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2	71.89	18-2324M	Statewide Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$498,190	\$648,190	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
3	71.22	18-2296M	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$977,760	\$1,127,760	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
4	71.11	18-2323M	Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$568,980	\$718,980	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
5	70.22	18-2519M	Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$130,000	\$280,000	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
6	70.00	18-2254M	Rescuing Threatened Trails	Backcountry Horsemen of Washington	\$102,490	\$300,000	\$402,490	\$51,245 <sup>2</sup>
7	69.89	18-2345M	Eastern Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	\$75,000	\$196,000	\$271,000	\$37,500 <sup>2</sup>
8	69.56	18-2408M	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Maintenance	Mountains to Sound Greenway	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$66,809 <sup>3</sup>
8	69.56	18-2525M	Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$130,000	\$280,000	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
10	68.78	18-2255M	Maintaining the Olympic Peninsula	Backcountry Horsemen of Washington	\$90,870	\$190,709	\$281,579	\$45,435 <sup>2</sup>
11	68.33	18-2476M	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Restoration	Pacific Crest Trail Association	\$109,809	\$110,250	\$220,059	\$54,905 <sup>2</sup>
12	68.00	18-2590M	San Juan Islands Youth Conservation Corps Maintenance	San Juan Island Conservation District	\$82,346	\$68,195	\$150,541	\$41,173 <sup>2</sup>
13	67.78	18-2271M	Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$150,000	\$151,000	\$301,000	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
14	67.11	18-2312M	Cle Elum Ranger District Winter Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$40,200	\$42,500	\$82,700	\$20,100 <sup>2</sup>
14	67.11	18-2344M	Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	\$20,900	\$27,800	\$48,700	\$10,450 <sup>2</sup>
16	67.00	18-2527M	Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
17	65.89	18-2409M	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails Operations and Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	\$148,914	\$160,350	\$309,264	\$74,457 <sup>2</sup>

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19	65.00	18-2384M	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$80,000	\$62,500	\$142,500	\$40,000 <sup>2</sup>
20	64.89	18-2380M	Rehabilitating Endangered Trails	Backcountry Horsemen of Washington	\$112,951	\$158,054	\$271,005	\$49,458 <sup>3</sup>
20	64.89	18-2382M	Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Deferred Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$144,800	\$145,380	\$290,180	\$63,404 <sup>3</sup>
22	64.67	18-2445M	North Olympic Land Trust Trail Maintenance Bundle	North Olympic Land Trust	\$14,610	\$12,419	\$27,029	Alternate
23	64.22	18-2265M	Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$36,000	\$87,241	\$123,241	\$18,000 <sup>2</sup>
24	64.11	18-2528M	Leavenworth Winter Trail Maintenance	Leavenworth Winter Sports Club	\$124,000	\$125,000	\$249,000	Alternate
25	63.44	18-2329M	East Snoqualmie Corridor Backcountry Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$85,000	\$69,560	\$154,560	Alternate
26	63.33	18-2341M	Saint Edward State Park Trail Maintenance	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$40,750	\$33,750	\$74,500	Alternate
26	63.33	18-2470M	Heather Meadows Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$150,000	\$82,000	\$232,000	Alternate
28	63.00	18-2536M	Statewide Heavy Maintenance Trail Crew	Northwest Motorcycle Association	\$121,114	\$54,600	\$175,714	\$60,557 <sup>2</sup>
29	62.67	18-2489M	Winthrop Washington Trail Grooming	Mountain Trails Grooming Association	\$27,200	\$23,100	\$50,300	Alternate
30	62.56	18-2413M	Naches Motorized Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$150,000	\$81,000	\$231,000	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
31	62.44	18-2299M	Mount Baker Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trail Maintenance	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$143,134	\$143,134	\$286,268	\$71,567 <sup>2</sup>
32	62.22	18-2575M	Mount Spokane State Park Nordic Ski Trails Grooming	Spokane Nordic Ski Education Foundation	\$18,000	\$27,795	\$45,795	Alternate

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34	61.89	18-2333M	Interstate 90 to Blewett Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$598,820	\$748,820	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
35	61.56	18-2585M	Mount Tahoma Trails Maintenance	Mount Tahoma Trails Association	\$47,000	\$82,500	\$129,500	Alternate
36	59.89	18-2551M	Yacolt Burn Motorized Trails Maintenance Southwest Washington	Piston's Wild Motorsports	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$85,000	\$25,000 <sup>2</sup>
37	59.78	18-2335M	Taneum Ridge Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$175,276	\$325,276	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
37	59.78	18-2391M	West Cascades to Yakima Snowmobile Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$624,198	\$774,198	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
39	59.00	18-2365M	Entiat and Wenatchee River Motorized Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$150,000	\$107,000	\$257,000	Alternate
40	58.78	18-2411M	Northeast Region Motorized Trails Grooming and Plowing	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$310,420	\$460,420	\$62,930 <sup>3</sup>
41	58.44	18-2438M	Tubal Cain Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest, Hood Canal Ranger District	\$51,000	\$23,000	\$74,000	Alternate
42	57.33	18-2510M	Pacific Cascade Michell Peak Rehabilitation	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$43,000	\$143,000	Alternate
43	57.22	18-2428M	Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$238,635	\$388,635	Alternate
44	56.89	18-2363M	Entiat and Wenatchee River Snowmobile Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$97,600	\$159,400	\$257,000	Alternate
45	56.67	18-2339D	Howarth Park Boardwalk Replacement	Everett	\$115,830	\$62,920	\$178,750	Alternate

