APPENDIX B: NOVA ADVISORY COMMITTEE SURVEY

SURVEY OF NOVA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ASSESS WASHINGTON'S NONHIGHWAY AND OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ACTIVITIES (NOVA) PROGRAM

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is working with Responsive Management, a nationally-recognized outdoor recreation and natural resource research firm, to develop the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan.

This plan will set forth policies to guide expenditures under the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Act, providing funding for acquiring land, planning, building, maintaining facilities, and managing opportunities for nonhighway road (NHR), nonmotorized (NM), and off-road vehicle (ORV) recreational users.

As a reminder, RCW 46.09.310 defines these terms as follows:

- "Nonhighway road recreational user" means a person whose purpose for consuming fuel on a nonhighway road or off-road is primarily for nonhighway road recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, camping, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, picnicking, driving for pleasure, kayaking/canoeing, and gathering berries, firewood, mushrooms, and other natural products.

- "Nonmotorized recreational user" means a person whose purpose for consuming fuel on a nonhighway road or off-road is primarily for nonmotorized recreational purposes including, but not limited to, walking, hiking, backpacking, climbing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, mountain biking, horseback riding, and pack animal activities.

- "ORV recreational user" means a person whose purpose for consuming fuel on nonhighway roads or off-road is primarily for ORV recreational purposes, including but not limited to riding an all-terrain vehicle, motorcycling, or driving a four-wheel drive vehicle or dune buggy.

This survey will take about 20 minutes of your time, and your expertise is crucial to understanding the key issues related to NOVA activities. In this survey, you will be asked to determine the importance of specific policies defined by the 2005-2011 NOVA Plan and to identify new and emerging NOVA issues. The full 2005-2011 NOVA Plan is available at http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/rcfb/nova/NOVA_Plan.pdf.

As part of the Advisory Committee, you are a representative of your community. Please answer the survey questions with this concept in mind, speaking as a representative of your community.

Thank you for taking the time to help with this important assessment. Please submit your responses by **August 9, 2013**.

What is your primary area of interest for NOVA opportunities? [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]
Nonhighway road recreation
Nonmotorized recreation
ORV recreation
Don't know

NOVA PLAN VISION

The NOVA Plan vision is to maintain a framework that allows various user groups and agencies to provide quality opportunities for Off-Road Vehicle, nonhighway road, and nonmotorized recreationists—opportunities that satisfy user needs, are environmentally responsible, and minimize conflict among user groups.

In general, do you agree or disagree that 2005-2011 NOVA Plan is meeting its overall vision?
Strongly agree (skip next question)
Moderately agree (skip next question)
Neither agree nor disagree (skip next question)
Moderately disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know (skip next question)

[IF DISAGREE] Why do you disagree that the 2005-2011 NOVA Plan is meeting its overall vision? [OPEN-ENDED]

How important is each element of the 2005-2011 NOVA Plan vision? (On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important.")

Vision Elements	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Providing quality opportunities for nonhighway road, nonmotorized, and ORV recreationists												
Satisfying user needs												
Providing environmentally responsible opportunities												
Minimizing conflict among user groups												

Please rate the performance of Washington's NOVA recreation providers in fulfilling each of the specific elements of the plan's overall vision. (On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is "poor" and 10 is "excellent.")

Vision Elements	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Providing quality opportunities for nonhighway road, nonmotorized, and ORV recreationists												

Satisfying user needs												
Providing environmentally responsible opportunities												
Minimizing conflict among user groups												

Overall, how effective do you think the implementation of the NOVA Plan has been at improving nonhighway, nonmotorized, and off-road vehicle opportunities in Washington since 2005? (On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all effective" and 10 is "very effective.")

NOVA Activity	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Nonhighway road recreation opportunities												
Nonmotorized recreation opportunities												
Off-road vehicle recreation opportunities												

NOVA PROGRAM POLICIES

The 2005-2011 NOVA Plan sets forth major policies related to three topical areas: NOVA Program; NOVA education, information, and law enforcement; and NOVA recreational facility acquisition, development, maintenance, and planning. These policies are used to evaluate and select projects for NOVA funding. The first section of the survey begins by asking about policies related to the overall NOVA Program.

