

Education Projects
Grants Awarded
2017-2019

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	20.62	16-2489E	Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Coordinator	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$20,000	\$75,000	\$95,000	\$20,000 ⁴
2	20.15	16-2297E	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$42,000	\$20,000 ⁴
3	19.92	16-2415E	Cle Elum-Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$17,000	\$37,000	\$20,000 ⁴
4	19.69	16-2461E	Mount Baker Climbing Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$23,000	\$43,000	\$20,000 ^{4,5,6}
5	19.23	16-2359E	Mount Si and Middle Fork Natural Resources Conservation Area Education	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$20,000	\$16,370	\$36,370	\$20,000 ⁵
6	18.92	16-2469E	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$22,500	\$42,500	\$20,000 ⁵
7	18.31	16-2348E	Wenatchee River Ranger District Snow Ranger Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$23,838	\$16,566	\$40,404	\$13,587 ^{2,5}
8	18.08	16-2548E	Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$20,000	\$14,500	\$34,500	\$20,000 ^{4,6}
9	17.77	16-2543E	Methow Valley Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$19,140	\$14,200	\$33,340	Alternate
10	17.62	16-2232E	Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$10,000	\$22,000	\$32,000	\$10,000 ^{4,5}
11	16.54	16-2654E	Winter Education Patrols	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	\$18,940	\$20,060	\$39,000	\$18,940 ⁵
12	16.00	16-2691E	Washington Water and Shore Ethics and Safety Education Statewide	Washington Water Trails Association	\$19,050	\$13,700	\$32,750	Alternate
13	15.62	16-2755E	Whatcom County Youth and Trail Education Programs	Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition	\$6,175	\$6,175	\$12,350	Alternate
14	15.08	16-2726E	Whitehorse and North Mountain Trail User Education	Washington State University	\$20,000	\$9,889	\$29,889	Not Funded ³
					\$257,143	\$292,960	\$550,103	\$182,527

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¹E=Education

²Partial funding

³Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

⁴Awarded federal fiscal year 2017 funding.

⁵Awarded federal fiscal year 2018 funding.

⁶Awarded funding returned from grants in previous years.

Education Projects
Preliminary Ranking
Recreational Trails Program
2017-2019

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2	20.15	16-2297E	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$42,000
3	19.92	16-2415E	Cle Elum-Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$17,000	\$37,000
4	19.69	16-2461E	Mount Baker Climbing Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$23,000	\$43,000
5	19.23	16-2359E	Mount Si and Middle Fork Natural Resources Conservation Area Education	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$20,000	\$16,370	\$36,370
6	18.92	16-2469E	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$22,500	\$42,500
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10	17.62	16-2232E	Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$10,000	\$22,000	\$32,000
11	16.54	16-2654E	Winter Education Patrols	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	\$18,940	\$20,060	\$39,000
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**Education Projects
Evaluation Scores**
Recreational Trails Program
2017-2019

Rank	Project Name	Question	1	2	3	4	5	Total
			Public Need	Need Satisfaction	Applicant's Ability to Accomplish	Cost Benefit	Support for Project	
1	Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Coordinator		4.00	3.92	4.31	4.38	4.00	20.62
2	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol		4.08	3.62	4.54	3.77	4.15	20.15
3	Cle Elum-Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education		3.62	4.23	4.38	3.62	4.08	19.92
4	Mount Baker Climbing Rangers		3.85	3.77	4.15	3.38	4.54	19.69
5	Mount Si and Middle Fork Natural Resources Conservation Area Education		4.23	3.31	3.92	3.31	4.46	19.23
6	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards		3.69	3.92	4.23	3.62	3.46	18.92
7	Wenatchee River Ranger District Snow Ranger Education		3.62	3.54	4.00	3.15	4.00	18.31
8	Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers		3.62	3.85	4.15	3.46	3.00	18.08
9	Methow Valley Snow Rangers		3.62	3.54	3.69	3.15	3.77	17.77
10	Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol		3.08	3.38	3.92	3.31	3.92	17.62
11	Winter Education Patrols		3.15	3.54	3.77	3.38	2.69	16.54
12	Washington Water and Shore Ethics and Safety Education Statewide		3.08	3.00	3.69	3.23	3.00	16.00
13	Whatcom County Youth and Trail Education Programs		2.92	3.08	3.15	3.31	3.15	15.62
14	Whitehorse and North Mountain Trail User Education		2.62	3.00	3.38	2.85	3.23	15.08

Evaluators score Questions 1-5.

Recreational Trails Program Education Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



U.S. Forest Service Hiring a Volunteer Coordinator

Grant Requested: \$20,000

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

U.S. Forest Service Hiring Snow Rangers

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to hire two education and safety rangers to patrol 10 sno-parks, 560 miles of winter trails, and about 300,000 acres of backcountry area open to winter recreation. Snow rangers and volunteers will educate users about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, and respect for non-motorized areas. This program provides safety education in the field to visitors in this heavily-used snowmobile and winter recreation region. Snow rangers may attend club gatherings and council meetings. They also work with volunteers on weekends and holidays. The Cle Elum Ranger District is the busiest winter recreation destination in Washington due to its proximity to the Puget Sound area and good snow. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in a state grant and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2297)

U.S. Forest Service Hiring Snoqualmie Pass Winter Education Rangers

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to hire two winter rangers to educate visitors about winter safety, avalanche dangers, route finding, winter ecology, and resource protection. One of the rangers also will serve as the volunteer coordinator, supervising and training up to 20 volunteers. Annually, this program contacts between 3,000-5,000 winter recreationists. Demand for winter recreation opportunities at

Recreational Trails Program Education Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



Snoqualmie Pass continues to increase. Near large populations, the Interstate 90 corridor offers an unmatched spectrum of opportunities from expert-level ice climbing to family snow play. The winter rangers will educate the public about the uniqueness of the winter environment, the significance of protecting the snow pack as a critical water storage reservoir, and how to minimize their impacts on the landscape in the winter, as well as provide information on winter route conditions and avalanche danger ratings. The Forest Service will contribute \$17,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2415)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$20,000

Hiring a Mount Baker Climbing Ranger

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

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$20,000

Providing an Educator in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Conservation Areas

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide a backcountry educator to patrol trails in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Areas, located in east King County. The educator will teach non-motorized users about trail etiquette and regulations. The grant also will provide funding for educational materials to distribute to recreationists. Properly educated recreationists will lead to a decrease in search and rescue missions and less damage to sensitive ecosystems. The presence of a visible staff member will also reduce misbehavior and criminal activities. The department will contribute \$16,370 in staff labor and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2359)