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47	56.11	18-2407M	Mount Spokane Nonmotorized Plowing and Grooming	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$80,932	\$56,240	\$137,172	Alternate
48	50.44	18-2431M	Cape Flattery Trail Renovation	Makah Tribe	\$149,525	\$74,212	\$223,737	Alternate
49	49.44	18-2583D	Theler Wetlands Trail	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	\$44,528	\$11,132	\$55,660	Alternate
50	48.44	18-2477M	University of Washington Pack Forest Recreational Trail Network	University of Washington - Pack Forest	\$74,046	\$19,428	\$93,474	Alternate
51	44.33	18-2502M	South Summit Trails Grooming	Loup Loup Ski Education	\$90,000	\$39,000	\$129,000	Alternate
51	44.33	18-2521D	Sequalitchew Creek Trail Restroom	DuPont	\$84,949	\$21,238	\$106,187	Alternate
					<b>\$5,525,498</b>	<b>\$8,431,136</b>	<b>\$13,956,634</b>	<b>\$1,755,490</b>

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<sup>2</sup>Grant award is for first year. Matching second-year funding will be added upon federal approval. Applicant match is for the full 2 years.

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1	Western Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance		12.67	12.67		8.22	7.56	4.44	4.33	4.44	9.33	10.00	0.00	73.67
2	Statewide Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance		11.67	12.67		7.33	8.67	4.33	4.44	4.33	8.44	10.00	0.00	71.89
3	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance		12.00	12.67		8.00	7.56	4.22	3.89	4.22	8.67	10.00	0.00	71.22
4	Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance		11.67	12.33		8.44	8.00	4.33	3.89	4.22	8.22	10.00	0.00	71.11
5	Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance		11.00	12.67		8.22	7.56	4.33	3.89	4.11	8.44	10.00	0.00	70.22
6	Rescuing Threatened Trails		11.67	11.67		7.33	8.22	4.22	3.78	4.22	8.89	10.00	0.00	70.00
7	Eastern Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance		12.00	11.67		7.78	7.33	4.22	3.89	4.11	8.89	10.00	0.00	69.89
8	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Maintenance		12.00	11.33		7.33	8.00	3.89	4.11	4.22	8.67	10.00	0.00	69.56
8	Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails		12.00	12.00		7.56	8.00	4.11	3.56	3.89	8.44	10.00	0.00	69.56
10	Maintaining the Olympic Peninsula		10.00	11.67		8.00	8.22	4.44	3.56	3.78	9.11	10.00	0.00	68.78
11	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Restoration		12.33	10.67		7.78	7.78	4.11	3.78	4.11	7.78	10.00	0.00	68.33
12	San Juan Islands Youth Conservation Corps Maintenance		10.33	12.00		7.56	8.00	4.22	3.67	3.78	8.44	10.00	0.00	68.00
13	Backcountry Trail Maintenance		10.67	12.00		7.78	8.00	4.22	3.78	3.56	7.78	10.00	0.00	67.78
14	Cle Elum Ranger District Winter Trail Maintenance		10.00	11.67		8.44	7.33	4.00	3.56	3.44	8.67	10.00	0.00	67.11
14	Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance		10.00	11.67		7.78	7.78	4.11	3.78	3.56	8.44	10.00	0.00	67.11
16	Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship		10.67	11.33		7.78	7.78	4.00	3.56	3.67	8.22	10.00	0.00	67.00
17	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails Operations and Maintenance		11.00	11.67		7.78	8.00	3.78	3.67	3.56	6.44	10.00	0.00	65.89
18	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance		10.67	11.00		7.78	6.89	4.11	3.67	3.56	7.78	10.00	0.00	65.44
19	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations		11.33	12.33		7.33	8.22	4.11	3.56	3.44	6.67	8.00	0.00	65.00
20	Rehabilitating Endangered Trails		9.33	10.33		7.11	7.56	4.00	3.56	4.11	8.89	10.00	0.00	64.89
20	Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Deferred Maintenance		10.00	11.00		7.33	6.89	4.00	3.78	3.67	8.22	10.00	0.00	64.89
22	North Olympic Land Trust Trail Maintenance Bundle		10.00	11.00		7.56	7.78	4.00	3.67	4.00	6.67	10.00	0.00	64.67
23	Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming Maintenance and Operations		9.33	11.33		7.56	7.11	4.33	3.11	3.44	8.00	10.00	0.00	64.22
24	Leavenworth Winter Trail Maintenance		9.67	11.33		7.33	7.11	3.78	3.44	3.22	8.22	10.00	0.00	64.11
25	East Snoqualmie Corridor Backcountry Maintenance		10.33	11.00		6.67	8.00	4.33	3.67	3.44	8.00	8.00	0.00	63.44
26	Saint Edward State Park Trail Maintenance		10.00	11.00		6.44	8.00	4.00	3.33	3.00	7.56	10.00	0.00	63.33