Policy A-1: NOVA funding shall augment, not replace, other sources of funding.
Similar to other RCO funding programs, NOVA funding allows grant recipients to achieve results that would not be possible without state funding. It is not designed to replace other funding. When NOVA funding is available for maintenance and operation, for example, it shall not be used to replace or divert monies that would otherwise be available for that purpose.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate HOW IMPORTANT you think Policy A-1 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

What do you think SHOULD be the top priority for NOVA funding for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan?
Education/information
Law enforcement
Planning
Facilities acquisition
Development
Maintenance and operation
Don't know

Why do you think this should be a top priority for NOVA funding for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan?

[OPEN-ENDED]

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to **NOVA funding** in the next 5 years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Policy A-2: The NOVA Advisory Committee shall include representatives from user groups and agencies affected by NOVA funding.
The NOVA Advisory Committee consists of nonmotorized and ORV recreationists, and local, state, and federal agency representatives. The Advisory Committee provides valuable advice to RCO and represents the views and needs of the users, organizations, and agencies that are affected by NOVA funding.

Concerns regarding the authority of the NOVA Advisory Committee were raised during the previous NOVA planning process. Recreationists want to be assured that Advisory Committee volunteers were well informed and involved in their role on the Committee.

Policy A-2 requires a review of NOVA Advisory Committee representation, job descriptions, term limits, etc. to ensure that Committee members best represent NOVA user groups.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please assess the PERFORMANCE of the NOVA Advisory Committee as representatives of user groups and agencies since 2005: Indicate how well you think the Committee is meeting this NOVA Plan goal. (On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "poor" and 10 is "excellent.")												
Please indicate how important you think Policy A-2 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you agree or disagree that the NOVA Advisory Committee has the qualifications needed to make decisions regarding NOVA projects?
STRONGLY AGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY AGREE (Skip next question)
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY DISAGREE
STRONGLY DISAGREE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

[IF DISAGREE] Why do you disagree that the NOVA Advisory Committee has the qualifications needed to make decisions regarding NOVA projects?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Do you agree or disagree that the NOVA Advisory Committee fairly represents user groups?
STRONGLY AGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY AGREE (Skip next question)

NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY DISAGREE
STRONGLY DISAGREE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

[IF DISAGREE] Why do you disagree that the NOVA Advisory Committee fairly represents user groups?
[OPEN-ENDED]

What do you think should be the job description for serving on the NOVA Advisory Committee?[OPEN-ENDED]

What do you think should be the term limit for serving on the NOVA Advisory Committee? [OPEN-ENDED]

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to the **NOVA Advisory Committee** in the next 5 years?[OPEN-ENDED]

Policy A-3: NOVA Program review and administration shall be based on valid, up-to-date information.
The 2005-2011 NOVA planning process was informed by the 2003 Washington State Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Fuel Use Survey and a U.S. Forest Service trailhead user survey. RCO is required to seek funding to complete a new NOVA fuel-use study at least once every 12 years.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy A-3 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you agree or disagree that NOVA review and administration is based on valid up-to-date information?
STRONGLY AGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY AGREE (Skip next question)
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY DISAGREE
STRONGLY DISAGREE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

[IF DISAGREE] Why do you disagree that NOVA review and administration is based on valid up-to-date information? [OPEN-ENDED]

Are there other types of information that you think should be considered for NOVA Program review and administration? [OPEN-ENDED]

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to NOVA Program **review and administration** in the next 5 years? [OPEN-ENDED]

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to NOVA Program **use of valid up-to-date information** in the next 5 years? [OPEN-ENDED]

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the use of funds provided to NOVA recreational activities?
Very satisfied (skip next question)
Somewhat satisfied (skip next question)
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (skip next question)
Somewhat dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied
Don't know (skip next question)

Why are you dissatisfied with the use of funds provided to NOVA recreational activities?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Policy A-4: The RCO shall endeavor to provide user groups with current NOVA-related information through a variety of communication methods.
The planning process for the 2005-2011 NOVA Plan suggested that recreationists are generally unaware of the NOVA Program, funding sources, funding allocations, and the role of the Advisory Committee. To this end, the plan discussed methods for increasing information and outreach.