Recreational Trails Program Education Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$20,000** **Hiring a Volunteer Coordinator for the Mountain Stewards**

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to hire a volunteer coordinator for its Mountain Stewards Program. Mountain Stewards is an adult-based volunteer program dedicated to the education of visitors on four of the busiest trail systems in the district. These trails, located in the Mount Baker Wilderness and National Recreation Area, and Heather Meadows area, receive intense use from a widely diverse public. Mountain Stewards will hike the trails to educate visitors about safety, wilderness ethics, minimizing their impacts on the environment, regulations, and general information about the areas. Volunteers have engaged in more than 50,000 contacts during the past 15 years of the program. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,500 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2469)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$23,838** **Hiring a Snow Ranger in the Wenatchee River Ranger District**

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a snow ranger to educate winter recreationists about safe and responsible backcountry and wilderness uses. The ranger district also will buy and install boundary markers and educational signs. The Wenatchee River Ranger District has experienced an increase in conflicts between user groups, inappropriate use of winter trails, and wilderness boundary incursions by motorized users. The Forest Service will contribute \$16,566 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2348)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$20,000** **Hiring Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers**

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

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U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$19,140

Providing Methow Valley Snow Rangers

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund one paid and one volunteer snow ranger for two winters for education patrols of snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and backcountry skiing areas. The district has about 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and 125 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails. The snow rangers will contact thousands of people during the course of two winters, teaching them about environmental issues and social impacts. They also will gather use data, determine educational needs, develop educational materials, establish and build relationships with organizations. A 2010 study estimated that there are about 47,000 winter recreation visits to the Methow and Tonasket Ranger Districts each year. The Forest Service will contribute \$14,200 in equipment and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2543)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$10,000

Hiring a Winter Trail Patrol

The Umatilla National Forest's Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to fund an education and safety snow ranger to patrol 5 sno-parks, 138 miles of groomed winter trails, and 180,000 acres of backcountry area, in the Umatilla National Forest. The snow ranger will educate visitors about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, big game winter range closures, and respect for the wilderness and non-motorized areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2232)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$18,940

Hiring a Winter Education Ranger

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest's Mount Adams Ranger District will use this grant to hire one seasonal ranger to provide education resources and contact snowmobilers and people using groomed trails. The ranger will emphasize safe and responsible trail use, winter safety and avalanche hazards, changes to sno park permit reciprocity, condition updates, and respect for all user groups. The ranger will provide weekend coverage throughout the winter use season for two years. This grant will allow the Mount Adams Ranger District to be proactive and innovative in serving snowmobilers while protecting the land. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,060 in a federal appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2654)

Recreational Trails Program Education Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



Washington Water Trails Association **Grant Requested: \$19,050** **Providing a Water and Shore Ethics and Safety Education Program Statewide**

The Washington Water Trails Association will use this grant to hire two educators in the summer and up to two the rest of the year to provide an education program and build a volunteer base. The employees will work in the field and conduct clinics in the highly populated counties around the Cascadia Marine Trail as well as take this work to other water trails across the state. The Cascadia Marine Trail is a water trail on Puget Sound with more than 50 campsites to visit. It is a National Recreation Trail and designated one of only 16 National Millennium Trails by the White House. This program will help build a strong volunteer stewardship base throughout Washington for both waterways and the shore lands along water trails. The Washington Water Trails Association will contribute \$13,700 in a private grant and donations of cash and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2691)

Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition **Grant Requested: \$6,175** **Providing Whatcom County Youth and Trail Education Programs**

The Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition will use this grant to fund staff and development of education materials for its youth programs, which incorporate trail recreation, trail building, and bike skills for kids of all ages. The youth will be building new trails, maintaining trails, and learning about native plants and the value of wetlands, streams, and working forests on Galbraith and Chuckanut Mountains. The Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition will contribute \$6,175 in donations of cash and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2755)

Washington State University **Grant Requested: \$20,000** **Providing Whitehorse and North Mountain Trail User Education**

Washington State University, along Glacier Peak Institute, will use this grant to offer 12 guided, family-friendly recreation opportunities, including safety and stewardship instruction, in the Whitehorse and North Mountain Trail systems, near Darrington. The university also will design and place four sets of six seasonal signs on the trail systems, with content shared on tourism social media. The project's goal is to introduce and remind recreationalists of safety and environmental stewardship concepts through a year-long series of courses and outings. The program will emphasize information for family-oriented trail users, engaging in different activities, such as wildlife watching, mushroom collecting, hiking, hunting and fishing, mountain biking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing, and horse riding. Washington State University will contribute \$9,889 in donations of equipment and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2726)

**General Projects
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1	74.31	16-2249M	Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$490,000	\$640,000	\$150,000 ⁵
2	73.69	16-2248M	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$930,000	\$1,080,000	\$150,000 ⁵
3	71.23	16-2250M	Statewide Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$98,000	\$345,000	\$443,000	\$98,000 ⁵
4	70.38	16-2724M	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	\$150,000	\$425,300	\$575,300	\$150,000 ^{5,7}
5	69.77	16-2429M	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$150,000	\$155,603	\$305,603	\$150,000 ⁵
6	68.85	16-2259M	Darrington Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$150,000 ⁵
7	68.23	16-2464M	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	\$134,624	\$158,654	\$293,278	\$134,624 ⁵
8	67.62	16-2675M	Maintaining Forest Service Trails	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	\$150,000	\$208,500	\$358,500	\$150,000 ⁵
9	67.46	16-2529M	Pacific Northwest Scenic Trail Deferred Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$136,600	\$115,850	\$252,450	\$136,600 ^{5,7}
10	67.08	16-2392M	Maintenance on the Pacific Crest Trail	Pacific Crest Trail Association	\$64,880	\$180,000	\$244,880	\$64,880 ⁶
11	67.00	16-2271M	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Maintenance	Mountains to Sound Greenway	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$150,000 ⁶
12	66.69	16-2714M	Maintaining Non-Forest Service Trails	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	\$146,418	\$243,406	\$389,824	\$146,418 ⁶
13	66.31	16-2319M	Lower Lake Chelan Winter and Summer Trails	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$150,000 ⁶
13	66.31	16-2504M	Naches Ranger District Motorized Trail Deferred Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$150,000	\$123,000	\$273,000	\$150,000 ⁵
15	66.15	16-2435M	Cle Elum Ranger District Nonmotorized Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$108,500	\$92,000	\$200,500	\$108,500 ⁶
16	65.46	16-2775D	Raven Roost Trailhead Improvement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$20,598	\$45,499	\$66,097	\$20,598 ⁶
17	64.54	16-2577M	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$72,000	\$59,378	\$131,378	\$72,000 ⁶
17	64.54	16-2579M	Okanogan Pacific Northwest Trail Association Youth and Volunteer Crews	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$74,250	\$74,250	\$148,500	\$74,250 ⁶
19	64.39	16-2616D	Chambers Creek Canyon Bridge Crossing	Pierce County Parks and Recreation	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$150,000 ⁶
20	64.23	16-2298M	Cle Elum Winter Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$42,000	\$42,500	\$84,500	\$42,000 ⁶
21	63.15	16-2421M	Upper Lake Chelan Trails	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$132,000	\$282,000	\$150,000 ⁶