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29	Winthrop Washington Trail Grooming		9.67	10.33		6.67	6.67	4.33	3.78	3.89	7.33	10.00	0.00	62.67
30	Naches Motorized Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations		11.00	11.00		8.00	8.00	4.22	3.67	3.56	7.11	6.00	0.00	62.56
31	Mount Baker Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trail Maintenance		9.67	11.00		6.89	7.11	4.44	3.44	3.22	6.67	10.00	0.00	62.44
32	Mount Spokane State Park Nordic Ski Trails Grooming		9.33	11.00		6.67	6.67	4.00	3.78	3.89	6.89	10.00	0.00	62.22
33	White River Trail Maintenance		10.33	11.33		7.33	7.78	4.00	3.56	3.33	4.44	10.00	0.00	62.11
34	Interstate 90 to Blewett Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks		10.33	10.67		6.22	6.89	4.33	3.33	3.22	6.89	10.00	0.00	61.89
35	Mount Tahoma Trails Maintenance		9.67	9.67		7.33	6.22	4.11	3.56	3.67	7.33	10.00	0.00	61.56
36	Yacolt Burn Motorized Trails Maintenance Southwest Washington		10.00	11.00		6.44	7.11	3.89	3.67	3.78	6.00	8.00	0.00	59.89
37	Taneum Ridge Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks		9.67	10.33		6.67	6.89	4.33	3.22	3.11	5.56	10.00	0.00	59.78
37	West Cascades to Yakima Snowmobile Trails		9.00	10.67		7.11	7.11	4.11	3.44	3.22	5.11	10.00	0.00	59.78
39	Entiat and Wenatchee River Motorized Trail Maintenance		11.33	10.67		7.33	6.89	4.00	3.56	3.67	7.56	4.00	0.00	59.00
40	Northeast Region Motorized Trails Grooming and Plowing		9.00	10.33		6.67	6.67	4.11	3.56	3.33	5.11	10.00	0.00	58.78
41	Tubal Cain Trail Bridge Replacement		11.33	12.67		7.78	6.89	3.22	3.33	3.44	5.78	4.00	0.00	58.44
42	Pacific Cascade Mitchell Peak Rehabilitation		10.00	10.67		7.11	7.33	3.78	3.33	3.78	7.33	4.00	0.00	57.33
43	Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks		8.67	10.00		6.67	6.22	4.00	3.22	3.11	5.33	10.00	0.00	57.22
44	Entiat and Wenatchee River Snowmobile Trails Maintenance		8.67	10.00		6.22	6.22	4.00	3.00	3.22	5.56	10.00	0.00	56.89
45	Howarth Park Boardwalk Replacement		8.00	12.33	7.78		7.56	3.22	3.00	2.78	6.00	6.00	0.00	56.67
46	Walking Ebey's Trail Construction		8.67	9.67	6.67		7.78	3.44	3.44	4.00	8.89	4.00	0.00	56.56
47	Mount Spokane Nonmotorized Plowing and Grooming		9.00	10.33		6.44	6.67	4.00	3.22	2.89	5.56	8.00	0.00	56.11
48	Cape Flattery Trail Renovation		8.33	10.33		6.67	6.89	4.00	2.78	3.00	4.44	4.00	0.00	50.44
49	Theler Wetlands Trail		10.00	11.00	6.44		7.56	3.56	3.33	2.67	4.89	0.00	0.00	49.44
50	University of Washington Pack Forest Recreational Trail Network		9.33	10.33		6.67	7.78	3.44	3.22	3.22	4.44	0.00	0.00	48.44
51	South Summit Trails Grooming		8.00	8.00		5.56	6.44	3.00	2.67	2.89	3.78	4.00	0.00	44.33
51	Sequalitchew Creek Trail Restroom		8.33	10.00	6.00		6.67	3.78	2.56	2.56	4.44	0.00	0.00	44.33

Advisory Committee Scores Questions 1-9; RCO staff scores Questions 10-11

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### **Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Maintaining Western Washington Trails**

**Grant Requested: \$125,000**

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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2587)

### **Washington Trails Association Engaging Youth in Volunteer Stewardship Statewide**

**Grant Requested: \$150,000**

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

### **Washington Trails Association Enhancing Volunteer Stewardship of Trails Statewide**

**Grant Requested: \$150,000**

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 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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2296)