Policy A-4 seeks to expand communications methods and increase public awareness regarding the NOVA Program, NOVA funding, and how funding decisions are made. Efficient and effective communication is critical for increasing awareness, building trust, and ensuring that accurate information is available. The RCO plan for increasing outreach includes e-mails, news releases, updated web pages, and other informational materials distributed at retail outlets or with Department of Licensing notifications.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please assess the PERFORMANCE of the RCO in providing user groups with current information through varied communications since 2005: Indicate how well you think the RCO is meeting this NOVA Plan goal. (On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "poor" and 10 is "excellent.")												
Please indicate how important you think Policy A-4 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

In your opinion, of the means of communication that RCO currently uses, what are the best ways to provide user groups with information on the NOVA Program?
[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY… OR RANK?]

Emails
News releases
Updated web pages
Informational materials distributed at retail outlets
Informational materials attached to Department of Licensing notifications

In your opinion, what are the best ways to provide user groups with information on the NOVA Program?
[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]
Emails
News releases
Updated web pages
Informational materials distributed at retail outlets
Informational materials attached to Department of Licensing notifications
Direct mail
RCO News You Can Use electronic newsletter
Newspapers
Radio
Television
Public meetings / open houses
RCO Web site
Facebook
Google+
Pinterest
Twitter
YouTube
Blogs
Internet search engines (e.g., Google, Yahoo!, Bing)
RSS feeds
Other [ENTER OTHER]
Don't know

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to providing user groups with current NOVA-related **information** in the next 5 years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

NOVA EDUCATION/INFORMATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT (E&E) POLICIES
The 2005-2011 NOVA Plan sets forth major policies related to three topical areas: NOVA Program; education, information, and law enforcement; and NOVA recreational facility acquisition, development, maintenance, and planning. These policies are used to evaluate and select projects for NOVA funding.

This section of the survey asks about policies related to education/information and law enforcement (E&E).

The primary focus of education/information and law enforcement is on recreational behaviors.

Please indicate how important you think education and enforcement efforts focused on the following recreational behaviors SHOULD be in the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Protecting NOVA sites												
Minimizing environmental impacts												
Reducing conflict among users												
Preventing criminal behaviors (e.g., trash dumping, firearm use, trailhead thefts, trespassing, and vandalism)												

Policy B-1: E&E programs shall help preserve NOVA opportunities. E&E funding shall encourage responsible recreational behaviors through positive management techniques.
NOVA information/education and law enforcement (E&E) focuses primarily on recreational behavior. Thus, education and enforcement include positive management to improve recreational behaviors. Because law enforcement can reduce recreationists' inappropriate behavior, it helps protect the availability of sanctioned NOVA opportunities.

NOVA funding shall not, however, be used to replace local law enforcement funding. It shall instead augment local capabilities and result in improved NOVA recreation management. In general, projects that focus solely on enforcement of area closures, or within areas with few or no legal opportunities, shall be discouraged.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy B-1 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you agree or disagree that E&E funding should encourage responsible recreational behaviors through positive management techniques?

STRONGLY AGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY AGREE (Skip next question)
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY DISAGREE
STRONGLY DISAGREE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

[IF DISAGREE] Why do you disagree that that E&E funding should encourage responsible recreational behaviors through positive management techniques?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Policy B-2: Encourage projects that primarily employ contact with current NOVA recreationists in the field during high use seasons.
During the 2005 planning process, there were concerns about focusing E&E efforts in schools, which many believe encourages otherwise uninterested children and youth to desire the speed and power of an ORV. The suggestion was to focus E&E efforts on those already using NOVA trails by engaging interest clubs or organizations.

Policy B-2 was developed to focus scarce E&E resources on existing users at the place and time of NOVA activity, while discouraging activities that have fewer benefits, such as "mall shows" and many in-school (K-12) programs. This maximizes the benefit to users.

