' Prairie and Grassland Bald Habitat**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore and enhance grassland balds and prairie habitat in the Cypress Island Natural Area and the Cattle Point Natural Resources Conservation Area, both in the San Juan Island archipelago. Cypress Island Natural Area contains some of the highest quality grassland bald habitats in the north Puget Sound region; however encroachment by trees and invasive species threaten to degrade them. The department will remove encroaching trees, control other invasive plants, and restore treated areas with native grassland seeding and planting. The Cattle Point Natural Resources Conservation Area contains patches of native prairie amid a largely degraded grassland that was historically prairie. The conservation area site supports part of the only known population of the Island marble butterfly, as well as a population of the sand-verbena moth, which is rare in the state. The department will control invasive plants and replant areas with native grassland species. This grant is from

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the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1893)

Skagit and Whatcom Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$71,567** **Caring for Mount Baker Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails**

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to maintain, plow snow, and groom 6 sno-parks and 9,360 miles of snowmobile trail near Mount Baker in Whatcom and Skagit Counties. The Mount Baker area provides snowmobiling opportunities and a world-class riding destination with vistas of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Reliable and heavy snowfalls give this area the longest riding season in the state, and funding typically depletes long before riding opportunities have ended. State Parks will contribute \$143,134. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2299)

Spokane and Stevens Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$146,727** **Patrolling Riverside State Park and Regional Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to fund a full-time ranger to patrol Riverside State Park and two regional trails, all in Spokane and Stevens Counties. In addition to Riverside State Park, which is a 12,000-acre camping park with nearly 100 miles of trail, the ranger will patrol 40 miles of the Spokane River Centennial State Park Trail and 24 miles of the Columbia Plateau State Park Trail between Fish and Amber Lakes. Combined, these areas host more than 4 million visits annually. In addition to patrolling, the ranger will educate visitors about park rules, trail etiquette, and environmental stewardship; assist the volunteer program, and monitor the nearly 200 annual events. State Parks will contribute \$154,335 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2427)

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Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Awarded: \$64,053

Funding Education Rangers in the Colville National Forest

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to fund two, full-time rangers to patrol 350 miles of trail, 1 campground, 7 trailheads, and 225 dispersed campsites in the South End Project Area. The rangers will oversee events, train volunteers, and educate visitors about off-highway vehicle regulations, responsible trail riding, and resource protection. Trails in the South End Project Area were designed with loops to provide easy access to local businesses offering lodging, restaurants, and fuel in Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties. This area receives the most off-highway vehicle use in the forest because it's near Spokane. The grant also will be used to buy educational materials and operational supplies. The Forest Service will contribute \$77,500 in staff labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2495)