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### **Washington Trails Association** **Grant Requested: \$150,000**

#### **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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2323)

### **U.S. Forest Service** **Grant Requested: \$150,000**

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

### **Back Country Horsemen of Washington** **Grant Requested: \$102,490**

#### **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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2254)

### **Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance** **Grant Requested: \$75,000**

#### **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'

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backlog of maintenance projects and meet the needs of the growing mountain bike community. Evergreen is planning and building trails slated to 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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2345)

#### **Mountains to Sound Greenway**

**Grant Requested: \$150,000**

#### **Maintaining Trails in the Mountains to Sound Greenway**

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will use this grant to maintain 80 miles of hiking, biking, and 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 in a private grant and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2408)

#### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$150,000**

#### **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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2525)

#### **Back Country Horsemen of Washington**

**Grant Requested: \$90,870**

#### **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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2255)

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

**Grant Requested: \$109,809**

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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2476)

### **San Juan Island Conservation District** **Using Youth Conservation Corps to Maintain San Juan Island Trails**

**Grant Requested: \$82,346**

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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2590)

### **U.S. Forest Service** **Maintaining Backcountry Trails near Darrington**

**Grant Requested: \$150,000**

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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2271)

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### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$40,200**

#### **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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2312)

### **Nooksack Nordic Ski Club**

**Grant Requested: \$20,900**

#### **Maintaining the Salmon Ridge Trail System**

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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2344)

### **Pacific Northwest Trail Association**

**Grant Requested: \$150,000**

#### **Maintaining the Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide**

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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2527)

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### **U.S. Forest Service** **Grant Requested: \$148,914**

#### **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 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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2409)

### **U.S. Forest Service** **Grant Requested: \$150,000**

#### **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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2378)

### **U.S. Forest Service** **Grant Requested: \$80,000**

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

### **Backcountry Horsemen of Washington** **Grant Requested: \$112,951**

#### **Rehabilitating Backcountry Trails**

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

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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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2380)

#### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$144,800**

#### **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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2382)

#### **North Olympic Land Trust**

**Grant Requested: \$14,610**

#### **Maintaining Trails on the North Olympic Peninsula**

The North Olympic Land Trust will use this grant to maintain, repair, and improve trails in its Siebert Creek, Lyre, Pysht, Elk Creek, and Calawah conservation areas in Clallam County. Work will include upgrading one interpretive trail to make it accessible to people with disabilities. Visitors using the trails will have access to the 700+ acres the land trust preserves. The trails are open to hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and power-driven mobility devices. The North Olympic Land Trust will contribute \$12,419 in donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2445)

#### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$36,000**

#### **Maintaining Trails in the Pomeroy Ranger District**

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 Sno-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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2265)

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### **Leavenworth Winter Sports Club Maintaining Leavenworth Winter Trails**

**Grant Requested: \$124,000**

The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club will use this grant to maintain 30 miles of winter trails for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and fat tire biking at Ski Hill, Icicle River Trail, and Leavenworth Golf Course. The work will improve trail conditions and help retain snow on 5 miles of trail at Ski Hill. Activities includes clearing trail and small trees, removing overhead limbs that reduce snowfall reaching the trails, and improve drainage to enable better grooming conditions and avoid damage. These locations provide recreational opportunities for all skill levels through forested environments and along the Wenatchee and Icicle Rivers. The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club will contribute \$125,000 in cash and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2528)

### **Washington State Department of Natural Resources Caring for Backcountry Trails in Eastern King County**

**Grant Requested: \$85,000**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain more than 36 miles of non-motorized trail, 5 trailheads, and 4 day-use sites in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Areas in eastern King County. This project will provide partial funding for a recreation specialist, equipment operator, and two natural resource workers as well as funding for a seasonal crew to perform trail and facility maintenance. The crews will remove hazardous and downed tree; repair trail surfaces, rock armoring, trail bridges, and drainage structures; remove litter; and maintain parking areas, restrooms, day-use viewpoints, river access sites, and signs. The grant also will fund equipment, including a chainsaw and a mountain bike for getting tools into remote sites. The department will contribute \$69,560 in staff labor and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2329)

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Maintaining Trails in Saint Edward State Park**

**Grant Requested: \$40,750**

State Parks will use this grant to maintain 8.5 miles of trail at Saint Edward State Park, on Lake Washington in Kenmore. The trails are open to walkers, hikers, runners, and mountain bikers year-round. Needed maintenance includes repairing trail surfaces and bridge decks, replacing stairs, improving drainage, realigning minor trail sections, and more. These trails and facilities provide a backcountry experience for visitors in an area with 3.5 million residents in the greater Seattle metropolitan area. State Parks will contribute \$33,750 in staff labor and donations of labor and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2341)

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### **U.S. Forest Service** **Caring for Heather Meadows Trail**