Policy B-2 helps concentrate funding on expenditures most directly related to E&E activities, such as E&E personnel salaries and benefits, and related materials and equipment.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy B-2 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you agree or disagree that the target group for information and education efforts should be existing users?
STRONGLY AGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY AGREE (Skip next question)
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY DISAGREE
STRONGLY DISAGREE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

[IF DISAGREE] Why do you disagree that the target group for information and education efforts should be existing users?
[OPEN-ENDED]

In your opinion, would you like to have more or less information/education resources directed at projects concerning appropriate recreational behaviors for NOVA trails and sites?
More
About the same amount (skip next question)
Less (skip next question)
Don't know (skip next question)

[IF MORE] Why would you like to see more information/education resources directed at projects concerning appropriate recreational behaviors for NOVA trails and sites?
 [OPEN-ENDED]

[IF MORE] How would you like to see more information/education delivered in these projects?
[OPEN-ENDED]

[IF LESS] Why would you like to see less information/education resources directed at projects concerning appropriate recreational behaviors for NOVA trails and sites?
 [OPEN-ENDED]

In your opinion, would you like to see more or less law enforcement presence at NOVA trails and sites?
More
About the same amount
Less
Don't know

[IF MORE] Why would you like to see more law enforcement presence on NOVA trails?
[OPEN-ENDED]

[IF LESS] Why would you like to see less law enforcement presence on NOVA trails?
[OPEN-ENDED]

A primary focus of E&E efforts is on preventing criminal behaviors. Do you believe this is best done through more education, more enforcement, or both equally?
More education
More enforcement
Both equally
Don't know

In your opinion, is trail safety a major or minor issue of concern among user groups (when considering trail safety, please keep in mind that this question focuses on the behavior of other recreationists not the physical conditions of the trails)?
Major issue
Minor issue
Not an issue at all
don't know

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to **enforcement and education and recreation management** in the next 5 years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Policy B-4: Establish a funding cap of $200,000 per project in the Education/Information and Law Enforcement (E&E) category.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy B-4 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you support or oppose the NOVA E&E project funding cap of $200,000 per project?
Strongly support (skip next question)
Moderately support (skip next question)
Neither support nor oppose (skip next question)
Moderately oppose
Strongly oppose
Don't know (skip next question)

[IF OPPOSE] Why do you oppose the funding cap of $200,000?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Do you support or oppose funding NOVA E&E projects for up to two consecutive years?
STRONGLY SUPPORT (Skip next question)
MODERATELY SUPPORT (Skip next question)
NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY OPPOSE
STRONGLY OPPOSE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

[IF OPPOSE] Why do you oppose funding NOVA projects for up to two consecutive years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Overall, what would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to NOVA **education/information and law enforcement projects** in the next 5 years? [OPEN-ENDED]

NOVA RECREATION FACILITY ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION, AND PLANNING

The 2005-2011 NOVA Plan sets forth major policies related to three topical areas: NOVA Program; education, information, and law enforcement; and NOVA recreational facility acquisition, development, maintenance, and planning. These policies are used to evaluate and select projects for NOVA funding. This section of the survey asks about policies related to recreation facility acquisition, development, maintenance, and planning.

Policy C-1: Encourage a primary management objective designation on facilities receiving NOVA funding.
Primary management objectives designations (equestrian, ORV, hiking, mountain bicycling, etc.) help identify the primary purpose and function of a NOVA site and also guide management decisions regarding the site. Designating trails and other facilities with a primary management objective not only helps clarify the experience users can expect, but also provides clear and consistent direction to managers.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy C-1 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you support or oppose a primary management objective designation on facilities receiving NOVA funding?
STRONGLY SUPPORT (Skip next question)
MODERATELY SUPPORT (Skip next question)
NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY OPPOSE
STRONGLY OPPOSE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

[IF OPPOSE] Why do you oppose a primary management objective designation on facilities receiving NOVA funding?
[OPEN-ENDED]

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to **primary management objective designations** in the next 5 years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Policy C-2: Encourage projects convenient to population centers.
One of the issues raised during the previous NOVA planning process was how to provide NOVA opportunities in urban areas or for underserved populations. Because of the nonhighway road threshold criteria (access via a non-gasoline tax supported road, etc.) and emphasis on natural settings, most NOVA recreation opportunities are provided in relatively remote settings. While it is often difficult or impossible to locate such opportunities in urbanized areas, priority shall be given to projects convenient to such areas.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy C-2 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you agree or disagree that there is an adequate supply of NOVA sites that are convenient for urban areas and population centers?
STRONGLY AGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY AGREE (Skip next question)
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY DISAGREE
STRONGLY DISAGREE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