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22	63.08	16-2375M	East Snoqualmie Corridor Trails and Facilities Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$85,000	\$69,560	\$154,560	\$64,041 ^{2,6}
23	62.54	16-2598M	Colville Youth and Volunteer Crews	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$74,250	\$74,250	\$148,500	Alternate
24	61.15	16-2688M	Ferry County Rail Trail Winter Grooming	Ferry County Rail Trail Partners	\$13,700	\$11,300	\$25,000	Alternate
25	60.62	16-2523M	Snoqualmie White River Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$93,500	\$114,200	\$207,700	Alternate
26	60.54	16-2256M	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Salmon Ridge Trail Maintenance	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	\$21,214	\$28,446	\$49,660	Alternate
27	60.15	16-2231M	Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$40,000	\$87,241	\$127,241	\$40,000 ⁵
28	60.00	16-2786M	Moran State Park	San Juan Island Conservation District	\$35,180	\$35,500	\$70,680	Alternate
29	59.46	16-2524M	Evans Creek Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$75,000	\$76,000	\$151,000	\$75,000 ⁵
30	59.15	16-2470M	Heather Meadows Area Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$150,000	\$72,880	\$222,880	Alternate
31	58.92	16-2245M	Mount Spokane Nordic System Plowing and Grooming	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$65,513	\$65,513	\$131,026	Alternate
32	57.46	16-2377D	Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area Trail System Expansion	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$115,000	\$49,300	\$164,300	Alternate
33	57.38	16-2700M	Snowmobile Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$64,000	\$160,000	\$224,000	\$64,000 ⁵
34	56.23	16-2769M	Methow Firebreak and Trail Enhancement	Methow Valley Sport Trail Association	\$52,765	\$73,000	\$125,765	Alternate
35	55.54	16-2513M	Okanogan Highlands Snowmobile Program	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$79,406	\$79,406	\$158,812	\$79,406 ⁵
36	55.38	16-2511M	South Cascades Snowmobile Trail Program	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$288,478	\$438,478	\$150,000 ^{5,7}
37	55.31	16-2594M	Sawtooth Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$103,475	\$56,487	\$159,962	Alternate
38	54.62	16-2617M	Heather Meadows Americans with Disabilities Act Asphalt Repair and Improvement	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$115,000	\$35,000	\$150,000	Alternate
39	51.46	16-2630M	Lower Coal Creek Trail Renovation	Bellevue	\$150,000	\$86,610	\$236,610	Alternate
40	51.00	16-2783M	Catherine Creek Trail System Restoration	U.S. Forest Service, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area	\$64,709	\$17,500	\$82,209	Alternate
41	50.00	16-2794M	Jones Creek Off Highway Vehicle Maintenance	Jones Creek Trail Riders Association	\$41,750	\$23,250	\$65,000	\$41,750 ⁶
42	48.85	16-2628M	Quinalt Rain Forest Nature Trail Maintenance ³	U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest Pacific, Ranger District Quinalt	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$200,000	Withdrawn ³
43	47.46	16-2754D	Leavenworth Hatchery Trail ⁴	Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group	\$120,000	\$30,000	\$150,000	Withdrawn ⁴
44	41.00	16-2322D	Candy Point and Crown Point Trailhead Development ³	Coulee Dam	\$108,450	\$27,200	\$135,650	Withdrawn ⁴

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
					\$4,515,782	\$6,032,061	\$10,547,843	\$3,062,067

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¹D=Development, M=Maintenance

²Partial funding

³Grant applicant withdraws this project.

⁴Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

⁵Awarded federal fiscal year 2017 funding.

⁶Awarded federal fiscal year 2018 funding.

⁷Awarded funding returned from grants in previous years.

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	74.31	16-2249M	Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$490,000	\$640,000
2	73.69	16-2248M	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$930,000	\$1,080,000
3	71.23	16-2250M	Statewide Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$98,000	\$345,000	\$443,000
4	70.38	16-2724M	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	\$150,000	\$425,300	\$575,300
5	69.77	16-2429M	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	U.S.Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$150,000	\$155,603	\$305,603
6	68.85	16-2259M	Darrington Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
7	68.23	16-2464M	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	\$134,624	\$158,654	\$293,278
8	67.62	16-2675M	Maintaining Forest Service Trails	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	\$150,000	\$208,500	\$358,500
9	67.46	16-2529M	Pacific Northwest Scenic Trail Deferred Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$136,600	\$115,850	\$252,450
10	67.08	16-2392M	Maintenance on the Pacific Crest Trail	Pacific Crest Trail Association	\$64,880	\$180,000	\$244,880
11	67.00	16-2271M	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Maintenance	Mountains to Sound Greenway	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
12	66.69	16-2714M	Maintaining Non-Forest Service Trails	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	\$146,418	\$243,406	\$389,824
13	66.31	16-2319M	Lower Lake Chelan Winter and Summer Trails	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
13	66.31	16-2504M	Naches Ranger District Motorized Trail Deferred Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$150,000	\$123,000	\$273,000
15	66.15	16-2435M	Cle Elum Ranger District Nonmotorized Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$108,500	\$92,000	\$200,500

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
16	65.46	16-2775D	Raven Roost Trailhead Improvement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$20,598	\$45,499	\$66,097
17	64.54	16-2577M	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$72,000	\$59,378	\$131,378
17	64.54	16-2579M	Okanogan Pacific Northwest Trail Association Youth and Volunteer Crews	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$74,250	\$74,250	\$148,500
19	64.39	16-2616D	Chambers Creek Canyon Bridge Crossing	Pierce County Parks and Recreation	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
20	64.23	16-2298M	Cle Elum Winter Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$42,000	\$42,500	\$84,500
21	63.15	16-2421M	Upper Lake Chelan Trails	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$132,000	\$282,000
22	63.08	16-2375M	East Snoqualmie Corridor Trails and Facilities Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$85,000	\$69,560	\$154,560
23	62.54	16-2598M	Colville Youth and Volunteer Crews	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$74,250	\$74,250	\$148,500
24	61.15	16-2688M	Ferry County Rail Trail Winter Grooming	Ferry County Rail Trail Partners	\$13,700	\$11,300	\$25,000
25	60.62	16-2523M	Snoqualmie White River Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$93,500	\$114,200	\$207,700
26	60.54	16-2256M	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Salmon Ridge Trail Maintenance	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	\$21,214	\$28,446	\$49,660
27	60.15	16-2231M	Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$40,000	\$87,241	\$127,241
28	60.00	16-2786M	Moran State Park	San Juan Island Conservation District	\$35,180	\$35,500	\$70,680
29	59.46	16-2524M	Evans Creek Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$75,000	\$76,000	\$151,000
30	59.15	16-2470M	Heather Meadows Area Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$150,000	\$72,880	\$222,880