**Grant Requested: \$150,000**

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to hire a crews and support volunteer to maintain 23 miles of trail in the Heather Meadows Recreation Area. The work will make trails safer for visitors, help reduce resource damage, and provide a better visitor experience. The crews will clear trail, repair the boardwalk and stairways, clean drainages, and remove loose rocks. At the end of the Mount Baker Scenic Byway, Heather Meadows receives 300,000 visitors each season and has been a popular recreation destination for more than 90 years. The Forest Service will contribute \$82,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2470)

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

**Grant Requested: \$121,114**

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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2536)

### **Mountain Trails Grooming Association** **Grooming Winter Trails around Winthrop**

**Grant Requested: \$27,200**

The Mountain Trails Grooming Association will use this grant to maintain more than 177 miles of groomed snowmobile, ski, and dogsled trails in the Methow Valley. The grant will allow weekly grooming of the Highway 20 and lower Harts Pass trails, and additional grooming of trails from the Goat Creek Snow Park. The association will contribute \$23,100 in donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2489)

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

**Grant Requested: \$150,000**

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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2413)

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### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission      Grant Requested: \$143,134** **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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2299)

### **Spokane Nordic Ski Education Foundation      Grant Requested: \$18,000** **Grooming Mount Spokane State Park Nordic Ski Trails**

The Spokane Nordic Ski Education Foundation will use this grant to maintain and groom cross-country ski trails in Mount Spokane State Park. The foundation will clear trails in the summer, groom trails in the winter, buy a snowplow to replace aging machinery, and train staff and volunteers to use grooming equipment. The foundation will contribute \$27,795 in donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2575)

### **U.S. Forest Service      Grant Requested: \$150,000** **Maintaining White River Trails**

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to fund a trail crew to maintain 230 miles of multi-use trail in the south half of the district, which includes areas burned by the 2017 Norse Peak fire. The crew also will work in the drainages of the White and Greenwater Rivers and in the Clearwater Wilderness. The crew will clear trails and repair trail surfaces and structures. The ranger district also will buy materials, supplies, and equipment. With decreasing budgets for trail maintenance, this grant, along with recreation pass collections, have become the sole source of funding to pay for annual trail maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute \$204,450 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2386)

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission      Grant Requested: \$150,000** **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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2333)

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### **Mount Tahoma Trails Association Maintaining Mount Tahoma Trails**

**Grant Requested: \$47,000**

The Mount Tahoma Trails Association will use this grant to maintain 45 miles of trail and four backcountry huts near Ashford. Duties include grooming 15 miles of trail in the peak winter season, clearing trails of debris in both winter and summer, and maintaining the equipment (snow-cats, snowmobiles, and grooming attachments). In existence for 25 years, this trail system provides cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter and hiking and mountain biking in the summer. The huts receive more than 6,000 overnight visitors and many more daytime visitors every year. The association will contribute \$82,500 in donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2585)

### **Piston's Wild Motorsports Maintaining Motorized Trail in Yacolt Burn State Forest**

**Grant Requested: \$50,000**

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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2551)

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Maintaining Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks near Taneum Ridge**

**Grant Requested: \$150,000**

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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2335)

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Caring for Snowmobile Trails from the West Cascades to Yakima**

**Grant Requested: \$150,000**

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,

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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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2391)

#### **U.S. Forest Service** **Grant Requested: \$150,000**

#### **Maintaining Entiat and Wenatchee River Motorized Trails**

The Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to maintain about 20 miles of trail heavily used by motorcycles, focusing on Lower Mad, Chickamin Tie, and Alder Ridge Trails. Maintenance activities will include bridge reconstruction, trail rebuilding, trail surface maintenance, and restoration of trails damaged by wildfire. The Forest Service will contribute \$107,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, a grant from the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities program, and donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2365)

#### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **Grant Requested: \$150,000**

#### **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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2411)

#### **U.S. Forest Service** **Grant Requested: \$51,000**

#### **Designing and Replacing Tubal Cain Trail Bridge**

The Hood Canal Ranger District will use this grant to design and replace the Tubal Cain Trail Bridge in the Olympic National Forest on the edge of the Buckhorn Wilderness. This popular trail is used by hikers and stock to access the Buckhorn Wilderness and to enter Olympic National Park. The bridge crossing Silver Creek is rotting and needs to be replaced with a bridge that will also better accommodate changes in water flow. The Forest Service will contribute \$23,000 in staff labor and donations of labor and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2438)

#### **Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Requested: \$100,000**

#### **Rehabilitating Mitchell Peak Trail System**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain its Mitchell Peak Trail system about 35 miles northeast of Vancouver. The department will remove logs and overgrown

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bushes, redo the trail surface, replace drainage structures, maintain and repair bridges, and updated access and signs. The project will ensure hikers and equestrians have continued use of the trail system, which recently was cut-off by private ownership. The department will contribute \$43,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2510)

#### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission      Grant Requested: \$150,000**