[IF DISAGREE] Why do you disagree that there is an adequate supply of NOVA sites that are convenient for urban areas and population centers?
[OPEN-ENDED]

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to NOVA **recreation locations** in the next 5 years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Policy C-3: Encourage nongovernment contributions.
Contributions of money, materials, and/or services by volunteers, the private sector, nonprofit organizations, and others are important in the NOVA Program. Donations stretch scarce public funding, improve the overall cost-benefit, extend "ownership" to those involved in the project, and help demonstrate broad public support.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy C-3 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you agree or disagree that the NOVA Program should encourage nongovernment contributions (e.g., money, materials, volunteer services)?
STRONGLY AGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY AGREE (Skip next question)
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY DISAGREE
STRONGLY DISAGREE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

 [IF DISAGREE] Why do you disagree that the NOVA Program should encourage nongovernment contributions (e.g., money, materials, volunteer services?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Policy C-4: Encourage sponsors to contribute matching value to projects.
Similar to Policy C-3, project sponsors who contribute part of a project's cost (via dollars, materials, or labor/service) make NOVA Program dollars reach more projects while demonstrating a local commitment to the project's success.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy C-4 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you agree or disagree that the NOVA Program should encourage sponsors to contribute matching value to projects?
STRONGLY AGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY AGREE (Skip next question)
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY DISAGREE

STRONGLY DISAGREE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

[IF DISAGREE] Why do you disagree that the NOVA Program should encourage sponsors to contribute matching value to projects?
[OPEN-ENDED]

What do you think would be an appropriate match for nongovernment contributions? [OPEN-ENDED]

Do you agree or disagree that a match should be required for project funding?
STRONGLY AGREE
MODERATELY AGREE
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY DISAGREE (Skip next question)
STRONGLY DISAGREE (Skip next question)
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

[IF STRONGLY OR MODERATELY AGREE] What match percentage should be required for project funding?

Do you agree or disagree that funding from other programs administered by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board be considered match?
STRONGLY AGREE
MODERATELY AGREE
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
MODERATELY DISAGREE
STRONGLY DISAGREE
DON'T KNOW

Do you agree or disagree that the NOVA Program should encourage volunteer opportunities that are approved by the land manager?
STRONGLY AGREE
MODERATELY AGREE
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
MODERATELY DISAGREE
STRONGLY DISAGREE
DON'T KNOW

In your opinion, what are some of the best ways to encourage volunteers to support the NOVA Program?
[OPEN-ENDED]

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to **non-government contributions and sponsors contributing matching value** in the next 5 years? [OPEN-ENDED]

Policy C-5: Encourage projects that have design considerations that minimize the need for ongoing maintenance.
Projects can often incorporate design elements that reduce maintenance needs. Decisions about placement and materials (e.g., tread surfaces) often affect maintenance needs. Adequate consideration of maintenance during the design phase can result in long-term savings that far outweigh most short-term construction cost increases.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy C-5 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you agree or disagree that the NOVA Program should encourage projects that have design considerations that minimize the need for ongoing maintenance?
STRONGLY AGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY AGREE (Skip next question)
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY DISAGREE
STRONGLY DISAGREE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

 [IF DISAGREE] Why do you disagree that the NOVA Program should encourage projects that have design considerations that minimize the need for ongoing maintenance?
[OPEN-ENDED]

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to **maintenance** in the next 5 years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Policy C-6: Require general plans and completion of applicant-required processes before the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board meeting.
Policy C-7: Require applicants for maintenance and operation proposals to state their project's goals and objectives in the application.
Policy C-8: Require completion of applicant required environmental processes before issuing a Project Agreement.