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
31	58.92	16-2245M	Mount Spokane Nordic System Plowing and Grooming	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$65,513	\$65,513	\$131,026
32	57.46	16-2377D	Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area Trail System Expansion	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$115,000	\$49,300	\$164,300
33	57.38	16-2700M	Snowmobile Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$64,000	\$160,000	\$224,000
34	56.23	16-2769M	Methow Firebreak and Trail Enhancement	Methow Valley Sport Trail Association	\$52,765	\$73,000	\$125,765
35	55.54	16-2513M	Okanogan Highlands Snowmobile Program	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$79,406	\$79,406	\$158,812
36	55.38	16-2511M	South Cascades Snowmobile Trail Program	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$288,478	\$438,478
37	55.31	16-2594M	Sawtooth Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$103,475	\$56,487	\$159,962
38	54.62	16-2617M	Heather Meadows Americans with Disabilities Act Asphalt Repair and Improvement	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$115,000	\$35,000	\$150,000
39	51.46	16-2630M	Lower Coal Creek Trail Renovation	Bellevue	\$150,000	\$86,610	\$236,610
40	51.00	16-2783M	Catherine Creek Trail System Restoration	U.S. Forest Service, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area	\$64,709	\$17,500	\$82,209
41	50.00	16-2794M	Jones Creek Off Highway Vehicle Maintenance	Jones Creek Trail Riders Association	\$41,750	\$23,250	\$65,000
42	48.85	16-2628M	Quinalt Rain Forest Nature Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest Pacific, Ranger District Quinalt	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$200,000
43	47.46	16-2754D	Leavenworth Hatchery Trail	Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group	\$120,000	\$30,000	\$150,000
44	41.00	16-2322D	Candy Point and Crown Point Trailhead Development	Coulee Dam	\$108,450	\$27,200	\$135,650

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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	9
	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Project Design	Maintenance	Sustainability, Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Cost Benefit	Cost Efficiencies	Project Support	Matching Share	GMA* Preference	Total
1	Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance	12.69	14.08		8.31	8.00	4.38	4.38	4.31	8.15	10.00	0.00	74.31
2	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	12.69	13.38		8.31	7.85	4.31	4.38	4.31	8.46	10.00	0.00	73.69
3	Statewide Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance	12.46	12.46		7.54	8.15	4.38	3.92	3.69	8.62	10.00	0.00	71.23
4	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	12.69	13.15		6.92	6.92	3.85	3.62	3.85	9.38	10.00	0.00	70.38
5	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	12.92	11.77		7.54	7.54	4.15	3.85	3.69	8.31	10.00	0.00	69.77
6	Darrington Backcountry Trail Maintenance	12.46	11.77		7.23	7.23	4.31	3.62	3.62	8.62	10.00	0.00	68.85
7	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trail Maintenance	12.00	11.54		7.69	8.00	4.15	3.69	3.62	7.54	10.00	0.00	68.23
8	Maintaining Forest Service Trails	10.85	11.31		7.69	7.85	3.92	3.46	3.77	8.77	10.00	0.00	67.62
9	Pacific Northwest Scenic Trail Deferred Maintenance	12.00	11.54		7.38	7.23	4.00	3.92	3.69	7.69	10.00	0.00	67.46
10	Maintenance on the Pacific Crest Trail	12.69	11.31		7.23	7.38	4.00	3.85	3.69	6.92	10.00	0.00	67.08
11	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Maintenance	12.46	10.62		7.38	6.77	3.85	3.46	3.54	8.92	10.00	0.00	67.00
12	Maintaining Non-Forest Service Trails	10.85	10.85		7.38	7.54	4.00	3.38	3.77	8.92	10.00	0.00	66.69
13	Lower Lake Chelan Winter Summer Trails	11.54	12.46		8.00	7.23	4.15	3.46	3.62	5.85	10.00	0.00	66.31

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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	9
	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Project Design	Maintenance	Sustainability, Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Cost Benefit	Cost Efficiencies	Project Support	Matching Share	GMA* Preference	Total
13	Naches Ranger District Motorized Trail Deferred Maintenance	11.77	12.00		6.92	6.46	3.92	3.54	3.54	8.15	10.00	0.00	66.31
15	Cle Elum Ranger District Nonmotorized Trail Maintenance	11.08	11.31		7.54	6.77	4.08	3.46	3.46	8.46	10.00	0.00	66.15
16	Raven Roost Trailhead Improvement	10.62	11.31	7.23		6.92	3.46	3.77	3.69	8.46	10.00	0.00	65.46
17	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance	11.31	12.00		7.08	6.92	3.85	3.38	3.23	6.77	10.00	0.00	64.54
17	Okanogan Pacific Northwest Trail Association Youth and Volunteer Crews	10.15	10.38		7.23	7.23	4.08	3.69	3.46	8.31	10.00	0.00	64.54
19	Chambers Creek Canyon Bridge Crossing	9.46	11.54	7.54		7.39	3.46	3.46	3.23	8.31	10.00	0.00	64.39
20	Cle Elum Winter Trail Maintenance	10.38	11.08		7.85	6.46	3.77	3.38	3.31	8.00	10.00	0.00	64.23
21	Upper Lake Chelan Trails	10.15	11.31		7.69	7.54	3.85	3.46	3.62	5.54	10.00	0.00	63.15
22	East Snoqualmie Corridor Trails and Facilities Maintenance	11.08	10.62		7.23	7.38	3.85	3.15	3.46	8.31	8.00	0.00	63.08
23	Colville Youth and Volunteer Crews	10.15	10.38		6.77	7.08	3.85	3.46	3.31	7.54	10.00	0.00	62.54
24	Ferry County Rail Trail Winter Grooming	10.38	10.15		7.08	6.77	3.62	3.46	3.69	6.00	10.00	0.00	61.15
25	Snoqualmie White River Trail Maintenance	9.92	9.92		6.31	6.62	3.54	3.23	3.23	7.85	10.00	0.00	60.62