#### **Maintaining Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks**

State Parks will use this grant to groom more than 11,600 miles of trail and plow snow at three sno-parks near Lake Wenatchee. From riding up Chiwawa Valley to breathtaking views from Entiat Ridge and Snow Cone and Sugarloaf peaks, this area offers a wide range of riding options for all skill levels to enjoy. Trails are also open to cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and fat tire bikers riders. State Parks will contribute \$238,635. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2428)

#### **U.S. Forest Service      Grant Requested: \$97,600**

#### **Caring for Trails in the Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts**

The Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts will use this grant to maintain 150 miles of trail in the winter and the summer in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The district will remove downed trees, clear trails of debris, repair water structures, repair minor washouts, and install, remove, and maintain more than 250 trail signs and route safety markers. An estimated 45,000 visits occur in the winter. The Forest Service will contribute \$159,400 in a federal appropriation, equipment, a state grant, and donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2363)

#### **Everett      Grant Requested: \$115,830**

#### **Replacing Howarth Park Boardwalk**

Everett Parks and Community Services will use this grant at Howarth Park to replace a 160-foot-long wetland boardwalk, improve parking, build a pedestrian route accessible to people with disabilities, and add educational signs. Improvements will enhance access to trails and to a pedestrian railroad overpass leading to Puget Sound. This project will add 50 feet of path and van parking stalls, both of which will be accessible to people with disabilities. The 40-year-old boardwalk is worn. It is an important element in the park because it provides access to trails and the beach. Everett will contribute \$62,920 in labor and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2339)

#### **Whidbey Camano Land Trust      Grant Requested: \$97,000**

#### **Building the Walking Ebey's Trail**

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to add trailhead parking and build nearly a half-mile of trail at Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve. By connecting two backcountry

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trail systems, one at Fort Casey State Park (5 miles) and the other at Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve (2 miles), the project will create 7 miles of contiguous backcountry trail. The newly connected park and preserve trail will go through some of the best natural areas that Whidbey Island offers. Visitors will experience an old-growth coastal forest, a rare native prairie, a coastal bluff shoreline, long stretches of beaches, an extensive array of military history, and scenic views of the Olympic Mountains and Puget Sound. The new trailhead and parking area next to the Admiralty Inlet Preserve will result in parking areas on both ends of the newly connected trails and legal parking at the preserve where none exists. This project is part of a larger plan to build trails connecting to 50 miles of existing trails. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will contribute \$52,000 in conservation futures<sup>1</sup> and donations of cash and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2351)

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission      Grant Requested: \$80,932**

#### **Plowing and Maintaining Mount Spokane Non-Motorized Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at sno-parks and access roads to the Mount Spokane State Park and groom about 30 miles of cross-country ski and snowshoe trail northeast of Spokane. The park has miles of trails for beginners, intermediate, and advanced skiers, and is popular with families. Competitive cross-country ski events and instructional classes are held there with thousands of participants competing or learning each winter. State Parks will contribute \$56,240. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2407)

### **Makah Tribe      Grant Requested: \$149,525**

#### **Renovating Cape Flattery Trail**

The Makah Tribe will use this grant to hire a five-person crew to replace two observation decks and reinforce a third deck on the three-quarter mile Cape Flattery Trail near Neah Bay. The Tribe also will buy woodchips and small equipment including wheelbarrows, a hedge trimmer, backpack blower, a chainsaw, and two trail counters. The Cape Flattery Trail takes visitors through a wooded area to the most northwestern point of the lower 48 states and an overlook with views of the Cape Flattery lighthouse on Tatoosh Island and the confluence of the Pacific Ocean and the Salish Sea. The Tribe will contribute \$74,212 in donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2431)

### **Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group      Grant Requested: \$44,528**

#### **Reconnecting the Theler Wetlands Trail**

The Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group will use this grant to build 900 feet of trail on top of a dike to repair the 3.2-mile Theler Wetlands Trail, near Belfair. High tides in 2012 washed out

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<sup>1</sup>Conservation 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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the trail. The enhancement group will contribute \$11,132 in two other grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2583)

### **University of Washington Maintaining Pack Forest Trails**

**Grant Requested: \$74,046**

The University of Washington Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest will use this grant to restore and maintain more than 30 miles of its non-motorized recreational trail near Eatonville. Duties will include clearing trail, fixing trail surfaces, repairing bridges, controlling erosion, and managing invasive species. The university also will improve a trail to make it accessible to people with disabilities. The university will contribute \$19,428 in donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2477)

### **Loup Loup Ski Education Grooming South Loup Loup Summit Trails**

**Grant Requested: \$90,000**

The Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation will use this grant to hire staff and buy equipment to groom cross-country ski and snowshoe trails. Critically important to the local economy, the Loup Loup Pass south summit trails link to the snowmobile trails that connect the North Summit Sno-Park to the alpine ski area's Nordic trails on the other side of State Route 20 and on the Loup Loup Summit. The foundation will contribute \$39,000 in staff labor and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2502)