Policies C-6 through C-8 are project planning requirements developed to ensure that projects support community goals, address a defined problem, and comply with environmental laws and regulations.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy C-6, C-7, and C-8 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you have specific comments about Policy C-6, Policy C-7, Policy C-8? [OPEN-ENDED]

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to **NOVA project planning requirements** in the next 5 years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

How concerned are you with the environmental impacts of NOVA recreation?
Very concerned
Somewhat concerned
Not at all concerned

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to the **environmental impacts** of NOVA recreation in the next 5 years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Policy C-10: Within their respective NHR-NM-ORV funding categories, evaluate acquisition, development, maintenance and operation, and planning projects on a head-to-head basis.
By statute, NOVA facility funding is divided into three categories: Nonhighway road, nonmotorized, and off-road vehicle. Requiring that all projects within these categories compete in direct competition with one another is one way we can help ensure that only the most desirable projects are funded.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy C-10 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you agree or disagree that all projects within these categories should compete directly with one another and that it ensures that only the most desirable projects are funded?

STRONGLY AGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY AGREE (Skip next question)
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY DISAGREE
STRONGLY DISAGREE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

 [IF DISAGREE] Why do you disagree that all projects within these categories should compete directly with one another and that it ensures that only the most desirable projects are funded?
[OPEN-ENDED]

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to the **fairness of project evaluation** among the three funding categories in the next 5 years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Policy C-12: The grant ceiling for individual projects is limited as shown here:

NOVA Program Grant Assistance Limits		
	Maintenance & Operations	**Land Acquisition-Development-Planning**
NHR	$100,000 per project	$100,000/project
NM	$100,000 per project	$100,000/project
ORV	$200,000 per project	[No Limit]

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy C-12 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

Do you support or oppose the NOVA grant ceiling for individual projects?
STRONGLY SUPPORT (Skip next question)
MODERATELY SUPPORT (Skip next question)
NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY OPPOSE
STRONGLY OPPOSE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

[IF OPPOSE] Why do you oppose the NOVA grant ceiling for individual projects?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Do you support or oppose funding NOVA maintenance and operation projects for up to two consecutive years?
STRONGLY SUPPORT (Skip next question)
MODERATELY SUPPORT (Skip next question)
NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE (Skip next question)
MODERATELY OPPOSE
STRONGLY OPPOSE
DON'T KNOW (Skip next question)

[IF OPPOSE] Why do you oppose funding NOVA maintenance and operation projects for up to two consecutive years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to **grant funding ceiling or time limitations** in the next 5 years?

Policy C-13: Encourage emphasis on projects in areas that are predominantly natural, such as are typically (but not necessarily) found in a "backcountry" environment. This policy does not apply to the ORV funding category.
To be eligible for nonhighway road and nonmotorized funding, projects must be adjacent to or accessed by a nonhighway road. Consideration of a "backcountry experience" in project selection is based on the notion that additional emphasis should be placed on allocating funds back to the type of setting where funds were generated.

A portion of the NOVA fund is generated by motorists traveling on nonhighway roads, such as those that occur in national parks or forests. As such, travelers who pay the fuel tax will benefit from projects on or next to these roads. This policy does not apply to the ORV funding category.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy C-13 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to projects in **areas that are predominantly** natural in the next 5 years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Policy C-14: When reconstructing trails, encourage projects that correct environmental problems, retain trail difficulty and user experiences, and minimize user displacement.
Reconstruction can be less expensive than new construction and often presents opportunities to employ current standards and correct environmental problems. Project sponsors shall be sensitive to current trail uses and experiences, and seek to minimize "over building" the trail and significantly changing the opportunity for either motorized or nonmotorized users.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Please indicate how important you think Policy C-14 SHOULD be for the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all important" and 10 is "extremely important."												

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to **trail reconstruction** in the next 5 years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Access
Access issues are an important area of concern among recreationists and recreation planners.

How would you rate access to NOVA opportunities in the State of Washington?
Excellent
Good
Fair
Poor
Don't know

How satisfied are you with access to *nonhighway road recreation* opportunities in Washington?

Very satisfied
Somewhat satisfied
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
Somewhat dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied
Don't know

[IF DISSATISFIED] Please explain why you are dissatisfied with access to nonhighway road recreation opportunities.

How can access be improved through the use of the NOVA account?