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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	9
	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Project Design	Maintenance	Sustainability, Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Cost Benefit	Cost Efficiencies	Project Support	Matching Share	GMA* Preference	Total
26	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Salmon Ridge Trail Maintenance	10.15	10.85		6.62	6.31	3.85	3.46	3.31	6.00	10.00	0.00	60.54
27	Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming	9.00	10.38		6.31	6.15	4.08	3.08	3.15	8.00	10.00	0.00	60.15
28	Moran State Park	10.85	10.62		6.62	6.92	3.15	3.31	3.31	5.23	10.00	0.00	60.00
29	Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle Maintenance	10.85	9.92		6.77	6.46	3.92	3.08	3.23	5.23	10.00	0.00	59.46
30	Heather Meadows Area Trail Maintenance	11.31	11.54		7.23	7.85	3.85	3.31	3.62	6.46	4.00	0.00	59.15
31	Mount Spokane Nordic System Plowing and Grooming	10.38	9.92		6.62	6.46	3.92	3.08	3.31	5.23	10.00	0.00	58.92
32	Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area Trail System Expansion	10.15	11.08	7.08		7.38	3.38	3.08	3.00	8.31	4.00	0.00	57.46
33	Snowmobile Trails Maintenance	9.69	10.62		6.46	5.85	3.77	3.00	3.23	4.77	10.00	0.00	57.38
34	Methow Firebreak and Trail Enhancement	8.31	9.46		6.15	5.85	3.69	2.92	3.08	6.77	10.00	0.00	56.23
35	Okanogan Highlands Snowmobile Program	9.46	8.31		6.46	5.69	3.92	3.23	3.23	5.23	10.00	0.00	55.54
36	South Cascades Snowmobile Trail Program	9.46	8.77		6.31	5.38	3.77	3.15	3.31	5.23	10.00	0.00	55.38
37	Sawtooth Trail Maintenance	10.62	10.38		6.92	5.85	3.54	3.46	3.00	5.54	6.00	0.00	55.31

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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	9
	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Project Design	Maintenance	Sustainability, Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Cost Benefit	Cost Efficiencies	Project Support	Matching Share	GMA* Preference	Total
38	Heather Meadows Americans with Disabilities Act Asphalt Repair and Improvements	11.54	12.00		7.69	7.38	3.69	3.23	3.23	5.85	0.00	0.00	54.62
39	Lower Coal Creek Trail Renovation	8.31	9.46		6.77	6.62	3.00	2.77	2.54	6.00	6.00	0.00	51.46
40	Catherine Creek Trail System Restoration	9.46	10.62		7.23	6.92	3.31	3.08	2.85	7.54	0.00	0.00	51.00
41	Jones Creek Off Highway Vehicle Maintenance	8.77	9.69		5.54	5.69	3.54	3.08	3.08	4.62	6.00	0.00	50.00
42	Quinault Rain Forest Nature Trail Maintenance	9.46	10.85		7.54	6.92	3.46	3.38	2.77	4.46	0.00	0.00	48.85
43	Leavenworth Hatchery Trail	7.85	8.77	6.92		7.69	2.85	2.46	2.92	8.00	0.00	0.00	47.46
44	Candy Point and Crown Point Trailhead Development	6.92	8.31	5.23		6.46	2.85	2.31	2.46	6.46	0.00	0.00	41.00

Evaluators score Questions 1-9; RCO staff scores Questions 10-11.

*GMA=Growth Management Act

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Washington Trails Association

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Providing Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance

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

Washington Trails Association

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Providing Statewide Trail Maintenance

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

Washington Trails Association

Grant Requested: \$98,000

Providing Youth Trail Maintenance Crews

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

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necessary to maintain Washington's trail system. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$345,000 in donations of cash and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2250)

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance **Grant Requested: \$150,000** **Providing Volunteer Crews to Maintain Non-motorized Trails**

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

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$150,000** **Maintaining the Alpine Lakes Trail**

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

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$150,000** **Maintaining Darrington Backcountry Trails**

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to pay for four seasonal trail crew members during two summers to maintain about 200 miles of trails district-wide. The trails provide overnight and backcountry hiking and equestrian experiences near Seattle and Everett. The Forest Service crew will work in the more remote wilderness areas of the district including those off the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway and portions of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and its access trails. The crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, and perform heavier backlog maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor,

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and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2259)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$134,624**

Maintaining Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails

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

Back Country Horsemen of Washington **Grant Requested: \$150,000**

Maintaining Forest Service Trails

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

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$136,600**

Addressing Deferred Maintenance on a National Trail

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to address a backlog of deferred maintenance on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail. The work will focus on 85 miles of trail that traverse the Pasayten Wilderness from east to west. Routine maintenance has been limited to removing down trees and overgrown brush. With this grant, crews will remove imbedded rock, repair drainage structures, clean turnpike ditches and culverts, and remove encroaching small trees. The Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail is one of 11 national scenic trails, and it is used by equestrians, hikers, and backpackers. The Forest

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Service will contribute \$115,850 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of cash and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2529)

Pacific Crest Trail Association **Maintaining the Pacific Crest Trail**

Grant Requested: \$64,880

The Pacific Crest Trail Association will use this grant to maintain more than 260 miles of Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests. Overgrown brush, deteriorated trail surfaces, clogged drainages, and failing trail structures are causing significant environmental damage and safety concerns for trail users. Volunteers will contribute at least 6,000 hours to fixing these problems. The Pacific Crest Trail Association will contribute \$180,000 in donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2392)

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust **Maintaining the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail**

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will use this grant to maintain 80 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails for 2 years in the Mountains to Sound Greenway in King and Kittitas Counties. The 1.5-million acre Mountains to Sound Greenway stretches from Puget Sound across the Cascade Mountains to central Washington, and includes some of the most popular trails in the state. Crews will clear fallen trees and brush growing over the trail, replace signs, repair trail surfaces and drainage structures, and repair minor trail structures in the "Issaquah Alps" of Cougar, Squak, Tiger, and Rattlesnake Mountains; destinations in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River valley; and other popular hiking trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. The grant will pay for AmeriCorps and conservation corps crews and members, Greenway Trust staff to oversee the projects and volunteers, and tools and materials. The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will contribute \$150,000 in staff labor, another grant, and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2271)

Back Country Horsemen of Washington **Maintaining Trails**

Grant Requested: \$146,418

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to maintain trails at various locations throughout Washington. Volunteers will remove downed trees, clear overgrown brush, rebuild trail surfaces, and repair or replace water drainage structures, turnpikes, and small bridges. The grant also will also be used to buy small tools and minor equipment. Trail work will be conducted at various areas throughout the state including Olympic National Park, Olympic National Forest, Miller Peninsula Park, Gibbs Lake County Park, Rustler's Gulch Wildlife Area, the Lakeview and Telford Recreation Areas, Trillium Community Forest, Yacolt Burn State Forest, and Carter Mountain Wildlife Area. The Back Country Horsemen will contribute \$243,406 in

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donations of equipment and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2714)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Maintaining Central Washington Trails

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Maintaining Lower Lake Chelan Winter and Summer Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 236 miles of trails along lower Lake Chelan. Crews will remove fallen trees and brush growing over the trail, repair trail surfaces, and replace or repair water bars, turnpikes, and small bridges. The ranger district also will use the grant to groom winter trails for snowmobilers and cross-country skiers. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2319)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$108,500

Maintaining Non-motorized Backcountry Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a trail crew to maintain more than 300 miles of non-motorized backcountry trails open to hikers, stock users, and mountain bikers. The four- to 6-person crew will cut logs and brush, repair and maintain trail and drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and make, install, and maintain trail signs. The grant also will pay for administration and coordination of volunteer groups. The Kittitas County trails are less than 100 miles from the more than 3 million residents of the Puget Sound area, making them very popular. They offer visitors a trail experience in roadless areas and the Alpine Lakes Wilderness with waterfalls, rivers, rugged peaks, glaciers, alpine meadows, and forests. The Forest Service will contribute \$92,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2435)

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U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$20,598

Expanding the Raven Roost Trailhead

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Naches Ranger District will renovate and expand the Raven Roost Trailhead to maintain access into the Norse Peak Wilderness for hikers and stock users. The existing parking area has room for about four cars. People visit the trailhead to get to places to fish, camp, hunt, and enjoy a 360-degree view of Mount Rainier and the central Cascades Mountains. Parking demand is expected to increase because flooding has severely limited alternate access into this part of the wilderness. The ranger district will enlarge, level, and gravel the trailhead driving and parking areas, install rock barriers to protect adjacent plants, and replace signs and a bulletin board. The Forest Service will contribute \$45,499 in materials, labor, and donations of equipment, volunteer labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2775)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$72,000

Tackling Deferred Maintenance on Naches Wilderness Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Naches Ranger District will use this grant to tackle high priority maintenance needs in, and next to, the Norse Peak, W. O. Douglas, and Goat Rocks Wilderness areas used by hikers and stock users. The ranger district will hire a crew for 2 years to clear about 10 miles of trail with severe tree blow-down, repair a half mile of trail surface, replace signs at 16 wilderness trailheads, and repair or replace drainage structures, boardwalks, and trail bridges. The Naches backcountry trails receive about 30,000 visits annually. The structures to be repaired typically are more than 30 years old, made of native materials, and have withstood 10-20 feet of snow each year. Current priorities include sites on the Cougar Valley, Pleasant Valley, Goose Prairie, Crow Lake Way, Rattlesnake, Bumping River, McAllister, Union Creek, and Pacific Crest Trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$59,378 in cash, equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2577)

Pacific Northwest Trail Association

Grant Requested: \$74,250

Hiring Youth and Volunteer Trail Maintenance Crews

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to hire local volunteers and Curlew Job Corps youth to maintain segments of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail and connector trails in central Washington in Okanogan County. The work will help reduce the trail maintenance backlogs in the Okanogan National Forest and the Loomis State Forest. For 13 years, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association has been giving youth hands-on experience and a chance to get away from electronics, learn about nature, and ultimately become better stewards of the environment. They contribute more than 25,000 hours a year to maintaining parts of the 1,200-mile national scenic trail. This program is supported by the U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest, Washington Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Department of

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Interior, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Okanogan County, Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Washington Trails Association, and school districts in Tonasket, Oroville, and Republic. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will contribute \$74,250 in donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2579)

Pierce County

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Building the Chambers Creek Bridge

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use this grant to build a pedestrian bridge over Chambers Creek to connect trails on each side of Chambers Creek canyon. The canyon is a deeply incised, forested stream corridor between Lakewood and University Place. Pierce County, which manages the property as part of the 935-acre Chambers Creek Regional Park, is partnering with the cities of Lakewood and University Place to build the bridge. Visitors now wade across the creek near Kobayashi Park to use the trails, causing significant damage to the spawning gravel that salmon use in the creek. This project will not only protect fish habitat by giving trail users a safe crossing, but also will provide a viewing platform to watch salmon migrations and to connect with nature. Pierce County will contribute \$150,000 in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2616)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$42,000

Maintaining Cle Elum Winter Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a two-person crew to maintain 500 miles of snowmobile trails and 60 miles of ski, snowshoe, and dogsled trails on national forest lands in Kittitas County. The crew will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, install and maintain signs and markers, repair bridges and culverts, and groom trails. The Cle Elum Ranger District is one of the most heavily used winter recreation areas in the state, with nearly 600 miles of winter trails. Use of the district's sno-parks has increased, 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 federal appropriation and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2298)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Maintaining Upper Lake Chelan Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain more than 300 miles of non-motorized, multiple-use trails in the upper Lake Chelan basin for two seasons. Crews will remove fallen trees and brush growing over the trails, maintain trail surfaces, and replace or repair trail signs, drain structures, turnpikes, culverts, and small bridges. The Forest Service will contribute \$132,000 in staff labor, materials, and donations of

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volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2421)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$85,000** **Maintaining East Snoqualmie Corridor Trails and Facilities**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 36 miles of non-motorized trails, five trailheads, and four day-use sites in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Areas in eastern King County. The grant will help pay for a recreation specialist, equipment operator, two natural resource workers, and a seasonal crew. The crew will remove hazard and downed trees and overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces and rock armoring, and maintain and repair trail bridges, culverts, and drainage structures. Work will include grading trailhead parking lots, removing litter, and maintaining restrooms, viewpoints, river access sites, and signs. Funding also will be used to buy trail maintenance equipment, including a chainsaw and power wheelbarrow. The department will contribute \$69,560 in staff labor and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2375)

Pacific Northwest Trail Association **Grant Requested: \$74,250** **Supporting Colville Youth and Volunteer Crews**

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to hire local volunteers and youth to maintain 111 miles of the 1,200-mile Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail. The work will help reduce the maintenance backlogs in the Colville forest in Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille Counties. For 13 years, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association has been giving youth hands-on experience and a chance to get away from electronics, learn about nature, and ultimately become better stewards of the environment. They contribute more than 25,000 hours a year to maintaining parts of the national scenic trail. This program is supported by the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Interior, and Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille Counties, as well as school districts in Republic, Colville, and Metaline Falls. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will contribute \$74,250 in donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2598)

Ferry County Rail Trail Partners **Grant Requested: \$13,700** **Grooming the Ferry County Rail Trail**

Ferry County Rail Trail Partners will use this grant to buy cross-country ski grooming equipment and groom up to 25 miles of the Ferry County Rail Trail. Groomers will focus on the 5.5 miles along Curlew Lake at the south end of the trail and 10 miles along the Kettle River from Curlew north to the Canadian border at Danville. They also will plow snow at the Curlew, Kiwanis, Black's Beach, and Herron Creek parking lots. Grooming is expected to be at least weekly during the main season. The Ferry County Rail Trail Partners will contribute \$11,300 in donations of cash

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and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2688)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$93,500

Maintaining the Snoqualmie-White River Trail

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to support a four-person crew and to buy materials and equipment to maintain 230 miles of multi-use trails. The crew will remove downed trees and brush growing over the trail, repair trail surfaces, and replace or repair trail structures. Volunteers from various organizations have contributed thousands of hours in the maintenance of district trails for several decades and they are committed to continuing their support. These include the Washington Trails Association, Back Country Horseman of America, Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association, Northwest Motorcycle Association, Boy Scouts of America, and Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance. The Forest Service will contribute \$114,200 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2523)

Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

Grant Requested: \$21,214

Grooming Salmon Ridge Trails

The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will use this grant to groom and maintain more than 15 miles of cross-country ski trails and 4 miles of snowshoe trails at the Salmon Ridge Sno-Park, which is off the Mount Baker Highway, about 13 miles east of the town of Glacier. The Salmon Ridge Sno-Park is on the western flank of Mount Baker and its elevation and terrain provide the only western Washington cross-country ski opportunity north of Steven's Pass. The trails provide recreation opportunities for 335,000 residents of Whatcom and Skagit Counties and visitors coming from Everett to southern British Columbia. The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will contribute \$28,446 in a state grant and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2256)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$40,000

Grooming Pomeroy Ranger District Snowmobile Trails

The Umatilla National Forest's Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to fund a two-person team, along with a crew of volunteers, to groom and maintain about 138 miles of snowmobile trails in the Umatilla National Forest. The team will remove fallen trees and brush growing over the trails, maintain signs and trail markers, and install snow poles. The grant will help maintain working relationships with the Mount Misery Sno-Drifters and other volunteers who keep trails safely passible during the winter and who promote responsible snowmobile operation. The Forest Service will contribute \$87,241 in equipment, staff labor, a state grant, and donations of

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equipment and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2231)

San Juan Island Conservation District **Grant Requested: \$35,180** **Maintaining Hiking, Biking, and Equestrian Trails in Moran State Park**

The San Juan Islands Youth Conservation Corps will use this grant to maintain 14 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails for 2 years in Moran State Park on Orcas Island in San Juan County. The youth crew will partner with Washington Trail Association volunteers to remove brush growing over the trails, repair trail surfaces, maintain drainage structures, and plant old growth areas. More than 750,000 people visit the park a year. The trail work will create single-track trails instead of eroded, braided, degraded, unidentifiable trails and will preserve plants that can protect old growth habitats from disturbance. The San Juan Island Conservation District will contribute \$35,500 in a private grant and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2786)

U.S. Forest Service, **Grant Requested: \$75,000** **Evans Creek ORV Maintenance**

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain the Evans Creek off-road vehicle trails and facilities. The Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle Campground is off State Route 165 in Pierce County, just north of the Mowich Lake entrance to Mount Rainier National Park. The grant, combined with federal Recreation Pass collections, will pay for an equipment operator, a four-person crew, and a program manager who will coordinate daily maintenance activities. It also will pay for supplies and materials for the trail work. The Forest Service will contribute \$76,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2524)

U.S. Forest Service, **Grant Requested: \$150,000** **Maintaining Heather Meadows Area Trails**

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 21 miles of hiking trails in the Heather Meadows Recreation Area for 2 years. Heather Meadows is at the end of the Mount Baker Scenic Byway, where recreational opportunities have been available to the public for almost 90 years. The grant will support a four-person trail crew, youth crew, and volunteers, and purchase supplies. They will remove fallen trees and clean brush growing over the trail, repair or replace a boardwalk and stairs, maintain drainage structures, reset culverts, repair trail surfaces, and remove loose rock. These trails receive extra heavy use during the snow-free season and are exposed to extreme weather conditions year-round. This proposal will provide safe trails for public use, protect the fragile sub-alpine environment, and reduce a large backlog of maintenance needs. The Forest Service

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will contribute \$72,880 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2470)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Requested: \$65,513** **Plowing and Grooming the Mount Spokane Nordic System**

State Parks will use this grant to maintain winter access to the Mount Spokane Sno-Park and to groom about 30 miles of cross-country ski trails in and next to Mount Spokane State Park, northeast of Spokane. Crews will plow snow at the sno-park and access roads as needed, and groom trails at least weekly. Due its proximity to Spokane, this area is an extremely popular destination and the location for many winter events. It also is the most intensely used winter recreation site in eastern Washington. State Parks will contribute \$65,513. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2245)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$115,000** **Expanding the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Trail System**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build two new hiking trails, more than 3 miles in combined length, in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area, which is about 35 miles east of Seattle. The department will renovate 2.5 miles of user-built trails and install a trail bridge to complete the Ira Spring Connector Trail, which will connect the Dirty Harry's Peak Trail and the U.S. Forest Service-managed Ira Spring Trail. The department also will re-route and renovate an additional 0.6 mile of trail that will provide a safe viewpoint hike towards the summit of Defiance Ridge, overlooking the South Fork Snoqualmie River valley. This project will improve connectivity through the U.S. Forest Service-managed Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The department will contribute \$49,300 in staff labor and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2377)

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

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

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Methow Valley Sport Trail Association Creating Fire Breaks for the Methow Community

Grant Requested: \$52,765

The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will use this grant to buy a wood chipper and truck to maintain 120 miles of trail in the Methow Valley. The association has used saws and mowers to clear material out of the center of trails; however build-up of woody material on the sides of the trails cannot be cleared with the current tools and has been collecting for nearly 40 years. The Methow Valley had the two worst fire seasons (2014 and 2015) in recorded Washington State history. The trails association coordinated with firefighters to use the trails as fire breaks because the trail corridors create defensible spaces for firefighters and in many cases stopped the progression of fire. Proactively keeping up with trail-side woody material accumulation is essential to create effective firebreaks for the community. Methow Trails serves an estimated 250,000 user days annually. The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will contribute \$73,000 in cash and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2769)

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

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

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$150,000 Plowing and Grooming Snowmobile Trails in the South Cascade Mountains

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

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U.S. Forest Service **Maintaining Sawtooth Trails**

Grant Requested: \$103,475

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 46 miles of multiple use trails in the Sawtooth backcountry, and 9.5 miles of the nearby West Fork Buttermilk Trail in the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness. Crews will remove fallen trees, clear brush from the trail, repair trail surfaces and drainage structures, build turnpikes, and remove rocks using explosives. The Sawtooth backcountry is the most popular multiple-use trail system open to motorized use in the ranger district. The West Fork Buttermilk Trail is a popular non-motorized route through the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness providing access to the Sawtooth backcountry, and other destinations within the wilderness. The area provides recreational opportunities for a wide variety of user groups, including hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, and motorcyclists. The Forest Service will contribute \$56,487 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2594)

U.S. Forest Service **Repairing Hard-surface Trails in Heather Meadows**

Grant Requested: \$115,000

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to maintain and repair three hard-surfaced trails in the Heather Meadows Recreation Area at the end of the Mount Baker Scenic Byway. Crews will repave the asphalt trails, repair snow-damaged boardwalks, improve drainage, and install new stone retaining walls that support the asphalt trail edges. These heavily used trails are in three different sub-alpine settings: the Picture Lake Trail is at the entrance to Heather Meadows, allowing breathtaking views of Mount Shuksan; the Fire and Ice Trail connects the Heather Meadows Visitor's Center to viewpoints of Bagley Lakes, Table Mountain, and Mount Herman; and the Artist Ridge Trail at the end of the Mount Baker Highway provides views of Baker Lake, Swift Creek Valley, Mount Baker, Mount Shuksan, and the Canadian border peaks. The Forest Service will contribute \$35,000 in staff labor and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2617)

Bellevue **Renovating Lower Coal Creek Trail**

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The City of Bellevue's Parks and Community Services Department will use this grant to renovate about a half-mile pedestrian trail in the Coal Creek Natural Area. At 450 acres, the Coal Creek Natural Area is Bellevue's largest park, and contains 4.5 miles of trails. It is located in south Bellevue, south of Interstate 90 and east of Interstate 405, and bordered by the City of Newcastle to the southwest. The City will replace three dilapidated bridge structures, and repair trail surfaces, drainage structures, switchbacks, and retainer walls. The Coal Creek Trail system is a key link in the regional Mountains to Sound Greenway and provides a rare, almost wilderness,

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experience in the heart of a city. Bellevue will contribute \$86,610 in cash, labor from youth groups, and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2630)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$64,709

Restoring the Catherine Creek Trail System

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area will use this grant to restore the 5.1-mile Tracy Hill Trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians, and the 3.3-mile Catherine Creek Loop Trail for hikers. The Forest Service also will install a trailhead kiosk with information about multiple-use trail etiquette, respect for private property and landowners, and use restrictions to minimize user conflict and protect wildlife. In 2010, the Forest Service completed a recreation plan that included a 27-mile, multi-use trail system featuring rugged cliffs, Oregon white oak woodlands, open meadows, and views of the Columbia River Gorge and spring wildflower blooms, all within an hour's drive from Portland. Since then, the Forest Service has partnered with the Washington Trails Association, Columbia Area Mountain Bike Advocates, Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Northwest Trail Alliance, and Hood River Area Trail Stewards to restore more than 15 miles of the system's trails and this grant would allow them to continue working with their partners to restore an additional 8.8 miles. The Forest Service will contribute \$17,500 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2783)

Jones Creek Trail Riders Association

Grant Requested: \$41,750

Buying Equipment to Maintain the Jones Creek Off-road Vehicle Trails

The Jones Creek Trail Riders Association and Pistons Wild Motorsports will use this grant to buy needed trail maintenance equipment. The clubs will buy two all-terrain vehicles, two hedge trimmers, some hand tools, and a small dump trailer. The remainder of the grant will be used to buy rock and blocks and to rent equipment. The two clubs maintain the all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle, and 4x4 trails in the Jones Creek Off-highway Vehicle area in southwest Washington in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources. These two clubs are the only organized clubs building and maintaining these trails in the only location for legal motorized recreation on public lands in southwest Washington. The Jones Creek Trail Riders Association will contribute \$23,250 in donations of volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2794)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Replacing a Restroom and Observation Deck in the Quinault Rain Forest

The Olympic National Forest's Pacific Ranger District will use this grant to replace a restroom and observation deck at the Rainforest Nature Interpretive Loop Trail and trailhead. The observation deck is rotting and soon will become a safety hazard for visitors. The observation

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deck allows visitors to take a close look at a giant Douglas fir tree without compacting the soil and damaging its root system. The trailhead restroom is outdated and requires large amounts of continuous maintenance. Aging infrastructure has resulted in toilets that plug and overflow constantly, and leaky pipes have caused extensive water and mold damage. The site hosts an interpretive trail through a stand of old growth forest. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2628)

Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group **Grant Requested: \$120,000**

Building the Leavenworth Hatchery Trail

The Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group will use this grant to design and build a 1-mile recreational and educational trail near the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, outside of Leavenworth in Chelan County. The group also will develop about 4 acres to expand the trail system and provide additional educational and backcountry recreational opportunities for visitors. The goal of this project is to build an educational, hands-on, interpretive outdoor recreational trail that leaves users with an appreciation for the natural environment and the remarkable story of salmon. The Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group will contribute \$30,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2754)

Town of Coulee Dam **Grant Requested: \$108,450**

Building the Candy Point and Crown Point Trailhead

The Town of Coulee Dam will use the grant to restore the historic steam building behind Town Hall and develop it into a trailhead for the Candy Point and Crown Point Trails. This historic building provided heat for the original administration building during the construction and early operation of the Grand Coulee Dam. The 414-square-foot building would be converted to the trailhead with a toilet, shower, and informational materials about the history of the area and hiking and bird watching, flora and fauna opportunities on these and other trails in the region. The plan includes developing a pathway accessible to people with disabilities to the building. The Candy Point and Crown Point Trailhead will be included in the Ice Age Flood National Geological Trail Project, which stretches from Missoula, Montana to Astoria, Oregon. The Town of Coulee Dam will contribute \$27,200 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (16-2322)