### **DuPont Building Sequelitchew Creek Trail Restroom**

**Grant Requested: \$84,949**

The City of DuPont Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a restroom at the trailhead of the Sequelitchew Creek Trail. This trail offers a unique backcountry experience along the Interstate 5 corridor. It lacks permanent restrooms and the adjacent DuPont City Hall is open only during weekday business hours. The Sequelitchew Creek Trail has 500 visitors a week and adding restrooms would double the number of visitors. Dupont will contribute \$21,238. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2521)

**Education Projects**  
**Grants Awarded**  
Recreation Trails Program  
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	20.56	18-2379E	Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$70,000	\$10,000 <sup>2</sup>
2	20.22	18-2469E	Mount Baker Climbing Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$45,000	\$10,000 <sup>2</sup>
3	19.89	18-2468E	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$23,000	\$43,000	Alternate
4	18.89	18-2314E	Cle Elum-Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$20,100	\$40,100	Alternate
5	18.33	18-2331E	Middle Fork and Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area Education	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$20,000	\$16,370	\$36,370	\$10,000 <sup>2</sup>
6	18.22	18-2362E	Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$20,000	\$16,500	\$36,500	Alternate
6	18.22	18-2313E	Cle Elum Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$42,000	Alternate
8	18.00	18-2436E	Trail Safety and Etiquette Pilot Education Campaign	King County	\$20,000	\$29,000	\$49,000	Alternate
9	17.56	18-2263E	Minimal Impact Recreation	Backcountry Horsemen of Washington	\$16,050	\$97,200	\$113,250	\$8,025 <sup>3</sup>
9	17.56	18-2550E	Heather Meadows Snow Ranger Education Program	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$17,180	\$14,120	\$31,300	Alternate
11	17.22	18-2264E	Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$10,000	\$22,000	\$32,000	Alternate
12	17.00	18-2520E	Mount Adams Winter Education Patrols	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$36,000	Alternate
					<b>\$221,230</b>	<b>\$353,290</b>	<b>\$574,520</b>	<b>\$38,025</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project Type: E=Education

<sup>2</sup>Grant award is for first year. Matching second-year funding will be added upon federal approval. Applicant

<sup>3</sup>Partial Funding

**Education Projects**  
**Preliminary Ranking**  
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	20.56	18-2379E	Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$70,000
2	20.22	18-2469E	Mount Baker Climbing Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$45,000
3	19.89	18-2468E	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$23,000	\$43,000
4	18.89	18-2314E	Cle Elum-Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$20,100	\$40,100
5	18.33	18-2331E	Middle Fork and Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area Education	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$20,000	\$16,370	\$36,370
6	18.22	18-2362E	Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$20,000	\$16,500	\$36,500
6	18.22	18-2313E	Cle Elum Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$42,000
8	18.00	18-2436E	Trail Safety and Etiquette Pilot Education Campaign	King County	\$20,000	\$29,000	\$49,000
9	17.56	18-2263E	Minimal Impact Recreation	Backcountry Horsemen of Washington	\$16,050	\$97,200	\$113,250
9	17.56	18-2550E	Heather Meadows Snow Ranger Education Program	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$17,180	\$14,120	\$31,300
11	17.22	18-2264E	Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$10,000	\$22,000	\$32,000
12	17.00	18-2520E	Mount Adams Winter Education Patrols	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$36,000
					<b>\$221,230</b>	<b>\$353,290</b>	<b>\$574,520</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project Type: E=Education

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**Evaluation Scores**  
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Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Applicant's Ability	Cost-Benefit	Support	Total
1	Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator	4.11	4.22	4.33	4.00	3.89	20.56
2	Mount Baker Climbing Rangers	3.89	4.00	4.44	3.78	4.11	20.22
3	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards	3.67	3.89	4.33	3.89	4.11	19.89
4	Cle Elum-Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education	3.67	3.89	3.89	3.44	4.00	18.89
5	Middle Fork and Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area Education	3.56	3.78	3.56	3.56	3.89	18.33
6	Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers	3.56	4.11	3.89	3.22	3.44	18.22
6	Cle Elum Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol	3.89	3.78	3.67	3.11	3.78	18.22
8	Trail Safety and Etiquette Piolet Education Campaign	3.33	3.67	3.89	3.22	3.89	18.00
9	Minimal Impact Recreation	3.56	3.44	3.89	3.56	3.11	17.56
9	Heather Meadows Snow Ranger Education Program	3.44	3.67	3.56	3.11	3.78	17.56
11	Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol	3.33	3.22	3.67	3.22	3.78	17.22
12	Mount Adams Winter Education Patrols	3.33	3.67	4.00	3.22	2.78	17.00

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### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$20,000**

#### **Coordinating Volunteers in the Snoqualmie**

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

### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$20,000**

#### **Hiring a Mount Baker Climbing Ranger**

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 summit each season. Due to Mount Baker's popularity, un-roped 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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2469)

### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$20,000**

#### **Coordinating Volunteers in the Mount Baker Ranger District**

The Mount Baker Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to hire a coordinator to train, organize, supervise, and manage volunteers as part of its mountain stewards program. This program educates visitors to some of the district's busiest trail systems in the Mount Baker and Noisy-Diobsud Wildernesses, Mount Baker National Recreation Area, and the Heather Meadows area. Volunteers have had more than 64,000 interactions with visitors during the 17 years of the program. The Forest Service will contribute \$23,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2468)

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### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$20,000**

#### **Educating visitors to Snoqualmie Pass**

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to hire a winter education staff and a volunteer coordinator for its Snoqualmie Pass visitor center. Staff will educate visitors about winter recreation opportunities, passes, sno-parks, backcountry safety, and natural resource protection. Snoqualmie Pass recreation opportunities range from expert-level ice climbing to family snow play. With its close proximity to Puget Sound populations, Snoqualmie Pass's winter recreation opportunities are becoming increasingly popular, often leading to parking shortages on winter weekends. Staff will guide visitors to less visited areas and suggest alternate winter backcountry routes. The volunteer coordinator trains and organizes more than 20 volunteers to help reach an anticipated 3,000-4,000 visitors each winter. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,100 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2314)

### **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**Grant Requested: \$20,000**

#### **Educating Visitors to Middle Fork and Mount Si Natural Areas**

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. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2331)

### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$20,000**

#### **Hiring Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers**

The Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to hire two winter education rangers and fund patrols at 5 sno-parks, 1 parking area, 185 miles of groomed winter trails, and about 250,000 acres of backcountry area. Rangers and volunteers will educate visitors about safe snowmobiling, trail conditions, trail etiquette, avalanche awareness, winter survival, winter wildlife, and respect for wilderness and other visitors. The winter ranger program provides one-on-one interaction with visitors, which helps to reduce conflicts while providing safety education at this popular snowmobile and winter recreation area. The Forest Service will contribute \$16,500 in a federal appropriation, a state grant, and donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2362)

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### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$20,000**

#### **Enhancing Safety on Cle Elum Ranger District Winter Trails**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two rangers to patrol its 10 sno-parks, 560 miles of winter trails, and roughly 300,000 acres of backcountry area in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Rangers and volunteers will educate forest visitors about safe snowmobiling, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, and respect for areas closed to snowmobiling. The snow ranger program helps to reduce conflicts between visitors, enhance safety, and promote environmental awareness while providing recreation opportunities. The ranger district is the busiest winter recreation destination in Washington due to its proximity to the Puget Sound area and good snow. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in a state grant and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2313)

### **King County**

**Grant Requested: \$20,000**

#### **Educating Park Visitors on Trail Safety and Etiquette**

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to create a campaign to educate visitors about trail safety and natural resource protection in its parks and forests. The county manages 215 miles of trails in 26 parks that allow for multiple uses, including hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. An estimated 300,000 people visit the county's trails annually. Through a marketing campaign that educates visitors about how to share the trail, this project will reduce conflicts between visitors and improve compliance with park rules. The County will use social media, special promotions, and on-site activities at popular parks. It will coordinate surveys and focus groups to inform messaging and will work with partners to amplify its effort. King County will contribute \$29,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2436)

### **Back Country Horsemen of Washington**

**Grant Requested: \$16,050**

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

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## Recreational Trails Program

(In Rank Order)

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### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$17,180**

#### **Educating Visitors to Heather Meadows**

The Mount Baker Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to hire a snow ranger in its winter education program. Staff will use signs, social media, and face-to-face conversations to strengthen understanding of winter safety, preparedness, and avalanche preparedness throughout the area, which receives an annual snowfall of more than 650 inches. Increased ticket costs at nearby ski areas, developments in backcountry gear, and a rising presence on social media have made this area increasingly popular, attracting thousands of people from the Puget Sound area and British Columbia. The Forest Service will contribute \$14,120 in a federal appropriation and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2550)

### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$10,000**

#### **Supporting Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol**

The Pomeroy Ranger District in the Umatilla National Forest will use this grant to fund one ranger to patrol 5 sno-parks, 138 miles of groomed winter trails, and 180,000 acres of backcountry area. The ranger and volunteers will educate visitors about safe snowmobiling, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, respecting wildlife, and trail and wilderness etiquette. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2264)

### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Requested: \$18,000**

#### **Educating Winter Recreation Visitors to Mount Adams**

The Mount Adams Ranger District in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest will use this grant to hire one seasonal ranger for two winters to educate visitors about winter recreation safety. Efforts will focus on reaching snowmobilers, snowshoers, and cross-country skiers. Education will emphasize safe and responsible recreation, winter safety and avalanche hazards, sno-park permits, weather conditions updates, and respecting all visitors. The Forest Service will contribute \$18,000 in staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2520)