How satisfied are you with access to *nonmotorized recreation* opportunities in Washington?
VERY SATISFIED
SOMEWHAT SATISFIED
NEITHER SATISFIED NOR DISSATISFIED
SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED
VERY DISSATISFIED
DON'T KNOW

[IF DISSATISFIED] Please explain why you are dissatisfied with access to nonmotorized recreation opportunities.

How can access be improved through the use of the NOVA account?

How satisfied are you with access to *ORV recreation* opportunities in Washington?
VERY SATISFIED
SOMEWHAT SATISFIED
NEITHER SATISFIED NOR DISSATISFIED
SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED
VERY DISSATISFIED
DON'T KNOW

[IF DISSATISFIED] Please explain why you are dissatisfied with access to ORV recreation opportunities and how can access be improved through the use of the NOVA account.

User Conflicts
User conflicts are an important area of concern among recreationists and recreation planners. Would you say user conflicts are a major problem, a minor problem, or not at all a problem for the NOVA Program?
Major problem
Minor problem
Not at all a problem (skip the next question)
Don't know (skip the next question)

Do you think problems with user conflicts have increased, decreased or stayed the same since 2005?
Increased
Stayed the same (skip the next question)
Decreased (skip the next question)
Don't know (skip the next question)

[IF INCREASED] Why do you think problems with user conflicts have increased since 2005?
[OPEN-ENDED]

[IF DECREASED] Why do you think problems with user conflicts have decreased since 2005?
[OPEN-ENDED]

In your opinion, how effective are the following management efforts in addressing user conflicts?
(On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all effective" and 10 is "extremely effective.")

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Developing primary management objectives												
Segregating activities												
Providing education programs (e.g., trail etiquette, recreational behaviors, rules, regulations)												
Better communications												
Trail signs identifying primary user groups												
Building solidarity among user groups												

What would you identify as the top new or emerging issues related to user conflicts in the next 5 years?
[OPEN-ENDED]

ORV Sports Parks

When the previous NOVA Plan was being developed, there was discussion about support of events and competitions associated with ORV sport parks.

"ORV sports park" means a facility designed to accommodate competitive ORV recreational uses including, but not limited to, motocross racing, four-wheel drive competitions, and flat track racing. Use of ORV sports parks can be competitive or noncompetitive in nature.

Many respondents questioned the level of NOVA Program support for events at the competition sports parks assisted with RCO funds versus maintenance of backcountry trail-related facilities. The general sentiment among this group was that the fees and charges of the parks should cover more of the cost of user events and be more comparable to other publicly managed opportunities.

On the other hand, supporters of NOVA funding for management of sports parks felt that, because the areas provide unique regional opportunities, they should receive more funding from state sources. Others pointed out that RCO's support of acquisition and development of sports parks has created increased demand for limited ORV dollars for maintenance and operations, and has reduced the ability to create new, dispersed ORV trail opportunities.

Do you agree or disagree that ORV sports parks should become more self-sufficient?
Strongly agree
Moderately agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Moderately disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

[IF AGREE] Why do you agree that ORV sports parks should become more self-sufficient?
[OPEN-ENDED]

[IF DISAGREE] Why do you disagree that ORV sports parks should become more self-sufficient?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Do you support or oppose NOVA funding going toward ORV sports parks?
Strongly support (skip next question)
Moderately support (skip next question)
Neither support nor oppose (skip next question)
Moderately oppose
Strongly oppose
Don't know (skip next question)

[IF SUPPORT] Why do you support NOVA funding going toward ORV sports parks?
[OPEN-ENDED]

[IF OPPOSE] Why do you oppose NOVA funding going toward ORV sports parks?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Final Questions

What would you identify as the single most important issue that you would like to see addressed in the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Are there any other NOVA issues you were not asked about but that you would like to see addressed in the 2013-2018 NOVA Plan?
YES
NO (Skip next question)

What other issues would you like to see addressed in the *2013-1018 NOVA Plan*?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Please provide any additional comments or suggestions you have.

All information provided in this survey will remain confidential, and no response will be associated with your name or identification information. For the purposes of tracking responses, however, we ask that you please provide your name and organizational affiliation. Thank you.

Name:

Organizational Affiliation:

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY.